

**I HEREBY DECREE**

9. That the parishes of Our Lady and St. Columba, Our Lady and St. Bernadette and Our Lady and St. Aidan in Wallsend are to be amalgamated by way of an extinctive union (cf. can 515 §2 *CIC*), in order to create a new territorial parish of Wallsend under the patronage of Our Lady of Lourdes, which will incorporate the entire territory of the three parishes amalgamated by this decree;
10. That the church of Our Lady and St. Columba will be the parish church and the seat of the new parish, and that the churches of Our Lady and St. Bernadette and Our Lady and St. Aidan will remain open for the celebration of Holy Mass and the other sacraments, according to the provision made by the parish priest;
11. That the members of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes in Wallsend will be all those Catholics who reside within the territory of the new parish;
12. That all the patrimonial goods and rights together with all the liabilities of the parishes of Our Lady and St. Columba, Our Lady and St. Bernadette and Our Lady and St. Aidan in Wallsend will become the goods, the rights and the liabilities of the new parish hereby established (cf. can. 121 *CIC*);
13. That the provisions of this decree will take effect on 1 December 2022.
14. That this decree is to be published in all three current parishes, by means of a copy being displayed on each church noticeboard and the fact and places of publication being notified in the parish bulletins, and that this decree is to be published throughout the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle by suitable means.

Hierarchical recourse against the provisions of this decree may be presented in accordance with the norms of canon law (cf. cann. 1734-1739 *CIC*).

Given at Newcastle upon Tyne  
this 18 day of November 2022

*+ Robert Byrne CO.*

✠ Robert Byrne, CO  
*Bishop of Hexham & Newcastle*

**Concordat cum originali**

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Cancellarius / Notarius

21-XI-2022

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Rev. Canon William Agley  
*Diocesan Chancellor*