

Our Lady and St Aidan & St Bernadette's Parish Communities

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Dear Friends

Parliament this week passed legislation requiring that England enter a four week national lockdown including the cessation of acts of public worship. The Catholic Bishop's response to this can be found here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/public-worship-is-covid-19-secure-say-faith-leaders-ahead-of-four-week-lockdown-in-england/> In line with legal requirements there will be no public celebration of Mass at either of our churches until after December 2nd. During the last lockdown I was impressed with the way people continued to keep in touch and support each other—I am sure that same spirit of community will carry us through this next lockdown.

Why not get in to the habit of visiting our parish website on a Sunday morning and using the Sunday Half Hour to guide your prayer and reflection?

If you didn't use this resource the first time round why not give it a go this time?

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You will also find the link to the Mass celebrated by Fr Denis McBride.

The easiest way to keep right up to date with what is going on in the parish is to subscribe to the newsletter via the website.

If you would like 40 minutes of peaceful prayer time back ground music then visit:
www.divinehymns.com

The cleaning team at St Bernadette's have done a great job in giving the church a thorough clean—thank you! Although we must now wait a little longer to re-open the church let's be optimistic about it and plan ahead. If you want to make the re-opening of St Bernadette's happen then we need your help. You can do this by volunteering to act as a Steward—could you do it? drop me an email or call me.

The Food Bank is needed more than ever and welcomes the donations of food and cash you send each week. Keep up the good work and thank you for your generosity!

Remembrance Sunday

Today we celebrate Remembrance Sunday—sadly the planned service has been cancelled Please observe 2 minutes silence on your door-steps at 11am.

" In 2020 we pay tribute to the men and women of the Second World War generation, and to those of today's, who have served and sacrificed to defend our nation. We remember the collaboration of the Commonwealth and Allied nations who stood shoulder to shoulder then to secure our freedom and the communities coming together today to protect us all."

Let's reinstate the practice of placing a lighted candle in our windows at 6pm this evening—a symbol of the light of the Risen Christ. Let us spend some time reflecting on the sacrifices made for us by previous generations.

Operation Christmas Child.

You have only until November 11th to fill and deliver a shoe box to St Bernadette's school. If you are unable to fill a box, donations towards the cost of transport would be greatly appreciated. Contact Olive Preston 01912625769 for details.

Throughout the summer the baskets in the gardens of St Aidan's have looked amazing—the Autumn baskets are now in place. Our thanks go to Brian Lyons for all of his hard work!

Interested in the chance to catch up with other parishioners? Join our Virtual Coffee Afternoon every Friday from 1.30pm. You can dial in on: Telephone - 01912494234 Conference ID: 422 393 102# We can provide a link for a video conference if you email in to St Aidan's.

If you would like to volunteer to be a part of our parish Covid Support Team or need help please contact Mary Coughlan on 07870965084 North Tyneside Council Covid -19 support hub opening hours are Monday to Friday, 8am to 5pm, and is available via TEL: 0345 2000 101 or emailing contact.us@northtyneside.gov.uk