

A sad letter from Westby in the Parish Magazine

It with great sorrow we announce that Father Kevin died peacefully in the early hours of the 1st October. Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



Father Kevin was born on the 13th June 1950, in Carlisle, Cumbria where he would later attend **St Margaret Mary's School, Carlisle and Austin Friars School**. He joined the Augustinian Order straight from school in 1969 making his first profession in 1970. He was ordained a priest in the chapel at Austin Friars on **18 September 1976**. He was first appointed to **St Monica's, Hoxton as deacon (1975-1981)** and then as Parish Priest in 1977. He was said to be the youngest Parish Priest in England, then still only in his late twenties.

In 1985 Father Kevin went on the missions and was assigned to the first Augustinian community in Incheon, South Korea from 1985-1993. He had two years at a language school with a variety of pastoral experiences including supplying in parishes and working as a residential hospital chaplain in the Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in Pupyong. He was then appointed Superior Assistant Priest in 1989 at the first Augustinian parish in Korea, of Christ the King, Incheon. He later took over as parish priest in 1992.

Father Kevin returned to the UK in 1993 where he held various postings. He came to Westby and Holy Family in 2014 where until his untimely death he served both parishes happily. The rest of this piece is left to the members of his parish and surrounding parishes. God Bless Rev Kev.

"We have lost our muchloved Good Shepherd, pastor, priest and friend"

"Life will never be the same at our Little Church at Westby"



"His preaching was well prepared, thought provoking. Challenging us to look outside the box with words full of compassion, forgiveness, love and hope. How blessed we were to have this Holy man, who was the face of Christ in our lives. Father Kevin reached out to those who were marginalised. He was a popular visitor to HMP in Kirkham and had recently encouraged both churches to help to support the **Medaille Trust who care for victims of traffickers.**"

"He was a genuine, kind and funny man who knew exactly what to say at the right time, he will be missed so much."

"We were so saddened to hear at Mass on Sunday of Fr Kevin Lowry's passing after suffering a heart attack. Many of the Governing Body of St Peters knew of the warm, kind and deeply faithful nature that Fr Kevin showed to all those that he met and inspired. We all wanted to take the opportunity to pass to you our deepest sympathy and to ensure that you know that Fr Kevin is in all our prayers. We are sure that our Lord will comfort him and his family God bless you all"

St Peters Catholic Primary School Governing Body



“Such sad sad news, a lovely genuine, funny, kind man who will be greatly missed in our school and church”

“We all loved Father Kevin and he got on so well with the children and everyone at the school. My wife loved to talk football with him at the slightest opportunity and only last year he joined us on our quiz team which didn't help. He will be very much missed but we can take solace in that he is in a better place along with his mother”

“So sorry, I met this affable gentleman only two Sundays ago. God rest his soul”



“My deepest condolences to his family and his parishioners. Father Kevin was a lovely generous man who I spoke to most Thursdays whilst running my SW group at Holy Family's church hall. May he rest in peace”

“Such a lovely man, always asked my sister how her brother in law was doing during his cancer treatment and he'd only met him a few times. So sad RIP Fr Kevin”



“Rest in peace Fr Kevin. You will be sorely missed and had a huge impact on me personally as well as other parishioners of Holy Family and St. Anne's. Will miss our football chats too, including catching up on the (mis)fortunes of Carlisle Utd! Praying for you and your family”

“Still struggling to get my head around it. You will be very much missed Fr Kevin and we will always feel blessed that you officiated our wedding ceremony in France only a few weeks ago”

“RIP Fr Kevin such a lovely man. Such a shock to hear this thoughts and prayers with your family xx”

“A people's priest who everyone loved old and young - his shoes will be hard to fill RIP Father Kevin”



“A wonderful priest and devout man who touched the lives of everyone he met. We will miss him so very very much. He did so much for the parish of holy family and St Anne and was loved by everyone. Sleep peacefully Fr Kevin safe with God and the angels. Xxxx”

“Rest in peace Father Kevin you will be missed by everyone old and young. I am blessed to have known you even for such a short while xxx”

“Very sad he was a lovely man” RIP Fr Kevin. A lifetime spent in prayer... and a lifetime in eternity... what better”

“Father Kevin was not only our priest but a friend may he rest in peace xx”

“RIP Father Kevin, loved by everyone, a wonderful priest and friend, we were blessed to have known you xxxx”

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