



# DIOCESE OF Hexham & Newcastle

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Dear Father, Deacon, Brother and Sister

It is with sadness that I write to let you know that Father Austin Tomaney, born 27<sup>th</sup> May 1927, died on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019; he was 92 years of age. I ask you to remember him in your prayers and Masses and also to commend him to the people of your parish for their prayers.

Father Austin was ordained to the priesthood on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1952. He has faithfully served the people of our Diocese in the following parishes:

Curate:	Darlington: St Augustine's	Aug 1952 - Sep 1955
	Walker: St Anthony	Sep 1955 - Aug 1962
Assistant Administrator	Diocesan Rescue Society	Aug 1962 - May 1978
Administrator	Diocesan Rescue Society	May 1978 - Nov 1981
Parish Priest:	Annisford: St John the Baptist	Nov 1981 - Aug 1992
National Chaplain to the Deaf		Aug 1992 - Jun 2000
Retired to South Shields		Apr 2001

Father Austin was a member of the Northern Brethren Fund and fellow members of the NBF are reminded to offer two Masses for the repose of his soul *de obligatione*.

Father Austin's body will be received into St John the Baptist, Annisford on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 7.00 pm and Mass will be celebrated. **I will celebrate his Requiem Mass on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 12 noon at St John the Baptist, Annisford.** Fr Austin will then be interred at St John's.

If you wish to concelebrate at the Requiem Mass, you are asked to arrive no later than 11.30 am with your Alb and Diocesan Chasuble and Stole.

With my very best wishes

✠ Rt Rev Robert Byrne CO  
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