

## 17th Sunday of THE YEAR July 28th 2019



The summer weeks are great in terms of giving us the opportunity to think about our parish life and what we will do when the days and nights are not so warm and bright. Collectively most of us have been around for quite long time and have a real sense of what works and what doesn't. Social events are important but represent only one strand of parish life. The extent to which we care for those in need is another and for so many more, our worship on a Sunday is our only contact with the faith community. How can we build of what has been achieved so far? What are you prepared to contribute to the life of our parish as we are progressively encouraged to broaden our vision and embrace the concept of partnership

I haven't forgotten what I said about the tarmacking job at St Bernadette's. The reason it hasn't progressed is down to the time it is taking to complete the road works that are being undertaken at the roundabout outside of the church grounds. My understanding at the moment is that the work could take some time to complete due to difficulties being experienced by the contractors and until they are resolved our work cannot be done because the church driveway is used by ones in the wider in the absence of an outside footpath. I'll keep you posted.



If you haven't yet paid for your seat on the coach for Whitby, could we ask you please to do so as soon as possible and this will enable us to tick another "Job done" box. We would also appreciate it if the bus money for the Kynren event could also be paid in the coming weeks the cost of which is £10 each All of these events help us to see clearly what it means to need each other and be a living part of the Body of Christ.

**Urgent Appeal For Volunteers** This Summer St Mary's Cathedral will be hosting a holiday club putting on games, activities, trips and most importantly food. All free of charge! This is to help tackle the issue of holiday hunger that so many families face as they struggle to provide the basics through the long summer holidays. We are urgently looking for volunteers who are already cleared to work with children in the Diocese to come and help deliver this exciting project. The club shall run every Thursday from July 25th to August 29th. If you are free on any of those dates and would like to help out then please call Joe Kirwin on 07904881430 or email him on joe.kirwin@themercyproject.org.uk





It was good to see last weekend an increase in the number of items for the Food Bank. We can sometimes forget that ones struggling to provide food for their families often include the parents of children who would ordinarily be on free school meals which obviously does not apply during the summer. Let each of us do what we can to ease their burdens. PLEASE BRING ONE EXTRA ITEM.

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

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w/c 29th JULY	St Aidan's	St Bernadette's
Monday		
Tuesday 10.00am		Dec McElhone Family
Wednesday 9.30m	Joe Flynn	
Thursday 10.00am		Celebrant's Intention
Friday 10.00am	Funeral Service for Peggy Harbottle	
Saturday		
Sunday	10.00am Sophia Murphy	11.30 am Bill Nesbitt

How many parishioners in St Aidan's would like to see the last of the windows in church with stained glass? How many would be prepared to contribute? I received further gifts amounting to £250 in the course of the week which increased the giving for this most recent Jubilee project to four gifts of money totalling £1850 up to this weekend for which I am deeply appreciative. This gives total in reserve of £8000 towards that project. Lets keep the conversation going and see what emerges!

Newman Association: The next talk of the Tyneside Circle of the Newman association is on Wednesday 31st July at 7.30pm in the church hall at St Mary's Cullercoats. Bernard Robinson will discuss "The Last Supper—the first Mass?" He will ask whether the Last Supper was a regular Passover meal or an improvised lamb less one? Is the relationship with the Eucharist more complex that is often supposed? And how does the "Passover of Egypt" relate to the Passover as celebrated afterwards (the Passover of the Generations")

Day of Reflection for All Ministries: Serve the Lord with Gladness
Ushaw College, Durham, Saturday 28th September 2019 10:30am – 3:30pm
Led by Fr Mark Millward, Dean of the Benedict Partnership () (Registration and refreshments from 9.45) Tea, Coffee and a light lunch will be provided.
Booking essential Please contact Fr John to sign up or contact the Department for Liturgy on 0191 243 3312 or e-mail: liturgy@diocesehn.org.uk