

Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine

The image shows the interior of Saint Columb's Cathedral. The focal point is a large, multi-paned stained glass window with intricate designs in shades of blue, red, and gold. Below the window, the altar area is visible, featuring a wooden structure and several lit candles in holders. To the right, a row of wooden pews is visible, each with a small pink lamp on top. The architecture is Gothic, with high vaulted ceilings and stone walls. The lighting is warm, primarily from the candles and the light coming through the stained glass.

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The Dean writes.....

Dear Parishioners and Friends

Celebration is a word that we use at this time of the year. Indeed, one of the hymns on Christmas Day invites us to

Come and join the celebration, it's a very special day; come and share our jubilation, there's a new-born King today. (*Hymn 152*).

Christmas is indeed a time for celebration. So let us reflect on what we are celebrating. **We are celebrating the birth of a child.** But not just any child. This child is special, unique. He is Jesus, the Son of God.

We are celebrating the fact that God loves us. In that well known verse of Scripture we are told, **'God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, that everyone who has faith in Him may not die but have eternal life.'**

(*Saint John 3: 16 – The New English Bible*).



We are celebrating the fact that even in the midst of great suffering God is with us.

Wherever that suffering may be, God's love and transforming power is present too.

We find it difficult, even perhaps impossible, to explain suffering and to give any clear answer to the question **'Why do people suffer?'** Suffering is a fact of life. The form of suffering may be different for each person but it's presence is a reality for all of us. We can find comfort in the fact that we are not alone. The psalmist was able to write, **'Whither shall I go from thy spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.'** (*Psalms 139: 7, 8*).

The hymnwriter Frederick Whitfield wrote, **'There is a name I love to hear'**. (*Hymn 111*).

He speaks about the name of Jesus; the name that reminds him of **'a Saviour's love'** and **'a Father's smile'**. At Christmas there is another name that we use when we speak about Jesus; the name **'Emmanuel'**. **'The virgin will conceive and bear a son, and he shall be called Emmanuel, a name which means 'God is with us'**. (*Saint Matthew 1: 23 – The New English Bible*). Christmas is a time to celebrate with other people. A time to share memories and stories of Christmas long ago.

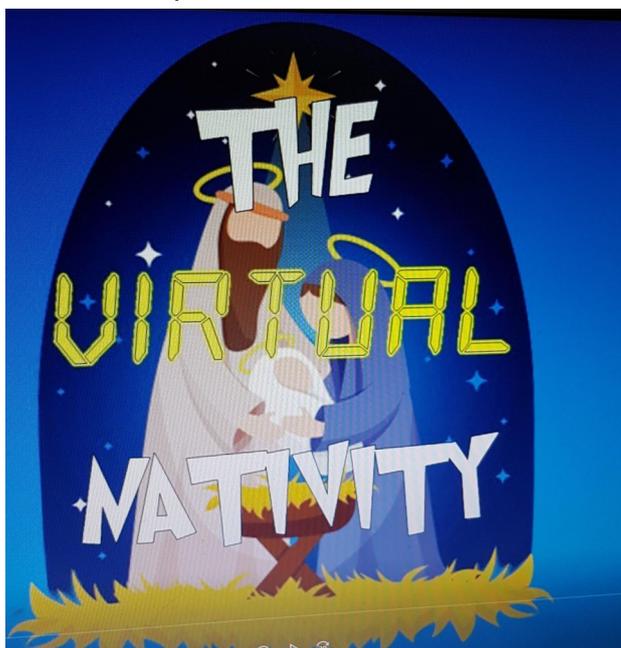
A time to reflect on the love and power and presence of God as we have known it in our own lives. A time to encourage other people, perhaps those who are journeying through a dark valley. By our words and actions this Christmas let us lead them to a place of safety – away from darkness and into the light: to a Person who can dispel all their fears and worries, who can help them through difficult times, because He is the Light of the World. **Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."** (*Saint John 8: 12 – The New International Version of the Bible*).

My wife Patricia and our daughter Dione join with me as I wish you and your family a very Happy Christmas and a very Blessed New Year.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

We had started our Christmas Preparations when the new restrictions came into place.



Every year we try to help the children to celebrate the Christmas Story. We don't always get it right, someone forgets their lines or is sick on the day. Rehearsals this year were impossible so we decided that the Nativity this year will be different. We took into account everything going on around us and we will have a Virtual Nativity. I am not going to give anything away but I hope you enjoy seeing it as much as our children enjoyed performing it. Every child was given the opportunity to take a role and we are delighted that 37 children have a part. I know they will love seeing themselves on the day. So just sit back and enjoy.

A special mention to Michael and Chris of the 'Play it by Ear' Drama group for their patience and going the extra mile for us. The recording of the

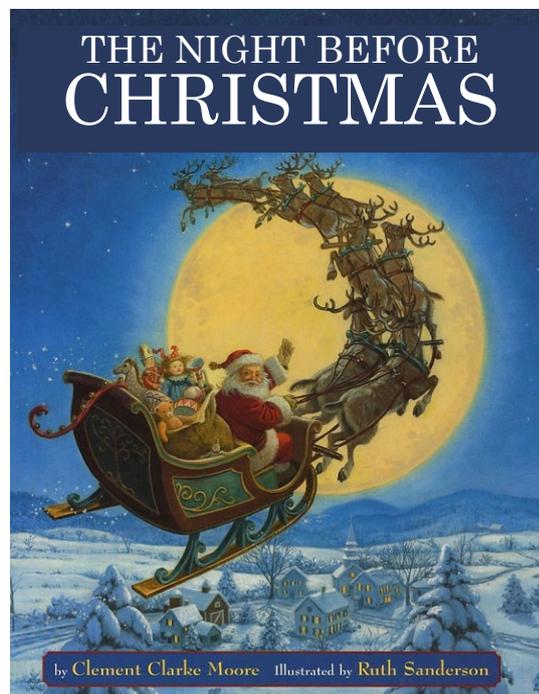
pieces gave mums and dads the opportunity to be involved as well and I thank them most sincerely for all their help.

We may have a surprise for the children at the end of the service!

I also want to thank most sincerely the teachers David, Gail, Lynsey and Holly, helpers Katie and Lauren. We appreciate everything you do on a weekly basis.



I also want to thank the parents and children who come out every Sunday. We have a great wee group of children who are eager to please and they are a pleasure to teach.



6th December
13th December

20th December
27th December
3rd January 2021
10th January
17th January
24th January
31st January

Church closed due to current restrictions
The Sunday School Christmas Celebration
Finish term
Holidays
Holidays
Holidays
Sunday School only in Cathedral House
Sunday School only in Cathedral House
Sunday School only in Cathedral House
World Leprosy Day/ Family Service

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Irene & the teachers



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standing together with those in need

Dear Dean Raymond Stewart
Please pass on our thanks to the congregation of St Columb's Cathedral for their kind donation of food and cash of £125.00 for The Churches Trust, Pantry Project.

Your donations have enabled us to make up food parcels and to provide people, who are in crisis situations, with food supplies to help them through a difficult time in their lives, and in particular at this time in helping with the additional output.

The Directors and staff are extremely grateful for your generous donation and continued support over the years.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Fagan

Interim Chief Executive

CRISIS AT CHRISTMAS

Ray & Martin's granddaughter Poppy's family were sending a donation to 'Crisis at Christmas' and wrote this card to go with it, without any help at all from her parents. Granny and granda Mace were very proud of her efforts so thought we would share it with you at this special time of year.

In your world there are two pandemics, Covid 19 and homelessness. You might feel left out, especially since Christmas is coming up and you might not have any family to celebrate with but you should know that there are people out there who are fighting to change your life for the better. Hopefully you will be able to celebrate this Christmas and hope that next year you'll see a change for the better.

Love from Poppy Stamp Age 10

MAGAZINE COMMITTEE

Linda, Robert and Ray would like to wish all our parishioners and readers a very Happy Christmas and, as the past year has been a very difficult one in many ways with the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, we hope and pray for a better 2021.



Sunday Service

Parishioners and friends can continue to watch and listen to the Morning Service on the [Cathedral Facebook](#) page or by logging on to www.stcolumbscathedral.org and going to Worship on the menu bar.

The Cathedral Magazine

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FORTHCOMING SERVICES DECEMBER

This year, unfortunately, the **Candlelight Advent Procession** on the evening of Advent Sunday, 29th November, will not be able to be held.

The Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 332nd anniversary of the Shutting of the Gates will be held in the grounds of Saint Columb's Cathedral on **Saturday 5th December at 10.30 am**. This short service will be conducted by The Reverend Nigel Cairns, the Rector of Saint Augustine's Church, Londonderry.

The Sunday School Christmas Celebration will be held in the Cathedral on **Sunday 13th December at 11.00 am**.

The Tutors of St Columb's School of Music will present an **online Christmas Concert on Friday 18th December at 7.30 pm**. The students will be represented by Ava McGinn, the Roy Adams Memorial Piano Scholar.

There will be an online voluntary donation to Zest NI.

The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols will be a low-key service on **Sunday 20th December at 11.00 am**.

Christmas Day will (DV) be celebrated on Friday 25th December at 11.00 am with Festival Eucharist (Order Two).

The Celebrant and Preacher will (DV) be The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Meeting of the Select Vestry

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held on Zoom on **Tuesday 1st December 2020 at 7.30 pm**.

The Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society

At Christmas, when we celebrate the Birth of Jesus, we think about children.

We remember children and young people who have been left without a mother or a father or, in some cases, both parents. The Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society provides financial assistance to children who live in County Londonderry.

There will be a retiring offering for The Londonderry Protestant Orphan Society at Festival Eucharist on Christmas Day, Friday 25th December 2020.

Confirmation 2021

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will (DV) visit Saint Columb's Cathedral on **Sunday 27th June 2021 at 11.00 am** to administer The Rite of Confirmation.

Samaritans Purse (The Shoe Box Appeal)

Darryl Nesbitt, a Samaritans Purse representative in Northern Ireland, wishes to say a big **THANK YOU** to those who supported the Appeal this year. 20 boxes and donations totalling 60.00 were sent from Saint Columb's Cathedral.

Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry
Sunday 8th November 2020 (Remembrance Sunday)



As I was preparing for the service today I came across a quotation by the South African President Nelson Mandela in his autobiography 'Long Walk to Freedom'.

He wrote: **"No one is born hating another person because of the color of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."**

Listen again to some of those words. **If people can learn to hate they can be taught to love.**

I am not a Greek scholar but I do know that in the Greek vocabulary there are seven words for love. I want today to highlight just three of them. **Eros, Philia and Agape.**

Eros is a romantic, passionate love – the kind of love that is associated with two people falling in love; the kind associated with a romantic dinner or a meeting leading eventually to an engagement or a marriage.

Philia is an intimate, authentic friendship – the kind of love that is associated with a long-term friendship between two people, maybe from their school days and lasting right throughout their lives. It is encouraging and kind. It is also based in goodwill, or wanting what is best for the other person.

Agape is a deeper kind of love that has within it all of the aspects of the Christian Faith. Agape is the love expressed in the life of Jesus. Care, compassion and concern are the sum of its parts. It is the love that gives without expecting anything in return. It is the love that Jesus taught His followers to have and that He expects His followers in every age to practice in their lives.

On the lips of Jesus the words **'love one another as I have loved you'** is never a piece of advice or a request. It is a command. We are not at liberty to erase these words from the text of Scripture.

We are not permitted to think that they do not apply to us. As difficult as it is always going to be we are obliged to embrace the command **'love one another'** and to practice it in our lives. It has been my experience that while we have been taught to love our neighbours there has never been sufficient emphasis on who our neighbour is and how that love might be expressed.

At many times the practical demonstration of Christian love that shows itself in care and concern for another person has, I believe, been kept to within a close circle of associates – to people who are like us.

Love for the person who is different from us – culturally, politically and religiously – is not commended often enough. Sadly, even within the holy confines of the Church of God, there can often be the divisive attitude of **'them'** and **'us'**.

Christian love or agape should not discriminate between people. Whatever the background, the political views, the social class, the religious upbringing, every individual must be seen, accepted and respected as **'the child of God'**. This is something that does not come naturally to many of us. So, the words of Nelson Mandela always need to be heard – **people must be taught to love.**

This teaching should ideally begin initially in the privacy of our own homes where careful and sensitive words can be used to address differences and where children can begin to see each other as brothers and sisters within the wider family of God. From the security of home the lesson of love can then be taught in other settings – in schools and churches and within the wider community. Careful and sensitive words can be used to dissolve any tensions that differences can create so that the lesson of love and the acceptance of others can become a reality in our lives. If the lesson of love is not taught, if it is not accepted and practiced, then what we are doing today will be a part of our Act of Remembrance every year.

For today – amongst other things – we are acknowledging that War exists. We are admitting that War is not a solution to problems.

War does not solve problems – it only creates more problems as individuals, families and communities suffer pain and heartache. How much better to heed the words of Winston Churchill – **It is better to jaw-jaw than to war-war.**

Nelson Mandela wrote in his autobiography, **'People are taught to hate'**.

I may be mistaken but I suspect that many of the people whom we have remembered at this service today, and earlier at The War Memorial in The Diamond, were individuals who did not have an inherent hatred of their fellow human beings. They may not have had the Christian love or agape that Jesus commanded, but they did not go to War with the intention of annihilating the majority of people.

They enlisted in the War effort so that they could serve their King and Country and by their efforts to promote peace and freedom in a world embroiled in division.

I suspect that one of the reasons why many of those who were fortunate to survive carried the secrets of the War to the grave was because they had seen, experienced and participated in the horrific and life-transforming episodes that wiped out not only their friends but also their enemies. I suspect that many of them hated the War but never the young men like themselves against whom they were forced to fight.

Today, thankfully, in many countries the practice of dialogue and discussion is the norm and situations of War can often be averted. This, of course, is not the reality in every country of the world and people still continue to suffer from man's inhumanity to each other. Conditions of division continue to spill over and individuals, families and communities continue to suffer needlessly. That is why the lesson of love as expounded by Jesus – the Prince of Peace – must be taught again and again and why all people must practice what Jesus taught – **love one another as I have loved you.**

Remembrance Sunday

On Sunday 8th November 2020 the customary Act of Remembrance was observed at The War Memorial in The Diamond. The Reverend Canon John Merrick led the short service. A Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held in Saint Columb's Cathedral. The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who preached the Sermon and by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

Mr Simon McGonigle, Parish Reader, led the prayers.

The Scripture readings (Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15 and Saint John 15: 9-17) were read by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for The City of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey and by Alderman Graham Warke, Deputy Mayor, Derry City and Strabane District Council.

The wreaths were laid at The War Memorial by Richard Doherty, Kevin Duncan and Maurice Brown.

The Service was sung by the Gentlemen of The Cathedral Choir.

The Organist and Master of the Choristers was Dr Derek Collins.

The Widows' Friendship Group

Unfortunately we will not be enjoying our usual Christmas lunch this year; here's hoping we will be able to celebrate Easter in style. I hope the arrangements announced by the Government for Christmas will enable you to see at least some of your family members and that you all stay safe and well.

We remember in our prayers Lil who had a nasty fall at home. She is now skipping round her flat! Stephana continues to make good progress in the Rectory Field Nursing Home and Maisie is proving invaluable to Moyra up in Belfast.

Missing you all and looking forward to seeing you soon.

Margaret



Mr. Nobody by Anonymous

I know a funny little man,
As quiet as a mouse,
Who does the mischief that is done
In everybody's house!
There's no one ever sees his face,
And yet we all agree
That every plate we break was cracked
By Mr. Nobody.

'Tis he who always tears out books,
Who leaves the door ajar,
He pulls the buttons from our shirts,
And scatters pins afar;
That squeaking door will always squeak,
For prithee, don't you see,
We leave the oiling to be done
By Mr. Nobody.

He puts damp wood upon the fire
That kettles cannot boil;
His are the feet that bring in mud,
And all the carpets soil.
The papers always are mislaid;
Who had them last, but he?
There's no one tosses them about
But Mr. Nobody.



The finger marks upon the door
By none of us are made;
We never leave the blinds unclosed,
To let the curtains fade.
The ink we never spill; the boots
That lying round you see
Are not our boots,—they all belong
To Mr. Nobody.

CHRISTMAS CAPERS

What do vampires sing on New Year's Eve?

Auld Fang Syne.

What do you get when you cross a vampire and a snowman?

Frostbite.

What is the difference between the Christmas alphabet and the ordinary alphabet?

The Christmas alphabet has No L (Noel).

Why doesn't Santa suffer from claustrophobia when he climbs down the chimney?

Because he has had his flue job.

What did the reindeer say before launching into his comedy routine?

This will sleigh you.

What do lions sing at Christmas?

Jungle bells!

What did Adam say to his girlfriend on December 24th?

'It's Christmas! Eve.'

Hello ladies. I hope that you are enjoying the contents of your goody bags. We enjoyed seeing some of you from a safe distance. I would particularly recommend the beautifully produced Newsletter to keep you up to date with all the news and activities that Jacqui and the team

have come up with to keep us involved. Just to remind you that Canon Katie's Advent reflection will be available on our Facebook page. You will also be able to see that there is a reflection on an advent hymn for each Sunday in Advent.

On Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm you can join in a virtual Service of Nine Lessons and Carols on the Facebook page and youtube.

Our 16 days of Activism against domestic violence began on Wednesday evening with a short service on Facebook conducted by Canon Katie. You are encouraged to use the prayer diary in your packs to follow the reflections, prayers and actions for each of the 16 days. The appeal for donations to the refuge centres was well supported in spite of the current restrictions.

We would like to congratulate Canon Katie on becoming the first female Canon to be appointed to the Chapter of the Cathedral, richly deserved!

We would also like to give heartfelt thanks to Brigid for all the efficient and friendly help and support that she has given us all during her time as The Bishop's Secretary and wish her, Dean Arthur and their family well in their new home in Arklow.

Please remember in your prayers Lil who had a nasty fall at home but is recovering well, also June and her family. Stephana is continuing to make good progress in the Rectory Field Nursing Home.

We were sorry to hear of the death of The Reverend Canon John Mayes and we send our deepest sympathy to Alison and the family.

We will continue to keep in touch by 'phone and wish you all a safe and Happy Christmas.

Margaret, Irene and Pauline.

Lady Moyra Campbell who passed away on Sunday 8th November 2020 aged 90 years, was the only daughter of James Edward Hamilton, 4th Duke of Abercorn and Lady Kathleen Crichton. She grew up at Baronscourt, the Abercorn family seat near Newtownstewart. She was just 22 when she was chosen to accompany the Queen as one of her Maids of Honour at her Coronation in Westminster Abbey in June 1953 and some years ago Lady Moyra displayed her gown and accessories at an exhibition in the Cathedral. She married a former Equerry to the Queen, Commander Peter Colin Drummond Campbell, in 1966 in Saint Columb's Cathedral. The wedding was attended by several members of the Royal Family including Princess Marina of Kent, the Duke and Duchess of Kent, Prince Michael and Princess Alexandra of Kent. Lady Moyra served as a lady-in-waiting to Princess Alexandra from 1954 to 1964, accompanying her on several foreign tours, before becoming lady-in-waiting to the Queen from 1964 to 1966.

Later, she and her husband moved to Hollybrook House, Randalstown in County Antrim.

She was a tireless charity worker and philanthropist, acting as President of the Cancer Fund for Children and she was made Honorary President of Early Years, formerly known as Northern Ireland Pre-School Playgroup Association, in 1975. She also championed many other charities, including the NSPCC. She is survived by her husband and two sons, Rory and Michael and her brothers, James 5th Duke of Abercorn and Lord Claud Anthony Hamilton.



Bible Readings for December 2020

DAY	READING	THEME
Tuesday 1	Joshua 6:1-7, 15-21	A faithful blast
Wednesday 2	Joel 2:1-16	Heed the warning
Thursday 3	1 Corinthians 15:51-58	All rise!
Friday 4	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	With Christ and in Christ
Saturday 5	Revelation 11:15-19	The final trumpet
Sunday 6	1 Kings 19:9-18	The Lord was not in the earthquake
Monday 7	Psalms 131	Held in the arms of God
Tuesday 8	Saint Luke 8:22-25	Weathering life's storm
Wednesday 9	Ecclesiastes 3:1-8	Silence and speech
Thursday 10	Nehemiah 8:1-12	Silence as an aid to understanding
Friday 11	2 Corinthians 10:7-18	Who is the greatest
Saturday 12	2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Times when speech becomes impossible
Sunday 13	Genesis 28:10-22	Jacob's ladder
Monday 14	Exodus 20:18-21	Moses enters the thick darkness
Tuesday 15	Isaiah 6:1-8	The call of the seraphim
Wednesday 16	Ezekiel 1:1-14	A bright cloud from the north
Thursday 17	Ezekiel 1:15-28	The likeness of a throne
Friday 18	Revelation 4	Worthy art thou
Saturday 19	Revelation 5	The lamb who was slain
Sunday 20	1 John 4:7-19	God's love revealed
Monday 21	Saint John 1:1-9	Light and darkness
Tuesday 22	Saint John 1:10-18	Making God known
Wednesday 23	Saint John 2:13-33	Believing Jesus
Thursday 24	Saint John 3:27-36	Let God grow in you
Friday 25	Saint John 3:16-21	The light has come into the world
Saturday 26	Saint John 5:19-27	Passed from death to life
Sunday 27	Saint John 10:11-18	Knowing
Monday 28	Saint John 12:44-50	Saving not judging
Tuesday 29	Saint John 14:1-7	Way, truth, life
Wednesday 30	1 John 5:1-5	Conquerors of the world
Thursday 31	Saint John 8:12	Walking in the light

Dear Santa,

I wrote to you at the end of July when the television had been telling me that it was Christmas in July. As I have not heard from you, I write again.

I hope you are well, but I am a bit worried about all the houses you will be visiting on Christmas Eve. I know, because you love everyone, you will wear your mask for the entire trip. Will you please get a COVID test before you set out and make sure you are not infected? Pack your hand-held thermometer and the machine to test your oxygen level – if you see any change you will need to get back home and isolate immediately.

Don't forget your hand sanitizer and disposable gloves.

If you are wondering what I would like for Christmas, well, my whole life has been set to default and instead of dreaming of diamonds or the new outfits or hat, I am having serious thoughts about our mugs. Yes, the kind from which we have our tea and coffee. It has just become such an important decision each day as to what mug we will use.

It is always the china 'poppy' mugs for breakfast. The tall 'Cloud 9' mugs for morning coffee (mine is the purple one) or for a change, the 'Aynsley' mugs. For lunch the lovely big cup from Home Sense. My favourite small china mugs with the 'rose-hip' design that we had for afternoon tea has got a chip in it, as has the beautiful 'robin' cup, I believe it was 'Mr Nobody' chipped them – the one who lives in everybody's house! I haven't had the china tea cups out in such a long time as we never have visitors so they are just sitting on the shelf, all thirty-six of them.

I must remember and prepare a history of these tea cups, for I know, one day somebody will ask "I wonder where my mother got those cups". Family history is important even the history of the cups; the beautiful 'spring' set, a gift to Warder George Fielding when he retired from Derry Gaol, the fourteen I bought with the money I got from the sale of my old harmonium, the set belonging to Granny McLaughlin from the 1890's, the set the 'Boys' bought us for our 30th wedding Anniversary and the set from Hong Kong, which, if held up to the light, you can see the 'geisha girl' in the bottom of the cup. I wish we could have a big family party again and get them all washed and out with beautiful napkins folded on the saucer!

Ah well, I don't want to be too greedy so I will only ask for two mugs, but just in case our regular Saturday visitor is allowed to return next year, I would need a matching one for her. Maybe we should have a spare, in case Mr Nobody does some more damage....

Elizabeth



Christmas Concert 2020

Owing to the fact that we cannot host our live Christmas Concert this year, our very own School of Music Tutors are bringing Christmas to you digitally instead!

Date: Friday 18th December Time: 7:30pm

Premiered on the St Columb's School of Music Official Facebook Page, and thereafter, available to watch at any time!

There will be an option for a voluntary donation - which will go towards our chosen charity - Zest NI. Zest NI carries out tremendous work with regards to mental health. Please give generously.



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER

Alfie Olphert
Holly Callen

JANUARY

Lauren Bell
Safia Foster



On The Move

The Dean, The Reverend Canon John Merrick and the parishioners of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) send their congratulations to the Dean of Raphoe, **The Very Reverend Arthur Barrett**, who has been appointed the Rector of The Arklow, Inch and Kilbride Group of Parishes in The Diocese of Glendalough.

Dean Barrett's last Sunday as the Rector of The Raphoe Group of Parishes and the

Dean of Raphoe will be Sunday 27th December 2020.

We wish Dean Arthur and his wife Brigid every happiness and a fruitful ministry in their new parishes.



Sharon Wells's sister Lynne and her husband Joe were married in the Cathedral on 26th December 1970.

Best wishes from their sons Gregory and Timothy, sisters Noreen, Sharon and families.



*Happy 50th Anniversary from all
at Saint Columb's Cathedral.*

Scripture Readings at Sunday Services

Parishioners might like to prepare for worship by reading the Scripture readings before they come to church. The readings of the Sundays and Principal Holy Days are found in The Book of Common Prayer, page 27 ff.

This year we follow the readings for Year B.

Sunday 6th December 2020 – The Second Sunday of Advent

8.00 am

Isaiah 40: 1-11. Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (page 690). 2 Peter 3: 8-15a. Saint Mark 1: 1-8.

11.00 am (The Service of Morning Prayer – Order One)

Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13 (page 690). Isaiah 40: 1-11. Saint Mark 1: 1-8.

4.00 pm

Psalm 40: 12-19 (page 638). 1 Kings 22: 1-28. Saint Matthew 11: 2-11.

Sunday 13th December 2020 – The Third Sunday of Advent

8.00 am

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11. Psalm 126 (page 745). 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24.

Saint John 1: 6-8, 19-28.

11.00 am (The Sunday School Christmas Celebration)

4.00 pm

Psalm 68: 1-19 (page 665). Malachi 3: 1-4. Malachi 4: 1-6. Saint Matthew 14: 1-12.

Sunday 20th December 2020 – The Fourth Sunday of Advent

8.00 am

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16. Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 (page 694). Romans 16: 25-27.

Saint Luke 1: 26-38.

11.00 am (The Festival Service of Nine Lessons and Carols).

4.00 pm

Psalm 113 (page 726). Zechariah 2: 10-13. Saint Luke 1: 39-55.

Friday 25th December 2020 – Christmas Day (The Nativity of our Lord)

11.00 am (Festival Eucharist – Order Two)

Hebrews 1: 1-12. Saint John 1: 1-18.

Sunday 27th December 2020 – The First Sunday of Christmas / Saint John the Evangelist

8.00 am

Isaiah 63: 7-9. Psalm 148 (page 764). Hebrews 2: 10-18. Saint Matthew 2: 13-23.

11.00 am (The Service of Morning Prayer – Order One)

Psalm 148 (page 764). Isaiah 63: 7-9. Saint Matthew 2: 13-23.

4.00 pm

Psalm 132 (page 748). Isaiah 49: 7-13. Saint Luke 2: 41-52.

Sunday 3rd January 2021 – The Second Sunday of Christmas

8.00 am

Jeremiah 31: 7-14. Psalm 147: 13-21 (page 763). Ephesians 1: 3-14. Saint John 1: 1-18.

11.00 am (The Service of Morning Prayer (Order One)

with The Rite of Holy Baptism (Order Two)

Psalm 147: 13-21 (page 763). Jeremiah 31: 7-14. Saint John 1: 1-18.

4.00 pm

Psalm 135 (page 750). Isaiah 46: 3-13. Saint Matthew 2: 13-23.

Sunday 10th January 2021 – The First Sunday after The Epiphany / The Baptism of our Lord

8.00 am

Genesis 1: 1-5. Psalm 29 (page 622). Acts 19: 1-7. Saint Mark 1: 4-11.

11.00 am (The Service of Morning Prayer – Order One)

Psalm 29 (page 622). Genesis 1: 1-5. Saint Mark 1: 4-11.

4.00 pm

Psalm 46 (page 644). Psalm 47 (page 645). Isaiah 42: 1-9. Saint Matthew 3: 13-17.

Sunday 17th January 2021 – The Second Sunday after The Epiphany

8.00 am

1 Samuel 3: 1-20. Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-18 (page 754). Revelation 5: 1-10.

Saint John 1: 43-51.

11.00 am (The Service of Holy Communion – Order One)

Revelation 5: 1-10. Saint John 1: 43-51.

4.00 pm

Psalm 96 (page 703). Isaiah 60: 9-22. Saint Matthew 8: 5-13.

Sunday 24th January 2021 – The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

8.00 am

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10. Psalm 62: 5-12 (page 660). 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31. Saint Mark 1: 14-20.

11.00 am (The Service of Morning Prayer – Order One)

Psalm 62: 5-12 (page 660). Jonah 3: 1-5, 10. Saint Mark 1: 14-20.

4.00 pm

Psalm 33 (page 626). Jeremiah 3: 21 – 4: 22. Saint Matthew 4: 12-23.

Sunday 31st January 2021 – The Fourth Sunday after The Epiphany / World Leprosy Day

8.00 am

Deuteronomy 18: 15-20. Psalm 111 (page 725). 1 Corinthians 8: 1-13.

Saint Mark 1: 21-28.

11.00 am (A Family Service)

2 Kings 5: 1-14. Psalm 103: 1-22 (page 709). Saint Matthew 8: 1-4

4.00 pm

Psalm 34 (page 628). 1 Samuel 3: 1-20. Saint Matthew 13: 12-17.



HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

If you or a relative is admitted to or discharged from a hospital or a nursing home please let the Dean or The Reverend Canon John Merrick know if you would like a Pastoral Visit.

Under Data Protection (GDPR) we **do not** have access to the Hospital Admission Forms so we can only know that you are a patient in hospital if the Chaplain

notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us.
Thank you for your co-operation.

**Please note that during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic
Dean Raymond Stewart and Canon John Merrick are not permitted
to visit hospitals and nursing homes.**

**Please, however, inform us if you are admitted to a hospital
or to a nursing home so that we can pray for you.**

Partners in Prayer 2020

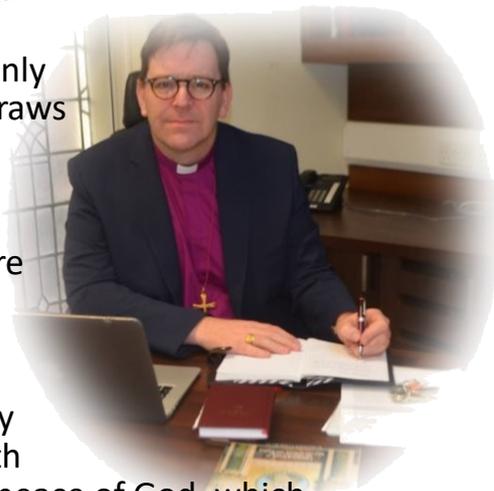
Bishop Andrew writes

To pray for each other is a wonderful gift from God. Prayer not only empowers the ministry of parishes across our dioceses; it also draws us closer together as the family of God. It is always a blessing to know that someone is praying for you.

In commending our diocesan prayer diary can I urge each one of us to renew our commitment to prayer during 2020. I am more and more convinced that it is only as we pray that we will know the blessing of God in our dioceses.

'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.' *Philippians 4: 4-7*

+ **ANDREW DERRY AND RAPHOE**



THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6th DECEMBER 2020

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)

The Right Reverend Carlos Lopez-Lozano, Bishop of Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. The Right Reverend Ferran Glenfield.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parishes of Stranorlar, Meenglass and Kiltreevogue.

The Reverend Adam Pullen, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS - The Bible Society in Kenya

All school children in Kenya have a weekly religious education lesson. The local church and Christian organisations are invited to come and teach the children from the Bible. However, most do not have access to a copy of the Bible during the lessons and their families are too poor to buy a copy.

The Bible Society of Kenya is addressing this need by delivering Scriptures to children from disadvantaged backgrounds. They have been distributing Bibles for 5 years and have reached many children and their families. The children are able to read the Scriptures to their families, sharing God's Word with them.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 13th DECEMBER 2020

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Falkland Islands (Extra-Provincial to Canterbury)

The Right Reverend Timothy Thornton –
Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. The Right Reverend Ferran Glenfield.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Parishes of Convoy, Monellan and Donaghmore.

The Reverend Canon William (Bill) Long, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS - The Leprosy Mission in England and Wales

Give thanks for all our volunteer speakers. **Pray** that many more people will feel prompted to use their skills, time and talents to join The Leprosy Mission family, working together to defeat leprosy.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER 2020

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Pray for mission agencies – including The Mothers' Union around the world – and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. The Right Reverend Ferran Glenfield.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

The Raphoe Group of Parishes -

Saint Eunan's Cathedral, Raphoe, Raymochy and Clonleigh (Lifford)

The Very Reverend Arthur Barrett, Rector and Dean.

The Reverend Claire Henderson, Deacon intern.

MISSION FOCUS - The Mission to Seafarers

Pray for all seafarers and their families.

THURSDAY 24th DECEMBER 2020

CHRISTMAS EVE

FRIDAY 25th DECEMBER 2020

CHRISTMAS DAY – THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

SATURDAY 26th DECEMBER 2020

SAINT STEPHEN

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 27th DECEMBER 2020

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

The Church of Ireland

The Most Reverend John McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh,
Primate of All Ireland and Metropolitan.

The Dioceses of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh. The Right Reverend Ferran Glenfield.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.

Pray for the Diocesan Council and associated Boards
and for all clergy and lay people who volunteer to serve in this way.

MISSION FOCUS - The Leprosy Mission in Italy

Thank God for all of the people who donate their time and money to the work of The Leprosy Mission in Italy.

MONDAY 28th DECEMBER 2020

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

FRIDAY 1st JANUARY 2021

THE NAMING AND CIRCUMCISION OF JESUS

**WEDNESDAY 6th JANUARY 2021
THE EPIPHANY**

**MONDAY 25th JANUARY 2021
THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL**

**MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2021
SAINT BRIGID**

**TUESDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2021
THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**



A Prayer in the Time of the Coronavirus

Almighty and All-loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we pray to you through Christ the Healer for those who suffer from the Coronavirus Covid-19 in Ireland and across the world. We pray too for all who reach out to those who mourn the loss of each and every person who has died as a result of contracting the disease.

Give wisdom to policymakers, skill to researchers, comfort to everyone in distress and a sense of calm to us all in these days of uncertainty and distress.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord who showed compassion to the outcast, acceptance to the rejected and love to those to whom no love was shown. Amen.

(Archbishop Michael Jackson, Dublin and Glendalough).

A Prayer for Healthcare Workers

Thank you, our Father, that your love has been the spur which has sent men and women with medical training to many places where sickness and disease are endemic.

Strengthen them when they work long hours with little rest.

Guide them when they lack equipment and medicines.

Sustain them when they are tired.

Encourage them when they are depressed.

Protect them when they are in danger.

Augment their skills with your healing power.

That their loving service may bear witness to the Saviour who brings wholeness to a sick world. Amen.

(*Michael Seward*).

Obituaries

William Alexander (Lexie) Miller M. B. E. 14th November 1929 – 9th November 2020

The month of November is often referred to as **'the month of remembering'**.

On last Sunday individuals and families remembered in their churches and as they gathered at War Memorials and Cenotaphs in cities, towns and villages those who had served and died in the Two World Wars and in subsequent conflicts.

The words **'remembrance and thanksgiving'** are part of our vocabulary again today as we meet to remember and thank God for the life of **William Alexander (Lexie) Miller**.

Lexie was born on 14th November 1929. He was the eldest of six children born to Hugh and Jeanie Miller. His surviving siblings are Connelly, Hugo, Jean and Jack – Muriel having died some years ago.

Lexie's father Hugh was a marine engineer who worked on repairing the escort ships for the Atlantic convoys.

Lexie received his early education at First Derry Primary School. On leaving school he gained employment first at Ballantine and Company on the Strand Road – later progressing to the Northern Ireland Civil Service where he was employed in various roles in the Londonderry Corporation, Development Office, Roads Service and, finally, as Executive Officer with the Water Service.

Lexie married Elizabeth (Lila) Mullan on 29th December 1956. They were the proud parents of two children – Adrian and Vanessa.

To those who knew them well Lexie and Lila were a team. During their married life they were to each other a strength in need, a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy.

They laughed and cried together. They reached the highs of life and enjoyed them together. They met and overcame together the difficulties that growing older can bring.

Lexie and Lila both lived with ill-health for many years but any visit to their home showed that they loved and cared for each other.

When Lila died on Thursday 6th December 2018 a light went out for Lexie. He missed her so much and always spoke about her when I visited him. He visited her grave at Ballyoan Cemetery every week.

Some time before Lila died Lexie shared a story with me. I referred to this story in my Address at Lila's funeral and it would seem appropriate to repeat it today.

An elderly man and his wife were being interviewed about their long marriage relationship. At the end of the interview the man was asked, 'If you had to live your life again, what would you like to be?' The interviewer received the answer, 'Together'.

In the context of that lovely and loving relationship the elderly man only wanted to be with his wife. And when we think about Lexie and Lila that word **'together'** is never far away. Today, they are together again in the home that God has prepared for them.

When Lexie and Lila enjoyed good health they were here in the Cathedral every Sunday. I find it interesting to reflect that while they did not begin their lives as members of The Church of Ireland they embraced its way of life – its liturgy, prayers and traditions – with a deep and sincere affection.

Lexie loved the Cathedral form of worship and its choral tradition; one of his favourite hymns being **'Let all mortal flesh keep silence'** – the tune of which Nicky played as Lexie's coffin was carried into the Cathedral today.

One of Lila's favourite pieces of Scripture was Psalm 95 – the Canticle 'Venite' - that Jonathan read today. And one of Lexie's favourite Bible verses was from Psalm 4 – words that are part of the service 'The Office of Compline' – **I will both lay me down in peace and sleep, for thou, Lord, only, makest me dwell in safety.**

Lexie and Lila liked and found spiritual solace in The Service of Holy Communion. This service, with prayer and The Laying on of Hands, brought them great comfort – and was a regular part of my visitations to their home.

Earlier this year, Lexie spent many months in Altnagelvin Hospital and later convalescing at Deanfield Care Home. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, neither I nor Canon John Merrick were permitted to visit him but he always requested prayer on those occasions when I telephoned him and the Laying on of Hands given over the telephone gave him reassurance when he was feeling low.

For many years Lila was a member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union – and Lexie served this Parish faithfully as a member of the Select Vestry for many years. But he will be remembered particularly for his role as the Dean's Verger – in the 1980's and 1990's – serving and supporting the Dean with loyalty, faithfulness and dedication.

Lexie often spoke affectionately about the years that he served as the Dean's Verger and always said that he saw it as his duty to be present at every service in the Cathedral.

As we continue to reflect on Lexie's long life we must also recall his outstanding involvement in the life of this City and Community, that was recognised at the highest level. Lexie was not the kind of person who would have sought or expected any recognition for what he saw as a labour of love but when that recognition came he accepted it humbly and graciously.

Lexie and Lila were invited to receive the Maundy Money when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth visited Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh on 20th March 2008. Lexie was nominated for his lifelong connections with cricket and charity fundraising. It was an occasion that he and Lila and their family enjoyed and about which he often spoke.

In 2009 Lexie was awarded one of just 100 commemorative gold medals world-wide by the International Cricket Council to celebrate their Centenary Year. He was one of three recipients in the whole of Ireland.

In June 2015 Lexie was awarded an MBE in The Queen's Birthday Honours List. He was invested with the insignia by Dr Angela Garvey, Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for The City of Londonderry at a ceremony in Hillsborough Castle on 17th September.

Lexie received the honour for **'50 years' unbroken service to the Derry Midweek Cricket League in which he had held every office and raised thousands of pounds for charity'.**

He had also been an umpire for over 30 years.

At the time Lexie said that cricket was a lifelong interest that had given him many wonderful memories, including meeting two batsmen who were both widely regarded as being among the 'all time greats' – Allan Border, Australia and Sunil Gavaskar, India – and seeing many famous cricketers, including Sir Ian Botham, in action.

I have to confess – and I know that it sounds awful saying this in the presence of someone who lived, breathed and enjoyed any kind of sport, especially football and cricket – that I am not a sports activist or sports fan.

I was not a member of Lexie's close friends whom he would often regale with stories about the successes and the disappointments of his beloved Manchester City or stories about the successes and the disappointments of Brigade or Glendermott Cricket Clubs, or as he would reminisce about the now defunct YMCA Club that he founded. Cricket was his first love and he was particularly keen to instill his love for the game into the younger generation.

He passionately believed that the future of North West Cricket lay in its youth.

The Derry Midweek Cricket League was his brainchild and in this sense he was a visionary in that a short cricket match mid-week enabled everyone to become involved in the game. He strongly believed in equality and opportunity for all and loved the idea that cricket in Derry was non-sectarian. This philanthropic approach was evidenced by his commitment to charitable fundraising for local charities and he was a Friend of Spruce House for many years. Many wonderful tributes have been paid to Lexie in the Media in recent days but I think that this one captures the man whom we all knew and loved.

‘Lexie received many well deserved accolades and awards during his lifetime but perhaps his most impressive legacy is that it will be impossible to ever find anyone who has a single bad word to say about him’.

Lexie was indeed a friend to all and an enemy to none.

Cathedral and City today join with you Adrian and Vanessa, with Vanessa and Stuart, with Jonathan, Lucy, Sophie and William, with Connelly, Hugo, Jean and Jack to remember a much loved husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather and brother.

We thank you for having shared Lexie with us and for having allowed him to have been a part of our lives. We have enjoyed his company, we have learned from his example and we are proud to have been able to call him **‘our friend’**.

And to you Lexie we say with Saint Paul, **‘I thank my God every time I remember you’**.

Well done, good and faithful servant. Enter into the joy of your Lord.

(The Reverend Canon) John Charles Dougan Mayes

We meet this afternoon in strange circumstances to remember and to thank God for the life of **John Charles Dougan Mayes**. At any other time this Cathedral would be filled as people from many parishes and many parts of this Province came together to pay their respects to someone who was known and loved by so many.

In the present circumstances the number of people who can be present is greatly reduced – but our thoughts of Johnny and our Christian love for you his family are just as real and sincere.

I wish to begin by expressing to you Alison and to your family – Rory and Emma, Victoria and Jonathan, and Aonghus – the sympathy of the Cathedral family; of myself, Canon John Merrick and the parishioners.

Be assured of our thoughts and prayers now and into the future.

You have nursed Johnny so wonderfully and beautifully over the past years. Your own life and interests have been ‘put on hold’, so it will take some time to adjust to life without the physical presence of your soul-mate in your home. Take time to grieve; take time to yourself; and know that the Cathedral family will always be here for you.

Johnny Mayes was ordained 53 years ago – on 19th February 1967. During the past 53 years he has served his God and his Church faithfully in many places. Portadown, Kilrea and Aghadowey, and Clooney and Strathfoyle. In all of these parishes – as many tributes on Social Media have testified – he was loved and respected.

A true gentleman; helpful; easy to talk to; someone who had time for people.

These are just some of the things that people have remembered about Johnny.

But, of course, there were, also, other places and parishes that knew and loved Johnny – as a young boy and as a teenager and adolescent. Woodschapel, Clonfeacle and Derrygortreavy, and Ballymore. I suspect that in different ways the people of these parishes would have helped to mould and develop Johnny’s unique personality and gifts. It would have been in these parishes that his first steps in the Christian Faith would have been taken; his first days in Sunday School, his Confirmation, his weekly attendance at worship.

It would have been in these parishes that the first stirrings of Vocation would have been felt. The Church has always played a significant and important place in the Mayes' family. The name Mayes has featured prominently in the Church of Ireland Directory and in the annals of The Church of Ireland for over 100 years since Johnny's grandfather, Samuel Mayes, was made a deacon in 1904.

The link with the Diocese of Armagh, and especially with Portadown, came in 1905 when Samuel was appointed Curate-assistant of the Parish of Saint Mark, Portadown – the Parish in which Michael and a few years later Johnny both served as Curates.

There was always going to be the possibility that Johnny would veer towards the caring professions – the Church or Medicine – as he saw at first hand the ministry of his father as a Rector and of his mother as a doctor. Maybe the thought of service overseas entered his mind as he reflected on his father's six years of service in the 1930's with Church Mission Society in Nigeria. As it happened it fell to his brother Michael to take up the missionary baton and serve in Japan with USPG, 1968-1974.

Today as we thank God for Johnny Mayes, I feel that that The Church of Ireland would join with us in acknowledging that since 1904 four generations of the Mayes' family have played a significant part in the life and witness of the Church. Service to God and People have been key elements in the life of this family, and we can reflect that these key elements continue to be seen and practiced in the younger generation. I have no doubt that the surname Mayes will be seen and heard in Church circles for many years to come.

As we reflect on the years that Johnny served his Church we cannot help but remember that some of those years – and particularly his early years in Ordained Ministry – were during what has become known as '**The Troubles**'. I suspect that Johnny saw more than his fair share of pain, suffering and deaths during some of those years.

Knowing him as I have for 41 years, I believe that the caring side of his nature would have been very prominent as he stood beside those who were hurting and suffering. He would have tried to make a difference in the communities in which he served. He would have tried to reach out the hand of friendship to others.

He would have tried to teach that whatever our background each of us is a child of God.

Many years later – in September 1992 – Johnny spoke on the television programme '**Witness**' about the significance of the statue on the Craigavon Bridge of two men reaching out their hand to the other. This programme not only allows us to see the relationship of family life as father and children play cricket in the Rectory Garden – but it also allows us to hear what Johnny believed and taught during his life. Little wonder then that one of his roles in this Diocese was Bishop's Secretary for Inter Church Affairs.

His was a voice of reason, of respect, of tolerance.

Many tributes have been paid to Johnny on Social Media and his interaction with people in parish, in a school setting or in a hospital ward have been highlighted. His ability to speak to everyone – not only the members of his own parish – was very much appreciated.

Working in a large parish such as Clooney was not always easy. It had its challenges as well as its joys – but Johnny never allowed other people, especially those to whom he ministered, to know the pain that he might have been carrying. People have spoken of the smile on his face that lifted their spirits and gave them hope for a new day.

During the 22 years that Johnny served as the Rector of The Parish of Clooney he shared his knowledge of the Church of Ireland, its way of life and its liturgy, with seven colleagues – Curates-assistant of the Parish.

His wisdom and guidance must have had some impact on them in that one is an Archdeacon, another was a Dean, and two of them were appointed a Canon in their diocese. Three of them are now retired and only one of them remains as a Rector in this Diocese.

I know that some of these colleagues – as well as other clergy from this and other dioceses – have kept in touch over the years and this support has been much appreciated.

During the 22 years that he served in this City, Johnny was the Chaplain at Gransha Hospital. His diocesan responsibilities included being Rural Dean, being a member of the Diocesan Committee of The Church's Ministry of Healing, being one of the Secretaries of the Diocesan Council and Synod, and being a Canon of Derry for 25 years.

It was so encouraging to the Dean at the time when Johnny retired from the Stipendiary Ministry that he and Alison decided to make this Cathedral Church their spiritual home. For the past 13 years they have been faithful and supportive members of this Parish and I know how much, during the past three years, I personally have valued their friendship. It has been the pleasure of myself and of Canon John Merrick to have been able to minister to Johnny and Alison over the past years in hospital and at home. While Johnny's debilitating illness prevented him from being an active man his mind often told a different story. He loved to listen and to hear what was happening in the parish and diocese – and when you thought that he hadn't heard, a quiet question or comment convinced you that he had missed nothing at all. And so often while communication was limited he would surprise you by joining in saying The Lord's Prayer at the end of a visit.

In thinking about Johnny two of the Scripture readings of the past two Sundays seem to capture the character of the man. One of the readings of Sunday 15th November was **The Parable of the Talents** and one of the readings of last Sunday was **The Great Judgement**.

It seems to me that Johnny realised and valued the gifts that God had given to him.

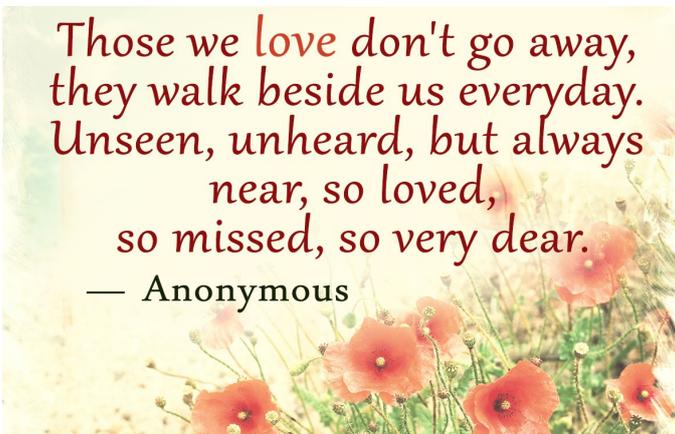
He developed and used them. He did not pretend that they did not exist or hid them away. He used them to bring joy, peace and love into the lives of countless people.

Recognising that God expects us to show love and kindness to other people and that on the Day of Judgement each of us will be asked to give an account of our lives, Johnny tried to show love and kindness to all people, and in his personal and public life he taught this lesson by example.

None of us should ever think that we deserve to hear words of appreciation from any quarter but when they come we should accept them humbly and graciously.

The words of appreciation for the life of John Mayes have been many in the past days but I suspect that one further word of appreciation was given on Sunday evening as Johnny slipped peacefully from this life to the words of his heavenly Father:

"Well done, good and faithful servant; enter into the joy of your Lord".



*Those we love don't go away,
they walk beside us everyday.
Unseen, unheard, but always
near, so loved,
so missed, so very dear.*

— Anonymous

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Jarvis

We remember the relatives of **Romaine Jarvis**, Glenside Road, Londonderry who died at her home on Thursday 29th October 2020.

We remember Romaine's brother Carson, her sister Donna and their families in Bristol and Washington D.C. A private family funeral service was held at Adair and Neely Funeral Home on Wednesday 4th November. The service was conducted by The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd, the Rector of The Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings, Londonderry who also conducted the Service of Committal at Ballyoan Cemetery.

Bratton

We remember the family – Alan and his wife Carol, Janet and her husband Paul and Fiona and her husband Ken - and all of the relatives of **Margaret Rose Bratton** who died, peacefully, at Brooklands Nursing Home, Londonderry on Saturday 31st October 2020.

McMullan

We remember the family – Nicholas and Jonathan – and all of the relatives of **Janet Elizabeth McMullan**, Benevenagh Drive, Limavady who died at her home on Friday 6th November 2020. We, also remember Janet's mother, Ella Scott, her sister Karen and her brother Trevor (deceased); her uncle Jim McGonigle; her uncle Robert McGonigle and his wife Linda – and their families.

Gardiner

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Jeannie (Jean) Gardiner** (nee McCahon), formerly of Rose Gardens, Carrickfergus who died, peacefully, at Milesian Manor Care Home, Magherafelt on Friday 6th November 2020.

We remember Jean's daughter Anne, her son-in-law (The Reverend) Colin Welsh, Station Road, Castledawson and their family, Jaimie and Stephen.

Smith

We remember the family – Kevin, Desmond and Stephen and their families – and all of the relatives of **William (Liam) Thompson Smith JP**, Liffock Court, Castlerock who died, peacefully, at The Robinson Memorial Hospital, Ballymoney on Sunday 8th November 2020. Liam was a former Gentleman of Saint Columb's Cathedral Choir.

Campbell

We remember Commander Peter Campbell and his family – Rory and Michael – and all of the relatives of **Lady Moyra Campbell**, Hollybrook House, Randalstown who died, peacefully, at Somme Nursing Home, Belfast on Sunday 8th November 2020.

Miller

We remember the family – Adrian and his partner Vanessa, Vanessa and her husband Stuart Postle - and all of the relatives of **William Alexander (Lexie) Miller M.B.E.** Clements Court, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at his home on Monday 9th November 2020. We remember Lexie's grandchildren – Jonathan, Lucy and Sophie; and William; his siblings – Connelly and his wife Eileen, Hugo and his wife Gwen, Jean (her husband Basil Kelly is deceased), Jack – and Muriel (deceased) – and their families. (Muriel and her husband George Thompson are both deceased).

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of William Alexander (Lexie) Miller was held at Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Friday 13th November 2020. The service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address. The Scripture readings were Psalm 95 (read by Lexie's grandson Jonathan Miller) and Saint John 14: 1-6, 27 (read by Lexie's son Adrian Miller). Following the service Lexie was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Mayes

We remember Alison Mayes and her family – Rory and his wife Emma, Victoria and her husband (The Reverend Canon) Jonathan Pierce and (The Reverend) Aonghus - and all of the relatives of **(The Reverend Canon) John Charles Dougan Mayes**, Ebrington Park, Limavady Road, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at his home on Sunday 22nd November 2020.

We, also, remember John's and Alison's grandchildren Hamish, Imogen, Lucy and Conor, and John's siblings Peter and his wife Moya, Michael and his wife Beth, Andrew and his wife Elizabeth and Katherine and her husband Philip West.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of (The Reverend Canon) John Mayes was held at Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Thursday 26th November 2020.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address. The Soloist Laura McNutt sang 'The Lord bless you and keep you' by John Rutter and the Canticle 'Nunc Dimittis'. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster conducted the section of the service 'The Farewell in Christ'.

Following the service John was buried in Saint Patrick's Parish Churchyard, Kilrea.

Loughrey

We remember James Loughrey and his family – Pauline, Gary, Robert and Sharon – and all of the relatives of **Ann Loughrey** (nee Doherty), late of Father Mulvey Park, Edenballymore, Londonderry (formerly of Cable Street), who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Monday 23rd November 2020.

We, also, remember Ann's brothers Gerard and Martin.

Molloy

Bobbie Molloy died in hospital in Nottingham, his funeral will take place on 3rd December.

Bobbie was David & Katie's eldest son, born on their first wedding anniversary in 1933.

He was brought up in No.1 Windmill Terrace and was a member of the Cathedral scouts. After leaving school Bobbie followed his father when he worked for the

Great Northern Railway.

He married Myrtle Bratton and moved to Melton Mowbray. They had three children David, Andrea and Adrian, and five grandchildren. Bobbie worked for 25 years for Pedigree Pet Foods before becoming a very popular pub landlord.

His brother John lost his life in his early twenties in an accident working in the TA and his younger brother Stewart died of heart disease when only 43 years old. Bobbie's sisters Esther and Mary live in England.

He enjoyed life to the full, would have helped anyone and was a pleasure to know.



A free phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers

Free dial-in worship phone line during coronavirus lockdown. Daily Hope is a free resource for members who live in Northern Ireland and the rest of the UK. It offers a variety of music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line. To listen to Mothers' Union Midday Prayers – choose option 4 and then option 8. The line – is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those

unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.



IN MEMORIAM

FABRIC FUND	£
In memory of Lexie Miller MBE	
From Brian & Pauline Doherty	20.00
From Liz (Lexie's niece) & Ronnie Parkhill	25.00
From his sister Jean Kelly	40.00
From his brother Jack (John) Miller	20.00
From his niece Helen Parkhill & family	20.00
From Ian Bartlett	25.00
From Muriel Hamilton	25.00
From Ray & Martin Mace	25.00
From Aimiee Moore	20.00
From Samuel Keys	20.00
From Billy & Joy Begley	30.00
From Charlie & Joan Ferguson & family	50.00
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From John Colhoun	25.00
From Margaret & Billy Smyth	20.00
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From St Columb's Council of Knight Masons No. 18 c/o Trevor Taylor	25.00
From Sunbeam Royal Arch Chapter No. 191 c/o Noel Simpson	25.00
From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart	50.00
From Shirley-Ann Brown	20.00
From Bertie & Margaret Faulkner	25.00
From Marie & Martin Fleming "a true friend and gentleman in every sense of the word"	30.00
In memory of mum & dad, Ruby and Billy Adams	
From Audrey & Gordon McSparron	100.00
In memory of Norman Jefferson	
From Anne, Mervyn & "The Tweedie Birds"	50.00
In loving memory of my mother Mrs Annie Carruthers	
From Iris	100.00
In loving memory of family & friends	
From Iris Carruthers	100.00
In loving memory of a dear husband and father Trafford McIntosh	
From Sylvia and family	100.00
In loving memory of my dear parents, George & Violet Stewart	
From Sylvia	25.00
In memory of my parents, Jack & Mary E Bartlett	
From Ian	150.00
In memory of our loved ones	
From Charlie, Joan, Cathleen, Lisa & Gail Ferguson	50.00
Precious memories of our parents, Robert & Jenny Wilson, sister Kathleen, brothers Kenneth, Ivan, Alwyn & Alistair	
From Noreen, Lynne & Sharon	100.00
Cherished memories of our children, Ryan & Trudy	
From Leslie & Sharon Wells	25.00
In loving memory of our parents Andrew & Lavinia Hetherington. Douglas & Helen Walker and all other family members at Christmas time	
From Billy & Marion Walker	100.00



IN MEMORIAM

In loving memory of our parents Lavinia & Andrew Hetherington and Eva & George Robinson	
From Mary & Harry Robinson	100.00
In loving memory of my late parents, David & Gladys Bigger	
From their son Robert	2,000.00
In memory of David & Gladys Bigger (my in-laws)	
From Alexander Roulston, USA	US\$500.00
In memory of David Bigger	
From Albert Austin	25.00
In memory of David & Gladys Bigger	
From Tony Crowe	20.00
From Lil Wilson	25.00
In loving memory of mum, dad, sister Maureen & brother Jackie	
From Aimiee	100.00
In loving memory of my husband Ivan and son Kieron	
From Aimiee	100.00
In loving memory of my dear friends Florrie Price, Kathleen Porter, Margaret Armstrong & Georgie Stewart	
From Aimiee Moore	100.00
In loving memory of my great-grandson Harvey Neely (still born)	
From Aimiee Moore	50.00
In loving memory of our Mum Margaret Moore	
From Lynn, Alison & Suzanne	30.00
In loving memory of John F (Eric) McLaughlin died 20 January 2010	
From his wife Sadie, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren	200.00
In loving memory of our parents Jim & Emily Thompson	
From Joy, Ann and families	50.00
In loving memory of our parents Margaret & Eddie Armstrong	
From Carol, Evelyn and families	40.00
In memory of all my loved ones	
From Lil Wilson	275.00
In loving memory of The Reverend Canon John Mayes	
From The Reverend Canon William & Mrs Avril McNee	50.00
From The Reverend Canon Michael & Mrs Ann Barton	30.00
From Deirdre & Bob Amor	25.00
From Mr & Mrs Allen, East Kilbride	10.00
From Mr Phillip & Mrs Janet Gillen	20.00
From Dr Alison Howe	50.00
From Mrs Lillian Maconachie & family	50.00
From The Reverend Mervyn & Mrs Dianne Peoples	25.00
From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart	50.00
From Dr Johnty & Shelah-Mary Calvert	25.00
The Reverend Canon George & Mrs F E Little	30.00
From John & Florence White	25.00
The Reverend Irene Lyttle	50.00
From Eileen & Winston Lynch	50.00
From C R Forbes	10.00
From Mrs Rosemary McKay	20.00
In memory of Bobbie Molloy, Pauline's cousin	
From Brian & Pauline Doherty	30.00



IN MEMORIAM

Donation to Saint Columb's Cathedral Fabric Fund

From Albert Austin	100.00
From The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart	1,000.00

CHOIR FUND

Christmas memories of my husband, Ronald Dobson

From Etta	100.00
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Christmas memories of my father, Ronald Dobson

From Joanie and Gary	40.00
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Christmas memories of my father

From Rosaleen and Charlie	40.00
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Christmas memories of my grandfather

From Alana and Joe	20.00
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Thank Offering for the Baptism of Emma Ferguson Mitchell

From mum & dad Sarah Ferguson & Ryan Mitchell and Lucy	50.00
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Thank Offering for the Baptism of my granddaughter Emma

From grannie Irene	40.00
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Parish Register

Holy Baptism

Go and make disciples of all nations

baptising them in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday 22nd November 2020

Emma Ferguson Mitchell, the daughter of
Ryan Mitchell and Sarah Vaughan Ferguson, Myrtle Park,
Ballymoney, County Antrim.

Emma's godparents are Kelly Dorrans, Jill Goligher, Colin Goligher and Mark Falconer. Following the Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Irene Hewitt, the Enrolling Member of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union, presented Ryan and Sarah with a 'Dorcas Pack' for Emma.

Burial

The Lord is my Shepherd.

Wednesday 4th November 2020

Romaine Jarvis, Glenside Road, Londonderry
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry

Friday 13th November 2020

William Alexander (Lexie) Miller M.B.E.
Clements Court, Waterside, Londonderry

Thursday 26th November 2020

Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry
(The Reverend Canon) John Charles Dougan Mayes
Ebrington Park, Limavady Road, Londonderry
Saint Patrick's Parish Churchyard, Kilrea

The Very Reverend Raymond J Stewart M.A.
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Saint Columb's Cathedral
is now open for Sunday Service at 11.00am
and Social Distancing Protocol will be in place.

The Cathedral will NOT be open to Visitors/Tourists until further notice.

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Nicky Morton

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