

Please note that Mass will be streamed via YouTube

Please note the changes to the Facebook page and the YouTube Channel.

To access Sunday Mass from Our Lady & St Columba and the Tuesday evening Mass at 6.30pm via YouTube, please subscribe and you will receive an alert when we 'go live'. There is no cost attached to subscribing to our channel. The link from YouTube will be shared to Facebook.

The Wallsend Catholic Churches Facebook page and the parish website will publish updated with information regarding any additional Masses to be streamed or changes.

Please use the website and or the Facebook pages for other information which cannot always appear on the weekly newsletter, due to lack of space.

Thank you!

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to all who have been able to continue supporting the Foodbank.

Our churches continue to accept food which is distributed to those who are most in need. If you would like to bring any items of food please do so in the usual way. Your kindness and support is appreciated. *Thank you!*



Rotas for the Ministries in our Churches

For rotas relating to reading, counting etc, please see the rotas on display in the individual churches.

Journey in Faith 2021 / 2022

If you or anyone you know has been thinking about becoming a member of the Roman Catholic Church, then why not come along and join us on our 2021/2022 Journey in Faith Programme? You may have been coming to church for years with your family and are happy to continue doing that but it may be that nobody has ever asked you about becoming a Catholic due not wanting to put pressure on you. Whatever your situation, you need to know you are very welcome to come along and find out more.

We will begin the Journey in Faith Programme with our first session on Tuesday 9th November at Our Lady and Saint Columba's Church, Wallsend, beginning with Holy Mass at 6.30pm. This will be followed by discussion and reflection on different aspects of the Roman Catholic Church and her teachings.

Please contact our parish office on 0191 2623882 or email wallsendcatholic.church@gmail.com to register your interest.

Please see the parish website for details of the programme and a copy of the registration form.

October Month of the Holy Rosary

Fr David has recorded a decade of the Holy Rosary from St Bernadette's. It will be on YouTube and Facebook by **Sunday 10th October**. You can watch it at your leisure.

First Holy Communions, current Year 4 in all three Wallsend RC primary schools.

Due to the pandemic, First Holy Communions were delayed in many parishes and when they were permitted to go ahead, they had to be celebrated in a very different way. Everything from the catechesis sessions, preparing the children and the celebrations themselves needed to be carried out in a very sensitive and covid friendly way. This took a lot of planning and understanding on the part of everybody involved and so we were able to catechise, prepare and celebrate First Holy Communion with many of our children across the three Wallsend parishes. Presently, we are still working with the Year 5 children at St Columba's who will have celebrated their First Holy Communion by Christmas 2021.

In January 2022 we will be able to begin preparing our current Year 4 children across the three Wallsend Catholic primary schools. We will have to ensure we work in such a way, that we are able to go ahead, once again, in a covid friendly way. This will mean, we hopefully, will not have to cancel our celebrations should we be living under restrictions again. I aim to have dates and information sent to parents of our Year 4 children by the end of November 2021. If I could ask for your patience and understanding at this time of change, please, as I have already had enquiries in the parishes from parents of Year 4 children and answering everybody individually is taking up time I am struggling to find at the moment.

There will be a level of commitment expected from parents and children but I am sure if we work together we can soon be back on track to ensure our children can continue on their sacramental journey.

If there are any parishioners who have Year 4 children not attending Catholic schools and would like information on Holy Communion registration then please email us on wallsendcatholic.church@gmail.com and we will ensure you are contacted once we are ready to send out information.

Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Fr David