

BULLETIN - DECEMBER 2011

Retirement

Earlier this year, Mr David Marshall and Mrs Kath Oyston retired from their posts and there will be no replacement. Which is very sad, David had worked for the Diocese and was also an Organising Secretary for the Catholic Deaf Association for almost 11 years. David will continue his role as a Pastoral Worker on a voluntary basis and will team up with Fr Robert Kinlen.

Kath Oyston worked for the Diocesan Deaf Service for many years and she was based at our Deaf Centre and had moved to the south of the Diocese where she was based at St Mary's in Stockton for 13 years. We want to thank her for her excellent and faithful service to the Deaf in our Diocese and with the Catholic Deaf Association at a regional and national level. We wish her a long happy retirement.

Fr Robert Kinlen: Chaplain to the Deaf in the Diocese of Hexham & Newcastle has left St Cuthbert Church, Cowpen, Blyth, Northumberland. He is now based at St Cecilia and St Patrick in Sunderland – he will be responsible for three Parishes in the Sunderland area. He started his new post in September this year. He will remain as chaplain to the Deaf.

Annual Deaf Christmas Mass; Saturday 24th December.

Fr Robert Kinlen has kindly agreed to come to celebrate our annual Christmas Mass. The Mass will start at 3.00pm. There will be our usual Christmas refreshment after Mass. We look forward to see you all there, please bring your friends, they are welcome.

Obituary

The members Our Lady of Lourdes were saddened by the loss of our dear friend Vincent Costello who passed away peacefully on 22nd September 2011 at the home of Mrs Debbie Rotton (Vincent's Daughter); he was 80 years of age. He had been ill for sometime. A Requiem Mass was held at St Dominic's Church in New Bridge Street, Byker. Fr Robert Kinlen, Chaplain to the Deaf officiated at the service. There was [eulogy](#) that was written by Vincent during his illness, also a beautiful poem written by Vincent's daughters, Debbie & Doris.

There was a large member of Vincent's family, grand children and great grand children and his friend attended the funeral, he was buried along with his late wife Margaret at Jesmond Old Cemetery, Newcastle upon Tyne, followed by reception at Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre. He will be sadly missed, he was very popular at our Deaf centre where he used to work as a caretaker, teaching sign language and he was one of the longest serving members of our Deaf Club. Earlier this year he received the Papal blessing and a Medal from the Society of St Vincent De Paul for his loyal and faithful service to Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre. He was a former pupil of St John Catholic School for the Deaf at Boston Spa, West Yorkshire. We will miss him. Rest in peace Vincent.
'May perpetual light shine up on him forever'



Vincent Costello - 1930 - 2011

Obituary

Mr Thomas Howie, the late husband of Monica Howie (nee Gardner) passed away suddenly at the University Hospital, Durham on August 26th 2011 he was 72 years of age, he had been in poor health for sometime. Mr Thomas Howie was a former pupil of St John Catholic School for the Deaf in Boston Spa, West Yorkshire. The Funeral was held at St Cuthbert Church in Chester le Street, County Durham. Fr Robert Kinlen led the Service in British Sign Language. May he rest in Peace

Please remember the following names in your prayers.

Mr Harry Roberts - (Chester le Street) passed away on 25th October he was 82 years of age.

Mr Eric Reed - (Washington)

Mr Jimmy Passmore - (Gateshead)

'May perpetual light shine upon them always'

May thy rest in Peace.

Other News

Earlier this year in May and October we had a visitor from Singapore and India to Our Deaf Centre in Newcastle.

On 21st May 2011, the members of Our Lady of Lourdes welcomed the International SVP President from Singapore, Brother Michael Thio and his wife who met the Deaf members at Newcastle Deaf Centre, they were showed around the building and met different groups, Deaf Acton Group, Social & Sport Club and the Pastoral Caring Service.

Also on the 3rd October 2011, we had more SVP visitors who came from India with our Tyne Central Council President, Brother Bill Lawson who showed them around the Deaf Centre, meeting the Deaf members, who showed them the craft work made by the Deaf Action Group which they gave some hand made gift to the two SVP Brothers. Also the Social Club Chairperson Barry Siddons showed them the Social Club and Sport Club's bars, and they were shown the Chapel and the Pastoral Centre's room. Bill Lawson briefly explained to the two SVP Brothers about how the Deaf Centre runs and is used.

Information and announcement for the New Year 2012.

Since Father Robert Kinlen has moved to his new parish in Sunderland. The Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Deaf Centre's Chapel on a Sunday at 6.00pm will say the same **except every 4th Saturday there will a Eucharistic Service which will start at 6.00pm.**

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes; 11th February 2012

We will have our annual Mass to honour the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We hope the Mass will start at 4.00pm followed by Pie & Peas Supper. We will give you more details and confirmation at a later date.

Holy Week & Easter 2012.

No details or arrangements have been made yet. We need to make arrangements with Fr Robert Kinlen who you know has moved to Sunderland. We give you more details later in the New Year.

Pilgrimage to Our Lady Mount Grace, Osmotherley, Sunday 24th June 2012.

We will return to Osmotherly next year. This year's Pilgrimage was cancelled because the Catholic Deaf Association North East Planning Group had dissolved due to the change of the two committee members who had retired from their post, however, the planning group has now resumed with new faces and will take responsibility of organising events the same as before.

David Marshall

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