

The Epiphany Lunches at the Lindisfarne and St Aidan's have had to be postponed. The events will be rescheduled and everyone will be notified of the new dates.

Merry Christmas



May the peace of Christmas bring happiness to you all through the coming year.

For those who are visitors to our family of parishes you are welcome. If you are travelling to see family and friends, I wish you a safe journey. Thank you for your continued support, messages and cards.

God bless, Fr David.

Jesus in the manger, you give us hope. In the darkness of our world, your light has shone. Your coming in gentleness encourages us to hold out the hand of reconciliation, to help one another, to work for peace. We remember the message of the angels; "Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace". Jesus, help us to be people of peace and to spread peace everywhere we go. Let us pray now for peace.



Following guidance from Bishop Robert and the diocese health and safety team, until further notice, the church halls can no longer be used for events, coffee mornings, etc. You will be informed when these activities can begin again.

Update from Fr David & guidance from the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle regarding COVID / Omicron

COVID symptoms - people displaying any symptoms of COVID should stay at home and not travel to church or participate in person.

Mass will be live streamed from St Columba's on Christmas Eve for those who cannot attend. The Mass can be accessed after the event on YouTube - Wallsend Catholic Churches.

"Following the announcement by the Prime Minister that the Government has moved to implement 'Plan B' of their Winter COVID -19 Plan, new rules have been phased in, in England from Friday 10th December. Face coverings will **be compulsory** in most public indoor venues including places of worship from this date. All parishioners **must** wear a mask unless you are exempt.

Social Distancing and Capacity of Churches – it is now possible for each row of pews to be used providing that a minimum 1M spacing between households sitting in the same pew is maintained. This clarification allows church capacities to be increased beyond the minimum number previously stated in the original risk assessment."

The arrangements for St Aidan's, St Bernadette's, St Columba's

Over the Christmas period places for Masses will be on a first come first served basis. Please ensure you sanitise your hands on entry to and leaving the church.

Fr David requests that the one way system is adhered to. Please remain in your seats until directed by the stewards to go to communion.

At the end Mass please wait in your seat until the stewards indicate for you to leave the church.

NHS Test and Trace – The Government is still encouraging certain venues, including places of worship, to keep a record of those attending to support the NHS Test and Trace programme. Please look for the NHS QR Codes.