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Dear Father, Deacon, Brother and Sister

Death Notice for Fr Wilfrid Elkin, RIP

It is with sadness that I write to inform you that Father Wilfrid Elkin, born 2 May 1935, died on 13 March 2021; he was 85 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 Wilf was ordained to the priesthood on 17 July 1959. He has faithfully served the people of our Diocese in the following parishes:

Curate:	Sunderland: St Anne	Sep 1959 - Sept 1965
	Newcastle: St Cuthbert	Sep 1965 - July 1971
	Consett: St Patrick	Jul 1971 - Nov 1978
Parish Priest	Ryhope: St Patrick	Nov 1978 - Nov 2001
	Barnard Castle: St Mary	Nov 2001

Father Wilf 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.

Fr Wilf's body will be received into St Mary's, Barnard Castle at 5pm on Tuesday 30 March.

I will celebrate the Requiem Mass at 12 noon on Wednesday 31 March which, at Fr Wilf's request, will be in the Extraordinary Form. The Mass will be followed by burial at Barnard Castle Catholic Cemetery.

If you wish to attend the Requiem Mass, please email Paula Henley at Bishop's House. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only thirty people will be able to attend and clergy will not be able to concelebrate, but can attend in Choir Dress.

It is hoped that the Requiem Mass will be live-streamed and a link will be put on the Diocesan website. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Fr Wilf when restrictions have been further eased.

With every good wish and blessing

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