

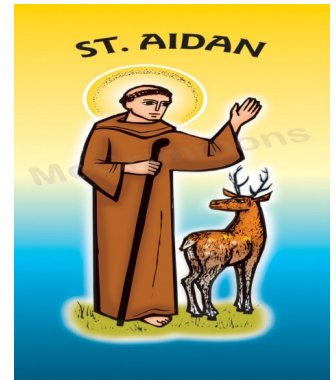


## 21ST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

25TH AUGUST 2019



This year we will celebrate the Feast of St Aidan differently. Mass at 10am on Saturday will be followed by a brunch. (who wouldn't enjoy a full English breakfast after Mass?) We ordinarily fill the Chapel on Holy Island and I am sure we can do the same in our own church here. St Aidan was born in Ireland and died at Bamburgh in 651AD. A monk of Iona Aidan was sent to Northumbria when King Oswald asked for help in converting his kingdom. Come and hear more about our Patron on Saturday. **If you are staying for brunch please sign up on the list at the back of church.**



I can't believe we are approaching the end of August already - celebrating the Feast of St Aidan is a marker for me that summer is coming to an end. We have had a full and enjoyable summer programme with our Midsummer Concert with the Ravenswood singers, our Prosecco Afternoon Tea, our Fish and Chip Luncheon, days out to Beamish and Whitby and our evening visit to Kynren, and finally our celebration of St Aidan's Feast Day followed by brunch. My thanks to all of those who have been involved in the organisation of these events and supported them in any way. **Hmmm what can you make happen during the Autumn?**



Each year, the church sends out an invitation to those who are not Catholic and to baptised Catholics who weren't brought up in the practice of the faith. For those interested the church offers a six month basic introduction to life in the Catholic Community. Please do not think that the first thing that will be asked of you will be to sign on the dotted line! It won't happen. Some of the loveliest moments in our Easter Vigil celebration have come about as a result of adult baptisms and reception into full communion with the church.

I would like to further acknowledge receipt of two donations of £100 and £50 which I received last week and is being added to the jubilee fund in the hope that we can complete the work of adding to St Aidan's another beautiful window. The fund is building up nicely and I'm confident that the work will be brought to a successful conclusion. It would be great to think that parishioners attending St Aidan's could say of themselves - I/we made that possible!!

*Thank you*

MODERN CALLIGRAPHY

**CONGRATULATIONS to our young people** who have received their exam results over the last couple of weeks. I hope that they reflect the work and effort invested and allow our young people to make the choices they hoped for at this stage of their lives. I am sure there will be some relieved parents out there too! :-)



**Please continue your (very) generous donations for the Food Bank. Thank you!**

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

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w/c	St Aidan's	St Bernadette's
26th August		
Monday		
Tuesday		Pat and Alf Todd
Wednesday 9.30am	Robert T N Hill	
Thursday 10.00am		Celebrant's Intention
Friday 10.00am		Funeral Mass for Mary (Mollie) Lilley
Saturday		
Sunday	10.00am Monica and John Wade and the decd of the Wade and McKelvie Families	11.30 am Samuel Obibuzor

If we worked together as a team we could encourage people who have drifted away from, or have never been involved in the life of our two communities to give it a second chance.. How often do you invite friends of yours who no longer attend Mass or don't know what the Mass is about to join you on a Sunday? Lets do something about it! Home Mission Sunday is being celebrated on September 15th and is therefore an ideal Sunday to welcome all comers, On that day, we will provide additional context and understanding of each part of the Mass to better inform those present of the meaning behind the celebration. Why not pick up an invitation and proffer it with a warm welcome to someone you know?

You are warmly invited to celebrate the canonisation of Blessed John Henry Newman at St Mary's Cullercoats On 12th October at 2pm. There will be a series of talks in the Hall and the day will conclude with Mass at 5pm in Church.  
2.00 pm Fr. Andrew Downie, "Newman and the Development of Doctrine"  
2.45 pm Prof. Terry Wright, "Newman and the Bible"  
3.30 pm Refreshments  
4.00 pm Dr. Sheridan Gilley, "Newman and Holiness"  
5.00 pm Mass

From September Sunday Mass at St Columba's will be at 9,30 instead of 9am.  
The Sunday Mass at St Anthony of Padua will change from 10.30am to 11am .



Heritage Open Days are a once a year chance to explore the amazing heritage on our doorstep FOR FREE! This year it runs from the 13th—22nd September. You might want to visit the Heritage Open Day page on the internet for more information