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Passionate about, and proud to be a Geordie for a dozen generations. Being a Geordie, and the youngest, and only boy in a family of sisters, is a bit like being God! (In the sense of being adored and incapable of doing wrong).

That doesn't sound like the best preparation for priesthood, but that's where God the Holy Spirit lead me. I'm sure that a carefree childhood, and wild teenage years, are a good preparation for seeing into the hearts of the happy and the sad. Being a monk, as well as a priest, puts God firmly at the centre of my vocation as a Christian and a priest, and without that, nothing I do (including the jokes that St Augustine's girls politely smile at, and St Benedict's boys usually don't get) would not bear any fruit for Christ our God and the Gospel He wants us to hear to give us life in all its fullness.