



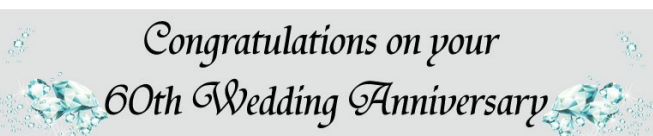
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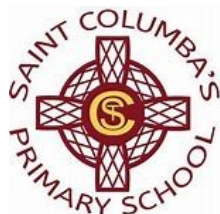
Letter from Bishop Seamus Cunningham to launch Diocesan “Vision, Mission & Values” will be read at today’s Mass.



WelcomeRory James Middleton who will be baptised later today. May he always walk as a child of the light.



Congratulations and best wishes to Tony and Margaret Murphy who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary during the week. What a wonderful achievement and celebration! Margaret and Tony will be presented with a Papal blessing during Mass this Sunday.



Congratulations to Mrs. Jordan head teacher of St. Columba's Primary School and her staff on the recent Ofsted Inspection. I was delighted to read the report which states that our school has maintained a good standard. This is no easy achievement due to the fact that inspections are constantly raising standards and therefore making it more difficult for schools to maintain high standards. Mrs. Jordan and her staff have achieved this and we should all be very grateful to them. Not only for their expertise and professionalism but also for the wonderful care that they offer to our children.



Please pray for all the sick of our Parish including:

Fr. David.; Fr. Pat McKenna;
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.

Kenya

There are a number of photographs on the notice board outlining Father David's recent visit to Muhoroni.



'Walking With' IN NORTH TYNESIDE

Walking With are in need of a number of items to help support Asylum Seekers and Refugees. Please see list of items required on the notice board. Thanks.

Special collection for Racial Justice Sunday

Next weekend Sunday 17th February 2019 leaflets and information about Racial Justice Sunday available at the back of Church.

Week Beginning Sun 10th February 2019—5th Sunday of the year

Saturday 9th February	No Mass or service		
Sunday 10th February Welcome Team Reader Offertory Procession Eucharistic Ministers	9.00 am Mass - George Hogarth & Family Members Ged & Maureen Turnbull Marie Rice Kennedy Family Agnes Turnbull Maureen Finlay David Dodds Michael Ronan Pat Brennan		
Monday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes	No service. Prayer group 1-30 to 2-10pm. Ring Veronica Whitty for details on 0191 2630920		
Tuesday 12th February	7.00 pm Mass—Reg & Hilda Huscroft		
Wednesday 13th February	10.00 am Service of the Word and Communion		
Thursday 14th February SS Cyril & Methodius	9.15 am Mass— in St. Columba's School—all welcome		
Friday 15th February	10 00 am Service of the Word and Communion		
Saturday 16th February	Saturday No Mass or service.		
Sunday 17th February Welcome Team Reader Offertory Procession Eucharistic Ministers	9.00 am Mass - Eleanor & John Donkin Shiels Family Veronica Whitty Diane McCann & Maureen Worth Pat McKeown Paul Dinsley Sheila Maguire Jim Hall Mark Scorfield		
	Sunday 10th February	Sunday 17th February	Sunday 24th February
COUNTERS	Anne Proud Bonny Allen	Ali Lawson Teresa Keys Marion Batey	Teresa Dickson Maureen & Michael Ronan
SACRISTY CLEANERS			
PIETY STALL	Joan Coates	Jill Shiels	Anne Scorfield
WASHING ALTAR LINEN	Betty Campbell	Bernie Doherty	Maureen Hall
LITURGY	Amy & Jill	Diane & Paul	Jill & Anne
MINI BUS DRIVER	Tony McAndrew	Brian Hibbert	Martin Adams
COFFEE MORNING	Ali & Teresa	Kathleen & Jane	Lynn O's & Lorraine

For your continued support of our parish. Last week's collections were: £429.52 of which £231.00 was gift aided.



Craft & Table Top Sale

St. Luke's Wallsend. Saturday 9th March 10.30 am—2.30 pm. Refreshments, tea, coffee, soup etc. home made produce, gifts, crafts, raffles and much more. Please see notice board for details.

Two courses coming up :

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

St. Charles Gosforth. 26th March, 2nd April 7.00—9.00 pm, 6th April 10.30 am—4.00 pm.

In Service training for Sacristans & Lay Leaders

St. Hilda's Resource Centre—21st March, 10.30 am—3.00 pm. Please see notice board for details.





Bishop Seamus Cunningham (left) welcomes his successor, Bishop Robert Byrne



Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle

NEW BISHOP ROBERT BYRNE:

Pope Francis appoints Bishop Robert Byrne as the 14th Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. The Holy See announced that Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Robert Byrne as **Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle**. Bishop Byrne succeeds The Right Reverend Séamus Cunningham, who has been Bishop of the Diocese since 2009.

Bishop Byrne will be the fourteenth Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle. He was born in Manchester on 22 September 1956 and ordained priest in 1985, then Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Birmingham on 13 May, 2014.

Speaking of his appointment, Bishop Byrne said: "I am deeply humbled by the trust Pope Francis has placed in me with this appointment as Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. I would like to thank the people and priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham where I have served for the past five years and, in particular, Archbishop Bernard for his constant kindness and support. I look forward to making my home in the North East, with its rich Christian heritage, and also getting to know and serve the people, deacons, religious and priests of the Diocese. I ask all of you to keep me in your prayers as I pray for you."

Bishop Cunningham said: "I am delighted to welcome Bishop Byrne as my successor at a time of great challenge and hope in this Diocese. The Lord Jesus is leading us along a road of rich discernment for the future of the Church and its mission. I know that the priests, deacons, religious and people of the Diocese will warmly welcome him and assure him of our prayers. May the Lord bless his ministry among us. We commend him to Mary the Mother of God, St Cuthbert and all the saints of our Diocese. I have therefore been appointed as Apostolic Administrator, by Pope Francis, until Bishop Robert's installation.

The Most Reverend Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, said: "I am delighted for the Church in Northumbria and Durham and for Bishop Robert that he has been appointed Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle. Bishop Robert has spent his entire priestly ministry in the Archdiocese as an Oratorian in Birmingham and Oxford and we shall miss him very much. Bishop Robert will carry his love and knowledge of Blessed John Henry Newman into his new ministry. Bishop Robert renews the bond of affection and faith between our two dioceses which the late Bishop Kevin Dunn had done so much to encourage. May St Chad and St Cuthbert inspire Bishop Robert as he prepares for his new ministry."

Bishop Byrne's Episcopal Installation will be celebrated in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle, on Monday 25 March.

JOSEPH



THANK YOU!

From Joseph and his mum and dad Ann Marie and Tom. Who'd have thought we'd be seeing photos like of this of Joseph being encouraged by physios. I found it very moving to have a conversation with Joseph after anointing him at Christmas and being told it was highly unlikely after the damage caused by three cardiac arrests that he'd ever walk or talk again. We placed it all in God's hands and after prayers storming heaven from thousands of well wishers all around our diocese and in Kenya we are seeing Joseph's progress. Let's pray that his recovery continues and please remember to offer prayers for him on Monday 11th of February Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.