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PARISH NOTICES for DECEMBER 13TH to 21ST 2014

MANY THANKS for your continued support of our parish. This week's collection amounted to £591.85 of which some £234.50 was Gift Aided.

The **Special Collection** for **St Cuthbert's Care** raised £80.40

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

this weekend will be for the Ebola Crisis Appeal.

**Please pray for
Frankie MacArthur**

who has recently died.

May he rest in peace. Amen

Frankie's Body will be received in Church on Wednesday 17th at 4pm and his Requiem Mass is on Thursday 18th at 10.00am.

Deanery Advent Penitential Service
in the Church Wednesday 17th at 7pm



St Columba's Primary School Christmas Concert

Tuesday 16th at 6.30pm in the Church
Wallsend Churches Working Together

are singing Carols in the Forum on
Saturday 20th at 10.30am

Their banner, made by Ladies of St Bernadette's more than 25 years ago has been in the Church for a few weeks after hanging in St Mary's Cathedral during the Ecumenical Celebration.

Please support this event.

For a number of years it has been our tradition at Christmas to adorn the Sanctuary with **Poinsettias in Memory of a loved one, or to celebrate a birthday or achievement.**

Please bring your flowers over the weekend December 20/21st as if placed earlier they may not survive cold in the church.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

Carols at 6.30pm

Mass at 7.00pm

Christmas Day Mass at 10.00am



In the **REPOSITORY** there are Christmas cards, diaries, calendars and much more – all at reasonable prices.

Come and have a look.
"The Universe" December 21st & 28th editions will be a "double issue" on sale from Friday December 19th at £2.60 a copy.



IRAQI CHRISTIANS IN NEED PIANO & ORGAN RECITAL

Saturday December 27th at 12.45pm in St Andrew's RC Church Worswick Street Newcastle with music from Bach, Chopin, Debussy, Schubert and others played by **Carl Bahoshy** – UK born musician of Iraqi Catholic heritage.

Free admission with a Retiring Collection.

ICIN supports refugee families in Northern Iraq. Prince Charles gave an impassioned plea on behalf of the persecuted church in Iraq when visiting their London church on December 9th.

To learn more about ICIN go to www.icin.org.uk

FORWARD TOGETHER IN HOPE

A small card has been produced with a prayer to be said daily (if possible) for the next two and half years. Please take a card and pray the prayer for the courage and strength we need to move *forward together in hope.*

JOURNEY TOWARDS EASTER

Once again after Christmas we will be meeting weekly from Tuesday January 6th 7.00-8.30pm. The Journey is for those who wish to become Catholics and those Catholics who wish to accompany them.

The Former Vicar of Lindisfarne David Adam is credited with rekindling interest in our Christian heritage through his Celtic spiritual and prayer writing. Born in Alnwick on leaving school he spent 3 years as a miner before entering the church. After 13 years at Lindisfarne he retired in March 2003. Here are two of his inspirational poems.

Lord of the Morning

Lord of the morning

*Let the brightness of your Presence
Scatter the darkness that is about us
Open our eyes to your glory
Open our hearts to your love
Fill our minds with your peace
Fill our days with your light
Come Lord and change us
Set us on fire with desire
For you and your goodness*

Lord of Light

Lord of light

*Surround us with your brightness
Deliver us from the powers of darkness
In your light may we see light
The light of your grace
The light of your goodness
The light of your glory
Be about us and within us
That we may live as people of the light
People of the day and not of the darkness
Let you light guide us in our perplexities
Enlighten us in our sorrows
And surround us in our dangers
Lord of light, fill us with your light*

WALKING WITH, which was recently featured in BBC Songs of Praise are looking for tins of chickpeas, sweetcorn, tuna, tomatoes, kidney beans and fruit. Please leave your donations in the box at the back of the church.

Thank you all for your continued generosity. Marie Rice

Email **Father Anthony** would like to have the addresses of those who have one – please see him to complete a form. *He thanks those who have already joined the listing.*