

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.

Thank you so much for your support of CAFOD's Lent Family Fast Day, the Walk Against Hunger and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Your support means we can respond in crises such as Ukraine where our Caritas aid workers and volunteers could quickly help families fleeing conflict. It also means we're there in the long-term and can continue to respond to crises around the world, including in Afghanistan, Syria, Ethiopia, and South Sudan. We work alongside communities as they rebuild their lives once the conflict is over, as in Sierra Leone. For more detail on how your donations are being used, please go to the CAFOD website cafod.org.uk

DBS Renewals Our Lady and St Columba's

If you are renewing your DBS there are some forms at the back of the church. Those renewing their DBS will have to bring in the appropriate documents for verification and photocopies will be sent to the Diocesan Safeguarding team.



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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

Lenten Soup Lunches dates and times

The Mini Vinnies from St Bernadette's Primary Schools will be helping at the Lenten Soup Lunches on the following date:

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



Easter Cards for Prisoners

If you are able to write an Easter card for a prisoner, it would be appreciated. The Easter and Christmas cards we send from the St Columba's parish are always well received. If parishioners from St Aidan's and St Bernadette's wish to send a card you are most welcome to do so.

Please bring it to church when you come to Mass or post it through the letterbox of the church door. The cards will be passed on to Deacon David, the prison Chaplain.

Thank you for your support.



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>

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Singing at Mass St Columba's and St Bernadette's

Following receipt of updated guidelines from the Bishops' Conference, we can now use hymn books during Mass. We will use a selection of CD backing tracks and music from YouTube to support the reintroduction of congregational singing at Mass.

St Columba's - We would like to gather a group of parishioners together to help lead the singing here at St Columba's at our 5pm Vigil Mass. We are not looking for Wallsend's answer to Pavarotti or Katherine Jenkins!! We are just looking for people to come together to share their enthusiasm and praise God! Pre pandemic we did have a committed music group, who used to meet on a Friday evening but sadly over time they became fewer in number due to ill health. If you are interested, please come along to church on **Friday 1st April at 6.00pm.**

Advance notice of Mass time change

Please note Mass at St Aidan's on **Wednesday 6th April** will be at **9.30am** as Fr David has a funeral service at St Columba's at 10.30am on the same day.