



Each time you look at the sculpture you see something different. I noticed Mary and Joseph escaping to Egypt with Jesus and a young boy escaping the Irish famine in the 1840s. The sculpture highlights that our world has always had refugees and migrants of all creeds and religions over the centuries. Pope Francis wants us to reflect on this image and pray for all who have to flee their homes as a result of war and deprivation. We pray for all who are currently in this position especially all those who use the services of Walking With in Wallsend and the Bay Foodbank in Whitley Bay.

Anybody who has recently moved to our diocese from Hong Kong, please see the letter of welcome on our website.

Fr David

Lent 2022 - Vicariates for Faith and Mission

Lent 2022 begins on March 2nd. The first part of the Lenten booklet produced by the diocese will be available on our website. The dedicated Lenten reflection page on the diocesan website can be found here: <https://diocesehn.org.uk/living-the-faith/liturgy-prayer/#seasonal>. The second part of the Lenten reflections will be published shortly.

The Faith and Mission Team writes:

“Last year’s Lenten booklet was very well received. The past couple of years have probably felt like a very long Lent to many people, so now is a very appropriate liturgical season to express and engage fully with our tribulations. As Christians, we have a hope that shines at the end of every rough road, and we trust that this year’s booklet will foster prayerful reflection on the Scriptures’ relevance to our daily Christian living as we look forward to Easter. The reflections have been contributed by a mix of clergy, religious and lay people to express the richness and variety of our diocesan community. “

Please take some time to read the resource.

St Columba’s Building and Development Fundraising Event

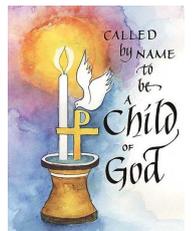
Parishioners from all three Wallsend parishes are invited to a concert on Thursday 9th of June - the Feast of St Columba. We will be entertained by the **Wallsend Community Choir**. The concert will begin at 7pm and end at 8.30pm. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the hall. Tickets will be £5 and this includes refreshments. We will also be selling tickets for a raffle on the night.

Baptism

For parents who would like their child baptised the date for the next catechesis session is 24th February 6.30pm at St Columba’s Wallsend.

If you are seeking to have your child baptised then please ask Fr David for a baptism application form and once filled in and returned he will advise you on how to take the next steps.

To request a baptism for your child you need to come along to Saturday Mass 5.00pm at Our Lady and St Columba, Sunday 10.00am at St Aidan’s or Sunday 11.30am at St Bernadette’s. Please keep yourself informed by regularly looking at our newsletters which are on the website: www.wallsendcatholic.church



If you do not already regularly attend Mass then after doing so for a few weeks, please introduce yourself to Fr David Smith and, if appropriate, you will be given a baptism application form. Once the form is returned you will be given a date to attend for a baptism catechesis session. Once that is completed then you will be offered dates from which you can choose the most suitable for your family. Fr David looks forward to baptising your child and welcoming them to the community. Thank you!