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Fr. David Smith
Parish Newsletter
30th December 2018 to 6th January 2019



Today!
A Celebration of the Family.
St. Cuthbert's, North Shields
At 4.00 pm



Please pray for all the sick of our Parish including:
Fr. Pat McKenna;

Pat Alcock; Rona Bojke; Eddie Aspreno; Merle Hall; Joyce Burns; Peter Mulholland; Beryl Boulton; Ann Green; Bill Baxter; Christopher Brown; Mandy Setford; Mary McAlinden; Ruby Durkin; Janice O'Brien; Caleb Anthony Barns; Suzanne Luck; Terence Darmody; Mary Stephenson.

Mass with anointing of the sick:



Saturday 5th January at 10.30 am. Here at St. Columba's
Afterwards all are invited to join our regular coffee morning supporters for a tea/coffee and a light lunch in the church hall.

Coffee Mornings

Coffee mornings will start again on January 5th/6th, including the lunch for those coming to the Mass above.
If you would like to help at the Sunday coffee morning please see Maureen Ronan.



Monthly Music Monday

7.00 pm 7th January 2019
Everyone welcome to sing, singalong or listen to this monthly music treat.
What a great way to start the New Year!



Viva Santo Nino!

You are joyfully invited to the Santo Nino Filipino Festival.
St. Theresa's, Heaton Road, Newcastle on Sunday 20th January from 2-00 to 5-00pm.
Please see the noticeboard for more details.



A Message from Michael Ratki and Family
On behalf of Maria's brother, Bill, all our family and myself, I would like to offer my thanks to Fr. David and all of the parishioners of Our Lady and St Columba's church for the assistance given to us for her Requiem Mass. Whilst my Mum was in St Peter's care home she was given Holy Communion each weekend by Special Ministers: I know that she greatly valued these visits and those of her friends in the parish. Many thanks also to Fr. David and to Frs. Michael, Chris and Peter for concelebrating.

Christmas Masses

The church was absolutely crammed to the rafters, on Christmas Eve especially, for our celebrations of Mass at Christmas. It was wonderful to see so many children and visitors as well as all parishioners. Thank you to everyone who played a part in preparing our beautiful church and assisting in the services over the Advent and Christmas period.



Week Beginning Sun 30th December 2018

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Saturday 29th December St. Thomas Becket	No Mass or service		
Sunday 30th December The Holy Family Welcome Team Reader Offertory Procession Eucharistic Ministers	9.00 am Mass	Jean and Jimmy Morrison; and Moira Dear Michael Ronan Jim & Maureen Hall	Audrey Taylor
Monday 31st December	No service. Prayer group 1-30 to 2-10pm. Ring Veronica Whitty for details on 0191 2630920		
Tuesday 1st January The Mother of God	12 noon Mass	Albert and Nora Lee <i>(Please note, no evening Mass today)</i>	
Wednesday 2nd January Ss. Basil and Gregory	10-00 am	Service of the Word and Communion	
Thursday 3rd January The Holy Name of Jesus	10.00 am Mass	Hilda Huscroft	
Friday 4th January	10 00 am	Service of the Word and Communion	
	Saturday	No Mass or service.	
Sunday 6th January The Epiphany of The Lord Welcome Team Reader Offertory Procession Eucharistic Ministers	9.00 am Mass	Jimmy Burn; and Scorfield Family Pat Brennan Sales Family Margaret Finlay; Lynn O'Sullivan; Mark Scorfield; Jim Hall; Terry Robson.	Gail and Ivan Heong
	Sunday 30th December	Sunday 6th January	Sunday 13th January
COUNTERS	Teresa Dickson Maureen Ronan Michael Ronan	Tony & Maureen Cuggy Alec & Pat Hedley	Anne Proud Bonny Allen
SACRISTY CLEANERS			
PIETY STALL	Diane McCann	Pat McKeown	Ursula Kilpatrick
WASHING ALTAR LINEN	Betty Campbell	Bernie Doherty	Maureen Hall
LITURGY			
MINI BUS DRIVER	Tony McAndrew	Kevin Vallely	Teresa Keys
COFFEE MORNING			

For your continued support of our parish.

Last week's collections were: £511 of which £192 was gift aided.

Hall roof fund £49-47.



Thank You and Happy New Year.

I wish to extend a very big thank you to all of you for your kindness and generosity. I celebrated a very big birthday just before Christmas and I am so grateful for all the cards and gifts: they are so appreciated by myself and Jack, the dog, who also did very well!

I hope you have a 2019 filled with many blessings. Fr. David.



Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession

Please note there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession at 6.00 pm on Tuesday evenings. This will become the regular time for confessions at Our Lady & St. Columba apart from when Father David is away from the Parish.



Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Blackfriars Partnership of Churches is planning to run a pilgrimage to Walsingham in July. More details on the notice board.

