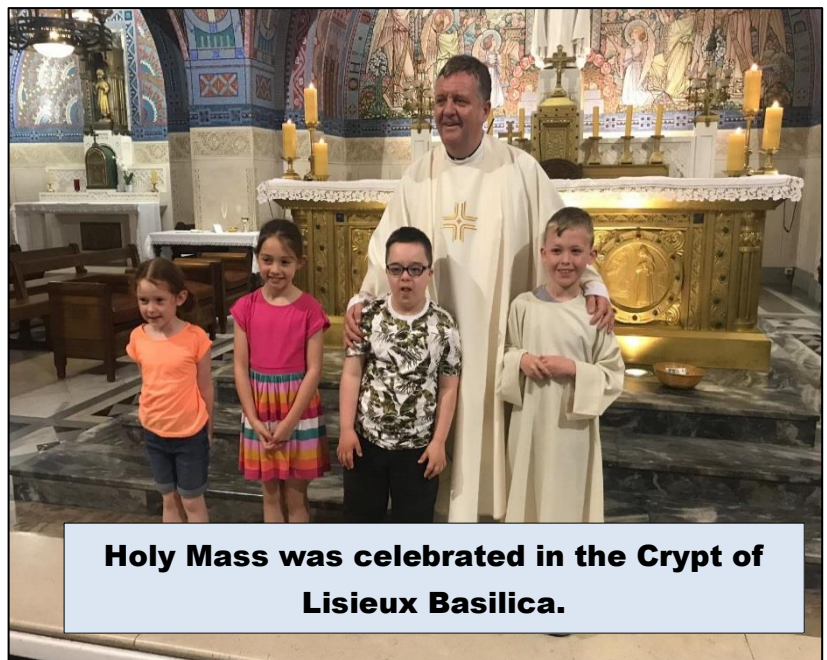


PILGRIMAGE 2019 TO LISIEUX AND LOURDES



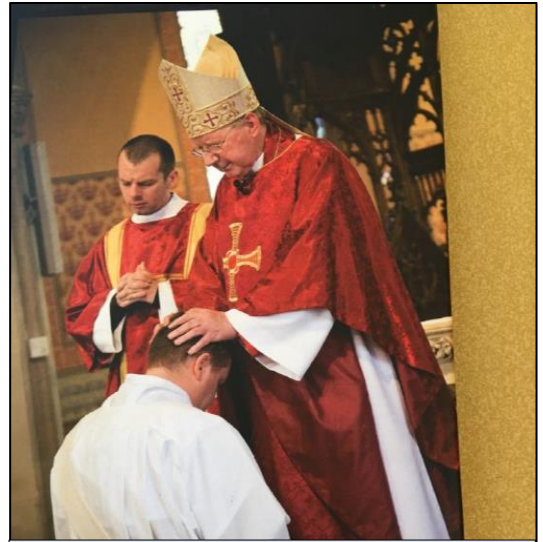
Pilgrims arrived safely at Lisieux (Normandy) famed as the place where St. Therese (a 19th Century Saint) also known as ‘the Little Flower’ spent most of her childhood and an important French pilgrimage site.

July 2019 our parish pilgrimage to Lisieux and Lourdes departed Wallsend for Dover. On arriving in Calais the coach continued on to the shrine of Saint Therese in Lisieux. After dinner and night prayer in the L’Ermitage chapel the pilgrims took a short stroll to a nearby café with a beer garden and raised a glass giving thanks for a wonderful day. They then enjoyed a good sleep and on Thursday 25th July, Feast of Saint James the Apostle, Father David in the Crypt of Lisieux Basilica celebrated Holy Mass for the pilgrims. The intention being for Alicia Lockie, a 27 year old woman who died a year ago. Alicia’s funeral Mass took place at Saint Columba’s Wallsend.



Holy Mass was celebrated in the Crypt of Lisieux Basilica.

The Mass in Lisieux was also offered in thanksgiving for Father David's tenth anniversary to the sacred priesthood, so a very special place to celebrate his anniversary. After the Mass the pilgrims enjoyed a guided tour of the Basilica and then after lunch a tour of Therese's family home and St. Peter's Cathedral in Lisieux where prayers were offered in the Saint John Marie Vianney chapel for an increase in vocations to the sacred Priesthood. After that there was a tour of the convent where St. Therese entered religious life. After dinner and night prayer in honour of St. James the Apostle the pilgrims retired to bed before leaving for Lourdes on Friday 26th July.



Fr. David receives a blessing from Bishop Seamus (retired) for his 10th Anniversary to the Sacred Priesthood.



Fr. David is ready to place the candle at the prayer service, for the intentions of both Parishes.

LOURDES: PARISH CANDLE: Thank you to all who contributed to the Lourdes Candle. Fr. David and Fr. Shaun from St. Aidan's Ashington held a joint prayer service, praying for all your intentions. Images of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Columba were placed on the candle and it was decorated with brown and green ribbon representing the brown Franciscan habit and Zion's.



Our 'Prayer Candle' for St. Anthony of Padua & St. Columba's Parish burns brightly and all our intentions raised for the intercession of Our Lady.



Fr. David and Fr. Shaun (St. Aidan's Ashington) held a joint prayer service for all our intentions. Thanks to both Parishes.