

**St Aidan's & St Bernadette's Parish Census 2019**  
**This is the last call for Census completions and returns.**  
**Final date for return of your census form is 11th February.**

**LET 2019 BE THE YEAR  
YOU DECIDE TO BE-  
COME MORE INVOLVED  
IN THE LIFE OF OUR  
PARISH COMMUNITY.**

**PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT EVERY HOUSEHOLD:**

It is important for the future planning of the parish that every household fills in a form. Please provide as much information as possible to ensure that we can make decisions based upon accurate data.

The Singing Group at St Aidan's have decided to meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm as they prepare for Lent and Easter. They also stress the importance of parishioners committing themselves to that preparation. So if you are confident that you will be able to be present throughout Holy Week and wish to add your voice to theirs, we'd love to have you as part of that really friendly group.



**Pancake Cookery Night**  
**Making and Sampling Pancakes**  
**St Aidan's**

**Thursday 28th February 7pm**

It will be good to practice our pancake making skills in advance of Shrove Tuesday on 5th March!

Sign up on the list at the back of church.

Bring your own favourite pancake filling!



**FILM NIGHT**  
**SATURDAY 2ND MARCH**  
**ST AIDAN'S PARISH ROOM**  
**FILM SHOWINGS 5PM (CHILDREN) & 7PM**

The adult film shown at 7pm will be **I Daniel Blake**—a local film which will challenge our definition of poverty and what a just society is. It will certainly provide food for thought in our preparation for Lent.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Appeal for Nurses.**

Could you spare one week of your holidays to work as a nurse on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Every year about 500 people travel from the North East to Lourdes for the pilgrimage, and about 40 of these people need nursing care whilst in Lourdes. The pilgrimage will fly from Newcastle Airport on Friday 26th July returning Friday 2nd August. The cost of the pilgrimage is £900 but donations to help with funding are available. For further information contact Chief Nurse Kath McTernan on 01912743928 or Fr Peter Stott on 01670513410



Marie Curie are looking for volunteers to assist with their Marie Curie Helper service which provides support for someone living with a terminal illness. They are looking for Helper Volunteers aged 18 or over who can give three hours each week to chat to people, help them get to an appointment or just be there as a friendly ear. If you would like to know more about volunteering you will find more information on the notice board.

**CAFOD Calling:** Do you have a few hours to spare? Would you like to visit the catholic schools in our diocese to speak about the work of CAFOD and help our young people understand what a big difference their support is making? Full training will be given. To find out more give David Cross a call on 0191 384 4847 or email [hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk](mailto:hexhamandnewcastle@cafod.org.uk)

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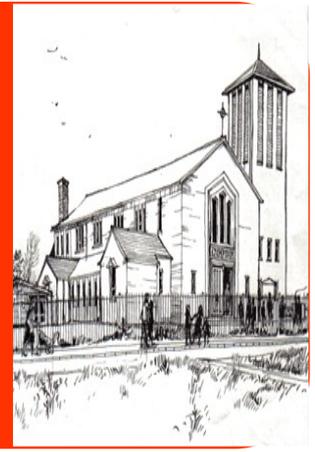
Please collect your used postage stamps and look to see if you have any foreign coins or notes lying around in your home. St Oswald's Hospice can put both to good use. Please bring in and leave at the back of church.

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# Our Lady and St Aidan & St Bernadette's Parish Communities 5th Sunday of the Year



w//c 11th Feb

St Aidan's

St Bernadette's

**Mon**  
**10.00am**

**Feast of  
Our Lady of Lourdes**

**People of our Parish  
Communities**

**Tue**

**Wed**  
**9.30am**

**Special Intention (MG)**

**Thursday**  
**10.00am**

**Celebrant's Intention**

**Friday**  
**9.30 am**

**Hearns Family**

**Saturday**

**Sunday**

**10.00am**

**11.30am**

**Tommy & Kitty Brock**

**Tommy & Bernie Rochester**



**Welcome to Bishop Robert Byrne** who has been appointed the new Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.. He is currently an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Born in Manchester in September 1956, Bishop Byrne entered Birmingham Oratory in 1980 and was ordained to the priesthood in January 1985. In 1990, he was part of a group from Birmingham who moved to St Aloysius parish, Oxford, to found what was to become the Oxford Oratory in 1993. He served as Provost from 1993 -2011. In 2012, Fr Byrne was appointed Secretary to the Bishops' Conference Department of Dialogue and Unity having served as a prison chaplain for over 35 years. Bishop Byrne was Ordained an Auxiliary Bishop for the Archdiocese of Birmingham in St Chad's Cathedral on 13 May 2014. On Monday, 4 February, Pope Francis announced that Bishop Byrne would serve as the fourteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle.

**Next Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday** and the theme is "It's not just Work—Dignity for All workers". We are called to ensure people are not exploited while they work: the Gospel demands that we acknowledge the dignity of the human person, the necessity of building peace, prosperity, and justice for all. We will hold a retiring collection next weekend to support the promotion of Racial justice in our world.

Reading the newsletter this week I am struck by the opportunities that are available to all of us to bring about change in our world in a way which requires no financial commitment from us. What other people and voluntary organisations really need is our time—the most valuable resource we can gift. Of course it is not only outside agencies which need our time, our own communities do too if they are to survive in to the future. With Lent just around the corner perhaps you can begin thinking and planning how you can give up some of your time and gift it in order to improve the lives of those around you.