

NEW ARCHBISHOP OF WESTMINSTER

Archbishop Vincent Nichols

Press Release



A Warm Welcome from Bishop O'Donoghue:

“A very warm welcome to Archbishop Vincent Nichols on his appointment as the new Archbishop of Westminster. There will be great rejoicing, not only in the Archdiocese but throughout the country, on this appointment.

What a consolation it will be for Archbishop Vincent on this momentous occasion to realise that what is being asked of him is no different, in a sense, from that of any other Bishop. That call is to serve Christ and His people with fidelity and generosity. These are difficult times in the Church and in Society but there are many opportunities, too, and the new Archbishop is blessed with immense gifts and talents.

We pray that he will be very happy in his new role - offering leadership to priests and people in the search for the truth, coupled with a great desire for unity in the Catholic community, with other Christians and indeed in seeking to work with all faith communities and men and women of good will. We pray that the poor, the sick and the marginalised will be to the forefront of his mission.

With joy and thanksgiving I assure the new Archbishop of our prayers and support in the great task he has undertaken in the name of the Lord. Our thanks, too, go out to Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor for his years of service to the Church and the success of his mission in Westminster and as President of the Bishops' Conference.”

+Patrick O'Donoghue
Bishop of Lancaster

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