

Dear Friends,

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome back parishioners who had not attended Mass since before lockdown to our Mass celebrations last Sunday. The gradual relaxation of Covid restrictions has worked well for both of our parish communities and as a result we are starting to return to "service as usual". However it is important that we continue to maintain social distance, wear a face covering and sanitise our hands on entering and leaving church.

Fr John

We are really looking forward to our Special Mass for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly for both of our parishes on Wednesday 15th September at 11am. The material treasures of the parish were on show on the feast of St Aidan, if you have work holidays to take, why not take a day off and support our human treasures as they make the great effort to come along to Mass? We also wish to increase the number of house bound people receiving Communion in the home. If you would like a Communion Minister to bring you communion please let us know and we will sort the rest.



Thank you for your continued generous support of the Food Bank.



A final reminder that the SVP 200 Club membership subscriptions are now due. Please let Maurice Ahern from St Bernadette's Church have your £12 subscription as soon as possible. The 200 Club supports good causes which help local under-privileged people who as well as living in the area, are our brothers and sisters.

Welcome Back to all of our Children and Staff in both Parish Schools, we hope everyone is well rested and ready for another brilliant Academic year!

Season Of Creation 2021

Pope Francis has called on Catholics to take action for our common home during the Season of Creation, he stresses that the "cry of the earth and the cry of the poor are becoming increasingly serious and alarming," urging Catholics to take "decisive, urgent action to transform this crisis into an opportunity." The 2021 Season of Creation comes just a few weeks before the UN Climate Change Conference (COP26), scheduled to take place from November 1-12 in Glasgow, Scotland. It also comes on the heels of the recently-released UN climate report which makes it clear that we are running out of time to avert the worst effects of the ecological crisis and the climate emergency. For more information please use the following link <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/church/news/2021-09/pope-season-of-creation-laudato-si-movement.html>

FIRST STEPS – RCIA - Exploring the Catholic Faith Online: Especially for those who may wish to take the next steps towards coming into the Church. We gather weekly via Zoom. Starts Wednesday 22nd September at 7pm. If interested you can email admin-faith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk.

A Day of Reflection for Readers—Saturday 9th October 10:30– 3:30pm at Ushaw College Durham, If this is of interest to you please use the following link to Register <https://forms.office.com/r/ttTH3PkBkE>

THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. (Pope Francis) Each year the Church in England and Wales celebrates Home Mission Sunday. Our mission is to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel.

PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS AT: www.wallsendcatholic.church