

Dear Friends

It was a delight to welcome parishioners from both St Aidan's and St Bernadette's to celebrate the Feast of St Aidan. So many of our older parishioners made the effort to be there and it was a fitting occasion to mark the generosity of previous generations for making everything we have today possible, and also the generosity of our current generation for funding the stained glass windows which now grace our worship space. As well as blessing the new St Aidan's window I was able to use one of the refurbished chalices—one presented to Fr Savory by the people of Willington Quay on Easter Monday in 1908—during the celebration. I would like to thank most warmly those people who contributed to the Jubilee Fund, which is now closed, and those people who made the celebration such a joyous and moving occasion. As my thoughts turn more and more to the last weeks of my time of ministry in the two parishes, I would just wish to let you know that my last Mass at St Bernadette's will be celebrated on the 19th September and that of St Aidan's on the 26th.

Fr John

We hear a lot about the undeniably negative impact of Covid, but it has also resulted in some positive initiatives, both in the wider community and our parish communities. As a result of the outreach programme which was ongoing throughout lockdown, it has been possible to connect to a wider group of people. Building on that success, we now 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.

There will be a Special Mass for the Sick, Housebound and Elderly from 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?

The SVP 200 Club starts in October each year and the 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?.

Upcoming Events

HIGH HOWDON
SOCIAL CLUB

A Bit of a DO!

30th SEPTEMBER
FROM 7PM

Bookings are now open and seats are going fast for the celebration to mark Fr John's Retirement from St Aidans and St Bernadette's Parishes. Bookings are open until 21st September via our webpage: www.wallsendcatholic.church or via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/167852281693> Fr John would be delighted to see you there!

Gardening Morning at St Aidan's on Saturday 11th from 10am. Come along with your hoe and your trowel – you would be very welcome. We love help from parishioners of any age! I am sure that you will agree the gardens are looking beautiful

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

Cafod Online Climate Event: Faith in Action
Saturday 11 September from 11am
An online day of talk and prayer to learn more about this year's climate talks, Pope Francis's call to action and how people in the Amazon region are leading the fight to care for our common home. **This is the time to come together, build a community and act. Do not miss our Faith in Action Day 2021** For further info and to book: <https://cafod.org.uk>