

26<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I write to inform you that Father Dennis' funeral is due to take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 11.30. Priests and mourners from all over the diocese (and beyond) will be attending. Father's involvement in so many aspects of the communities he served will mean that the church is likely to be full. As a result, a special vigil Mass is also being held on Sunday evening at 5pm. I would encourage parents and pupils to attend the Sunday evening Mass should they wish to pay their respects. A group of staff and pupils will be representing the school at the funeral on Monday but the school will remain open as normal on that day.

A book of remembrance will be opened in the foyer of school for anyone who wishes to write a tribute to Father. We are also planning a Mass to commemorate his life. This will take place in July and Bishop Patrick will celebrate for us, along with pupils from St Anne's and Saint Mary's New Mills.

An extract of Father's own account on how he became a priest has now been posted on the school website if you wish to find out more. I know many of you will have your own stories and memories of Father. I hope you will be able to share them in our book of remembrance or at one of our celebrations.

Yours faithfully,

Mr B Hickey  
Headteacher

