

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

EVERYONE
COUNTS



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

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.

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.

TELL US ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you know of someone who is sick and/or housebound, who can't attend church on a regular basis please take them a Census form to fill in. Please help them fill it in and bring it back. I can't believe how few housebound have been identified in St Bernadette's

**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!

**The Singing Group at St Aidan's will begin
meeting on Tuesday 5th February at 7pm** to start preparing for Lent and Easter.

Why not come along and join them?

I am sure that you will all agree that the group put a lot of hard work in to preparing for Advent and Christmas and it was reflected in how much we enjoyed singing with them during our services!

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

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME: The Parish of our Lady Star of the Sea is having a pilgrimage to Rome led by Mgr Andrew Faley 20th—24th May 2019. Flights are direct from Newcastle to Rome. For further information please contact Deirdre James (251 3740) or Anne Wilson (252 5850)

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

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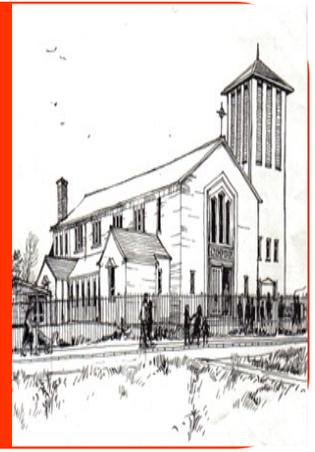
There will be a special collect today as you leave the church to support the work of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children. Please give it your customary generous support.

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Our Lady and St Aidan & St Bernadette's Parish Communities 4th Sunday of the Year



w/c 4th February

St Aidan's

St Bernadette's

Mon

Tue
10.00am

John Clark

Wed
9.30am

Alan Wynne

Thursday
10.00am

Philip Minihan

Friday
9.30 am

Antonio Cicone

Saturday

Sunday

10.00am
John McConnell

11.30am
Eileen Henry

The next meeting for the children of our First Communion Programme will be this Sunday 3rd February 2.30pm St Aidan's Parish Room.
Just a reminder to parents that future dates are: **3rd March; 7th April; 5th May.**
First Communion will be celebrated at both of our churches on **25th May.**



Could you collect your used postage stamps and look to see if you have any foreign coins lying around in your home following your last exotic holiday? St Oswald's Hospice can put both to good use to raise funds to help in the care of cancer sufferers and their families! Please bring in and leave at the back of church.

Our Freecycle board at St Aidan's is proving to be so effective that we are running out of things to offer. Posting items on the board helps find homes for items we may no longer want or need and saves them going in to land fill.



**THERE IS A PLACE
FOR EVERYONE IN
OUR COMMUNITIES**

A group of elderly parishioners in St Bernadette's have done a wonderful job down the years in ensuring that jobs needing to be done were done. Like those same people, we are all moving through the years. There comes a time however when common sense suggests that we take a back seat and let younger ones take over from us. But who are these younger parishioners willing to ensure the parish's future?. It is sometimes said "we don't know what needs to be done". Let me know by email of your willingness to gift the parish with an hour or so of your time each week and then the stalwarts in the parish can sit back and know that others are securing the future.