

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

**Thursday 28th February 7pm**

Great to see the list filling up if you would like to join us for some fun and the chance to practice your pancake making skills in advance of Shrove Tuesday on 5th March please 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 the award winning film made in Newcastle I Daniel Blake The film challenges our definition of poverty and a just society.**

**It will certainly provide food for thought in our preparation for Lent.**



There will be no luncheon club lunch in February, instead there will be a soup lunch held each Friday throughout Lent. The first lunch will be on Friday 8th March 12 noon at St Aidan's. A donation for your lunch is all we ask which goes to charity.



I would like to extend my warmest thanks to the couple in St Aidan's parish who gifted the parish with £1000 and also to the St Aidan's Knit and natter group for their gift of £500 to be used also for parish purposes. The Knit and Natter group are very generous in their support of many different local organisations who are doing great work in the wider community.



**NEW FINANCIAL YEAR STARTING ON APRIL 1ST**

It is hard to believe that the last year has gone so quickly and we have already ordered Planned Giving Envelope sets for the new financial year beginning on 1st April Please think about how you currently financially support our parish communities and if there are ways you could further help in the year ahead.

Thank you for your response to our 2019 Census. Over 160 completed forms have been received from St Aidan's and 50 from St Bernadette's.

Going forward if you know of people who join the parish in the months ahead please point them in the direction of our website where they can download a form.

**Pilgrimage to Lourdes and Lisieux:** St Columba's are organising a pilgrimage to Lisieux and Lourdes from Wednesday 24th to 2nd August this year. The cost of the pilgrimage is approximately £700 based on full board sharing. It involves travel by luxury coach and ferry visiting Lisieux, taking in all of the places associated with the life of St Therese and then journeying by coach to Lourdes. If you are interested in joining the pilgrimage please contact Fr David Smith at St Columba's.

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.

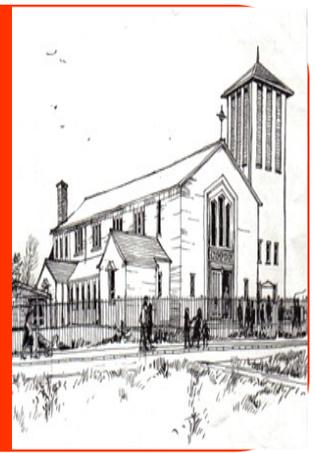
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# Our Lady and St Aidan & St Bernadette's Parish Communities

## 7th Sunday of the Year



w//c 25th Feb

St Aidan's

St Bernadette's

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

		Celebrants Intention
	Maureen Sandberg	

10.00am

11.30am

Margaret Wells

Andrew Minihan



Today we welcome Fr Michael Hickey to both of our churches. Thanks to Fr Michael for giving me the opportunity to have a few days off. I know you will make him very welcome and I will come back with my batteries recharged ready for Lent!

LENT 2019: Ash Wednesday 6th March Please make a note of the date in your diary.

Fairtrade Fortnight 25th February—10th March

Refreshments after Mass next Sunday will have a chocolate theme. This year Fairtrade Fortnight is highlighting the plight of cocoa farmers in Africa particularly women; £1.86 is the amount a cocoa farmer in West Africa needs to earn each day in order to achieve a living income. Currently a typical cocoa farmer in Cote d'Ivoire lives on around 74p a day. For the women the situation is even worse and they often have fewer rights than men. Next Sunday you can look forward to hot chocolate latte, or your usual Fairtrade tea together with choc chip cookies, muffins etc. All we ask is that on this occasion you make a donation for your refreshments. There will also be a chocolate hamper raffle—donations of fairly traded cocoa and chocolate products would be much appreciated.

