

Wallsend Family of Churches

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Our Lady & St Columba



Our Lady & St Aidan



St Bernadette

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Additional News Insert

A week for transition

The week before last was quite a week for our children and young people!



All of the children in year 6 of our primary schools in North Tyneside gathered in St. Columba's church for a special Mass to give thanks for all the blessings they had received since starting school. They also prayed in anticipation of their life in their new high school and all the adventures they will experience there. Fr. David asked the children to remember their parents, teachers

and friends in their prayers and encouraged them to be open to the path their talents take them along. It was a beautiful occasion, with the Church filled to capacity, ringing with song and the children were a credit to their families and schools for their reverent and spirited participation. Thank you to Fr. David and all the teaching staff of the schools for making such a lovely event come to fruition. It will be a happy memory for all concerned.

Present at the Mass were musicians and singers from St. Thomas More Catholic High School. It was lovely to see the older students welcome the children and take part in the celebration.

They, too, had their own reason to celebrate. A group of students received the sacrament of Confirmation this week. They had made a commitment right at the start of the academic year and attended a series of evening preparation meetings, culminating with an "awayday" to Holy Island, and Mass in the little St. Aidan's Church there. Bishop Robert officiated at the Confirmation ceremony itself at St. Cuthbert's in North Shields this week.

What a week for change!

