



## 23 RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

8TH SEPTEMBER 2019



The Catholic Church in England and Wales has celebrated Education Sunday for many years. Falling at the start of the academic year, the theme of this year's Education Sunday is 'Form and Flourish'. The formation and education of young persons into adulthood enables them to reach their potential, to live a fulfilling life and ultimately flourish. Catholic schools place the Lord Jesus Christ at the centre of their educational enterprise; his life and teaching provides them with the model and pattern for life in all its fullness. Catholic education aims to inspire a lifelong love of learning and form pupils who will know the good, love the beautiful, and seek the truth. Catholic schools are distinctive, and this is a cause for celebration. There will be a retiring collection as you leave the church to support the Catholic Education Service.

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/or reception into full communion with the church. This year we have several adults interested in taking part—***it is not too late to let me know if you would like to be part of this years group.***



The Macmillan Coffee morning is always an important date in our Autumn Calendar. This year St Aidan's event will be on Saturday 5th October and the organisers are asking for donations for the tombola and raffle. They would also welcome donations of cakes for a cake stall on the day.

St Bernadette's event will be on Saturday September 28th starting at 1.30pm.. They would be grateful for any donations of raffle prizes. Please give both events your active support.



On Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm in St Mary's Cathedral, Eliot Smith Dance are presenting an evening of bold and exciting contemporary works to captivate audiences, presented in partnership with St Mary's Cathedral as part of their 175th Anniversary. This performance has been funded and supported by the Jesuits in Britain, the Archbishop Romero Trust, Northumberland Arts Development and Community Foundation and Newcastle City Council Community Fund. More details: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/portraits-of-courage-oscar-romero-numero-by-eliot-smith-dance-tickets-64465205164](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/portraits-of-courage-oscar-romero-numero-by-eliot-smith-dance-tickets-64465205164)

You are invited to a day on Saturday, 21st September 10am-4pm at St Cuthbert's Church, North Shields (chapel) with Fr. Michael Hickey to explore who God is, what the church is about, who we are, to revel in God's love for us and reconnect with him in our world. Tea & coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch. Let us know if you would like to come, either through the parish office or Fr Michael on 07912 060 628.

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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
9th September		
Monday		
Tuesday 10.00am		Celebrants Intention
Wednesday 9.30am	Alan Scrivener	
Thursday 10.00am		Celebrants Intention
Friday 9.30am	Mary Stanbridge	
Saturday		
Sunday	10.00am Nancy & Len Haynes	11.30 am Bella, George, George Michael & James Lake

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Thanks to those of you who have responded to the call to invite someone they know along to our Mass next weekend as we celebrate Home Mission Sunday. When something happens in your life or it is a busy time for the family it is easy to get out of the habit of going to Mass, and the longer the gap the harder it is to come back. If you know someone that fits that description **why not pick up an invitation and proffer it with a warm welcome?**



**ST AIDAN'S OPEN CHURCH:** Next weekend St Aidan's will hold an OPEN CHURCH from 2pm—4pm when a warm invitation is extended to our neighbours, of whatever denomination to come and visit our church and garden, and offer them a cup of tea and a scone. Why not invite your neighbour to visit St Aidan's beautiful church and grounds? Let me know if you can help in any way on that afternoon.

When members of our parish communities become unable either through sickness or age to be with us on a regular basis it is all the more important that we are aware of this. You know the people who used to sit next to you in church or behind and are no longer doing so—please make their names known to us.

**We will celebrate a Mass for the Sick and Housebound of our parishes on Saturday 19th October at 11am at St Aidan's. Please think about who is missing and would like to be part of that celebration. This Mass is always a very special occasion.**



A special welcome to the families of the children starting this year's First Communion Programme. Please make them feel welcome!