

## Wallsend Family of Churches

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2nd Sunday of Lent

12th March 2022



Our Lady & St Columba



Our Lady & St Aidan



St Bernadette

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## Additional News

### Rescheduled EPIPHANY LUNCH at St Aidan's

As the restrictions ease we are able to announce the rescheduling of the postponed Epiphany lunch at St Aidan's to **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March**. This event is sold out, but if you are unable to use your ticket on this date please speak to Ellen. We look forward to finally being able to celebrate together.

The St Columba's postponed Epiphany Lunch is going ahead on Friday 18th March at the Lindisfarne 12.00pm.

### RIP Elizabeth Storey - St Aidan's Parish

We pray for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth who died recently. We also pray for her family at this difficult time.

### RIP Agnes Sydor

We pray for the repose of the soul of Agnes Sydor who died recently. Her requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 23rd March at 11.30 in St Bernadette's.

*'From him we come,  
in him we are enfolded, to  
him we return.'*

*Julian of Norwich*

### Fr David Speaks to the Parishioners of St Michael's

Father David is pictured here with one of the many babies who have used the services of the malnutrition clinic at Muhoroni Mission in Kenya. Father David was invited, by Father Marc Lyden Smith, to give a Lenten talk at St Michael's church in Houghton le Spring last Friday after celebrating the



10am Mass. Fr Marc came and celebrated the 10am Mass at St Bernadette's. Fr David spoke about his work in Muhoroni over the past twenty years and is very grateful for the opportunity. The basket, where people placed their donations, contained £517.00 which will go towards providing baby milk to the clinic and sending goods to Kenya.

Pope Francis, during his Lent 2022 message says.....

"Let us never grow tired of doing good" (Gal. 6:9).

Let us not grow tired of praying. Jesus taught us to "pray always without becoming weary" (Lk. 18:1). We need to pray because we need God.

Let us not grow tired of uprooting evil from our lives.

Let us not grow tired of asking for forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, knowing that God never tires of forgiving.

Let us not grow tired of doing good in active charity towards our neighbours .

## Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,  
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear tomorrow  
that your Spirit of comfort will draw them near to you.  
We pray for those with power over war and peace,  
for wisdom and discernment and compassion to guide  
their decisions.  
Above all we pray for your precious children at risk and  
in fear.  
Protect and comfort them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen.

## Vacancies

The Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle is looking to appoint a new Senior Administrator in the Safeguarding Team. The role will be based in the Diocesan Offices in Newcastle and is full-time.  
Closing date for applications: 23 March 2022. Please visit [www.diocesehn.org.uk](http://www.diocesehn.org.uk) for full details or contact us 0191 243 3301

## DBS Renewals Our Lady and St Columba's

The Diocesan Safeguarding Office has sent the list of names of those parishioners who need to update their DBS. We will be contacting those people within the next few weeks to begin the process of validating documentation .



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## Called to accompany those seeking healing?

*The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free*

A NEW BESPOKE TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR THOSE INVOLVED IN MINISTRIES OF HEALING

The course will begin on 22nd & 23rd April 2022

It is a nine session course which includes two weekends (Friday evening until Saturday lunchtime) the second weekend is on the 15th & 16th July 2022.

The cost of the course is £180 we would recommend individuals seeking sponsorship through their parishes or the Lay training fund and we ask that people get in touch if funding is an issue.

Due to the nature of the course it would be ideal if your parish priest supports your attendance.

For more information and to book contact [adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk](mailto:adminfaith.mission@diocesehn.org.uk)

## Lenten Soup Lunches dates and times

The Mini Vinnies from our three primary schools will be helping at the Lenten Soup Lunches on the following dates:

**St Aidan's Soup Lenten Lunch** in the Parish Centre Wednesday 16th March 12.00pm

**St Columba's Lenten Soup Lunch** in the Parish Hall Thursday 24th March 12.00pm

**St Bernadette's Lenten Soup Lunch** in the Parish Centre Friday 1st April 12.00pm



You are warmly invited to a public lecture, which will be held in person at Durham Cathedral:

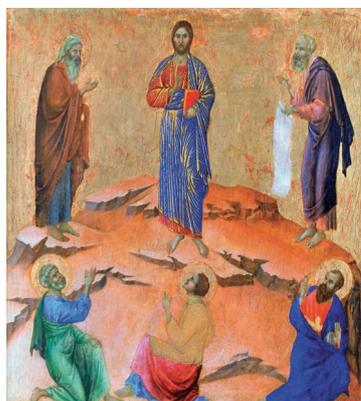
**Professor Edgardo Colón-Emeric (Dean of Duke Divinity School).**

*Joy and Hope for the 2020s: The relevance of Óscar Romero for the times we are in.*

The 7pm lecture will be preceded by a 6.30pm drinks reception

All are welcome and attendance is free of charge. If you wish to attend, please register at <https://centreforatholicstudies.eventbrite.com> or telephone 0191 334 1656. Early registration is advised as space is limited.

You might also wish to join in an optional Evensong prior to the lecture to celebrate the Feast day of St Oscar Romero. Durham Cathedral 5.15 – 6 pm.



*"This is my Son,  
the Chosen One.  
Listen to him."*



**Finding Christ in the Eucharist,  
the poor and creation  
A time of reflection**



**April 9th 10.30am – 12.30pm via zoom**

This morning of reflection aims at widening our understanding about the connection between the Eucharist, food justice and the ecological crisis we are in. It will explore how we are nourished by the Eucharist and are invited to nourish others and the whole of creation.

Speaker is Fr. Chris Hughes and there will be an opportunity for sharing.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/finding-jesus-in-the-eucharist-the-poor-and-creation-tickets-276896313327>

**Tyne and Wear Citizens Accountability Assembly will take place on Thursday 17 March 6-8pm at Newcastle Civic Centre**

If you are interested in finding out how people of all faiths and none, including our fantastic students at St Thomas More RC Academy, work together to improve the lives of people across our region, then come along - either in person or online. We will be putting strategies to decision makers in the region asking them to respond to key asks on a range of issues close to our hearts.