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Holy Island-

June 28th. '57.

More than 2000 members of the Newcastle Diocesan Pilgrimage, who had come from all ~~over~~ parts of Northumberland, joined in the three-mile walk over the sands to Holy Island.

The pilgrimage was led by the Bishop of Newcastle, the Right-Rev H.E. Ashdown.

On arrival at the Island, the Bishop, ~~carrying the staff, stopped~~  
~~and~~ <sup>WAS</sup> greeted by the local clergy- the Vicar- the Rev T.J.

Martin, and the Rev Davidson- Chairman of the Pilgrimage Committee.

After removing the sand from their feet, and suitably shod, the pilgrims walked, in brilliant sunshine, from the village square to the Priory for Solemn Eucharist.

In his address, the Bishop reminded his flock that it was on this spot that St Aidan- 1st Bishop of Lindisfarne- sowed the seeds of ~~Christian~~ Christianity in Britain.