

Saint Columb's Cathedral Magazine



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The Church of Ireland
Diocese of Derry

Service Times:
Sundays

08:00 Holy Communion
11:00 Choral Eucharist (1st & 3rd)
11:00 Choral Matins (2nd, 4th & 5th)
16:00 Choral Evensong (Except July)

Monday to Friday
Tuesdays,
Holy Days &
Saints Days

10:30 The Daily Office
10:30 Holy Communion

Clergy:

The Rector of the Parish of Temple
& Dean of Derry
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Pastoral Assistant
The Reverend Canon John Merrick
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The Dean writes

Dear Parishioners and Friends

Ash Wednesday, 22nd February, marks the beginning of the Penitential Season of Lent.

Lent is one of the solemn seasons of the Church's Year when the followers of Jesus journey with Him for 40 days and nights. The evangelists record in the Gospels that at the beginning of His public ministry Jesus spent 40 days and nights in the Wilderness or Desert during which time He was tempted or tested by the Devil or Satan.

He was tempted to turn stones into bread, to worship the Devil and to throw Himself down from the highest point of the Temple. Jesus resisted these temptations by finding inner strength from the words of God in Holy Scripture.

During Lent, the followers of Jesus try to identify in some small way with the deprivations that He endured and to learn from His example to become stronger individuals physically, emotionally and spiritually.

The question is often asked at the beginning of Lent, **"What are you giving up for Lent?"** and many people recite the usual mantra; certain foods, chocolate, sweets, sugar, cigarettes, alcohol

Other people prefer not to **give something up** but to **take something up**. So, they will read a devotional book, undertake extra prayer time, engage in Bible reading and study, doing something positive to help their neighbours

They will give the money that they have saved on certain luxuries to support the mission of the Church by donating to missionary societies or church related initiatives.

During Lent, as you will see in this month's magazine, the Cathedral has planned certain services, studies and talks.

The Reverend Canon John Merrick has, for a number of years, prepared a series of addresses that he has given during the Order for Compline. These addresses have been inspirational and challenging and have been appreciated by parishioners. I am delighted that he is willing to do so again this Lent.

This year I plan to conduct a series of Bible Studies on The Psalms. The Psalms cover all kinds of emotions and questions and relate to many events with which people today can readily identify. So, this series of talks will, hopefully, prove to be relevant.

The talks this year will be held in the Chapter House of the Cathedral on **Wednesday afternoons, 3.00 p.m. beginning on Wednesday 1st March.**

We are in the early stages of planning a **series of Lent Lunchtime Talks on Thursdays (1.05 p.m. – 1.50 p.m.) in the Cathedral beginning on Thursday 23rd February.**

The provisional title of the series is **The Ministry of ... Chaplain.**

Canon John Merrick and I hope that you will be able to attend some or all of these services, studies and talks.

Even if you are unable to join with us in person, do not neglect your Lent observance. Read the Daily Office; read and reflect on The Psalms; use the Season of Lent in a positive way to enhance your spiritual growth as a Christian.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart



Calendar for February:

- 5th Sunday School in No.1 Saint Columb's Court
- 12th Half Term
- 19th Sunday School in No.1 Saint Columb's Court
- 26th Family Service

Looking back at our Nativity Celebration on Sunday 18th December we were amazed at just how good our 4 year olds were. Joseph (James) was so attentive to Mary (Katelyn) and the Wise Men (Robbie, Chukwaebuka & Finn) were so regal walking up the aisle – the stars of the show. We were joined by Daniel & Rowan from the congregation really bringing home the message of the innocence of children – it was a lovely scene. All the children played their parts, the readers, the shepherds and the soldiers. Then we had our candy cane piece and our “Not such a good Christmas” with our older children.

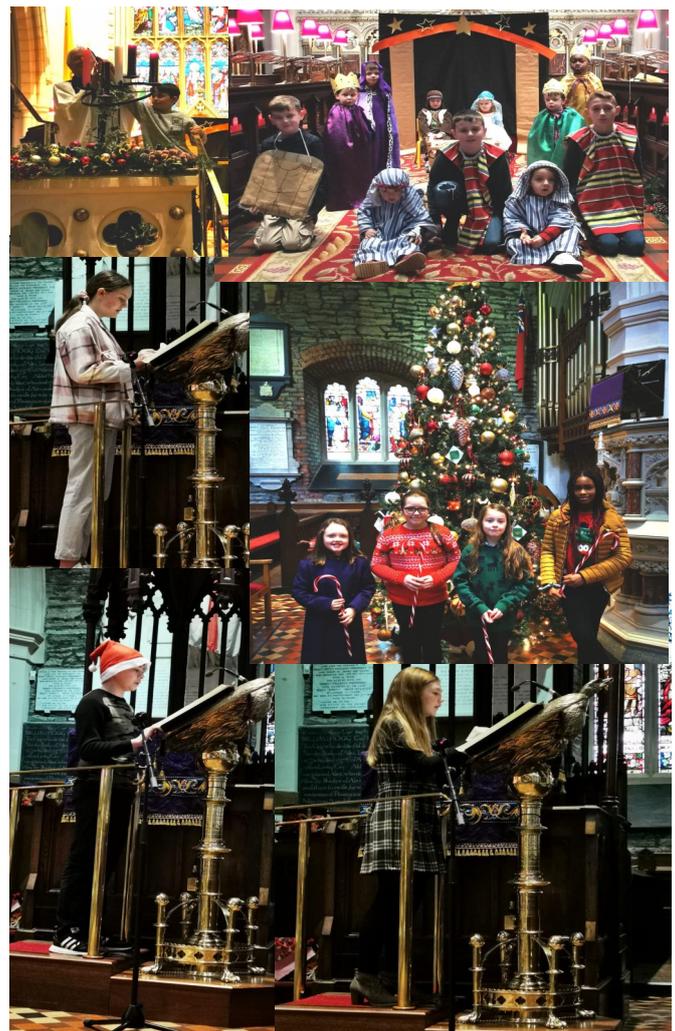
We have now returned for the New Year and registration forms need to be updated for every family in the Sunday School. This updates telephone numbers and any new emails.

Our “Adopt a Grandparent” project where the children visit parishioners who are housebound or elderly has been going well and we have 34 homes visited at least once with many on their second or third visit. We were surprised to be contacted by Songs of Praise who want to feature our “Adopt a grandparent” on the upcoming programme which will be on TV on Mothering Sunday. Hearing who we visit the team selected two of the home visits and two to speak at the Sunday School when filming. Location consents, child releases, school consents have all been obtained for those and we are gathering the media release forms for all the children who will be filmed. All the signatures will be worth it for all the children involved.

The project continues and with the financial funding from Mind Matters (C of I) we are able to take a small treat or gift and we are really grateful. This is an ongoing project which gives as much joy to the children doing the visiting as those being visited.

We thank most sincerely the Select Vestry for the donation towards our Christmas Celebration.

We appreciate most sincerely the donation from Joannie Lovell & Etta Dobson. We also received a gift from Pauline & Brian Doherty which is fantastic and a great recognition for the work of the Sunday School and on behalf of the children and teachers we thank each and everyone of you so much.



Birthdays

Happy birthday to everyone
and enjoy your special day

Thomas Duddy

Sean Graydon

Chukwaebuka Agoha

Confirmation 2023

Confirmation takes place on Sunday 11th June at the 4 pm service
The Diocesan Confirmation team have sent the following information:
Many parishes are starting the Confirmation journey with their young people, or sending out the initial information about the process. Each year we hold a Diocesan Confirmation Day, to gather young people from around the Diocese who are all at the same stage - learning more about their faith, their church and preparing to make their own decisions. This may not be your parish this year, but you can certainly keep it in mind for future years.

Saturday 4th March in Christ Church, Limavady.

The day starts from 11am with registration and refreshments with a prompt session **start at 11.30am and will end at 3pm**. We ask that all groups be signed in by 11.20am. Lunch will be provided. There is no charge, however, where necessary, parishes should arrange/coordinate transport. We are asking that leaders from your parish remain for the day, as this will fulfil our safeguarding ratios. If you have any queries about this please get in touch. It would also be good for leaders to be part of the day, as we continue to build community across the diocese.

The young people will be engaged in a range of games and direct teaching. No matter what parish the young people are from, the material used is pertinent to our Church of Ireland confirmation preparation. Therefore, *we strongly commend this day*. We know some parishes have already begun to meet as a Confirmation group and some are just starting – no matter what stage you are at, this will be a great bonding time for your parish and a chance for the young people to meet others from across the diocese.

Please note that we require registration forms for every young person attending and, for catering purposes, we would ask you to indicate how many young people, how many leaders are coming from your parish, and any food requirements.

All total numbers from your parish should be sent to claire@derryandraphoe.org by 25th January for Limavady. Consent forms should be filled before the young people arrive at the event.

CONFIRMATION 2023

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, the Bishop of The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe, will (DV) visit Saint Columb's Cathedral in 2023 to administer The Rite of Confirmation. The date of the Service will be SUNDAY 11th JUNE 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

Parishioners (young people and adults) who wish to be presented for Confirmation are asked to give their names to the Dean.

Those who wish to be confirmed –

Must be baptised members of the Church.

Must be 13 years of age and over in 2023.

A Diocesan Confirmation Day will be held in Christ Church, Limavady on Saturday 4th March 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Those who wish to be confirmed in 2023 are encouraged to attend.



The Cathedral is now closed to visitors/ tourists for the Winter period and will reopen again in the Spring of 2023!

Private tours can be arranged by contacting
Ian Bartlett ian.bartlett@btinternet.com

I am writing this while looking out at a very pretty but very cold snow scene. I hope you have all managed to keep safe and warm and by the time you are reading this will be seeing signs of approaching Spring.

On Tuesday 10th January we had our first meeting of the New Year in Cathedral House to discuss our programme for the coming year.

This April will see the 110th anniversary of the first meeting of Templemore Branch and we hope to involve all our members in the celebrations. So watch this space!

"Songs of Praise" is coming to the Guildhall in February and the programme will include a feature on the Sunday School and their "Adopt a Grandparent" project. It is hoped some of our members will be included in this.

We extended our sympathies to May Arthur's family and remembered her many valuable contributions to the Mothers' Union.

We ended the meeting with a refreshing cup of tea and biscuits provided by Irene and Margaret. (Since COVID we have been advised by Mary Sumner House that we should only use shop-bought refreshments!)

We also remind our members that our dues for 2023 are now due and if you would like to bank transfer just give Irene or Pauline a ring and they will keep you right.

We also congratulated Jacqui on her recent award to recognise her sterling leadership of the Mothers' Union campaign against domestic and gender-based violence. This was presented to her by the Mothers' Union Worldwide President on her recent visit to Ireland.

We are delighted that Margaret has agreed to stay on as Branch Secretary until after our 110th anniversary and we thank Elizabeth for capturing the minutes of the meeting.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th February.

Irene, Pauline and Margaret

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 7th February is Annabella Hayes Day when we remember this influential woman who founded the Mothers' Union in Ireland. There will be a celebration via Zoom to mark this occasion and I will forward details before then.

Saturday 25th February - Bishop Pat Storey will host "A Spring Morning" in Clooney Methodist Church. If you are interested, please let us know at the next meeting.

*Congratulations to
Rodney Magennis*

*&
Ruth Mattison
on their engagement
from all your friends
at the Cathedral*



WATERSIDE SHARED VILLAGE CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The Waterside Shared Village is a brand new Community Centre, newly built on the old Clondermott High School Grounds. The Centre was built here, on the interface between Irish Street and Top of the Hill to bring peace, togetherness and the feeling of a "shared future" for all communities and backgrounds.

The Dean was invited to participate in the Carol Service that was held on Monday 5th December 2022.

The Choir from Sacred Heart Primary School sang 'Christmas Candle' and 'A Child in a Manger Born' and the Choir from Lisnagelvin Primary School sang 'Prince of Peace' and 'New Star'. Pastor Phelim Doherty, River City Apostolic Church, Irish Street and Father Michael Canny, Parish Priest, The Parishes of Glendermott and Strathfoyle, gave a Reflection. The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart led the closing prayer.

CANDLELIGHT ADVENT PROCESSION

was held on Advent Sunday, 27th November 2022, at 7.30 p.m.

Thank you to Dr Derek Collins, Mr Nicky Morton and the Cathedral Choir for leading the singing.

The readers were Miss Muriel Hamilton, Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Mrs Heather Fielding, Mrs Elizabeth Mills, The Reverend Canon John Merrick and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart to whom we offer our thanks and appreciation.

The Retiring Offering (£589.00) was in support of our unique Choral tradition.

THE JOINT EMERGENCY SERVICES CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

was held on Monday 12th December at 7.30 p.m.

This Service recognised the work and contribution to society – particularly in the City of Londonderry – of many of the Emergency Services, including Northern Ireland Ambulance Service, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Foyle Search and Rescue and the Police Service of Northern Ireland.

The Dean welcomed the representatives of the Emergency Services and of The Police Service of Northern Ireland, the four Church Leaders in the City, Mr Ian Crowe, His Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Londonderry, Mrs Alison Millar, His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County of Londonderry, Councillor Angela Dobbins, Deputy Mayor, Derry City and Strabane District Council and Mr Jim Roddy, City Centre Initiative.

Also present was Mr Gary Middleton, MLA.

The music before and after the Service was played by Churchill Flute Band who also played A Christmas Miscellany during the Service.

Other musical contributions were given by Saint Columb's Cathedral Chamber Choir ('Mid-Winter' / Bob Chilcott) and Ebrington Primary School Choir ('Here on a Silent Night' and 'Calypso Cradle Carol').

The Bidding Prayer was read by The Reverend Dr Stephen Skuce, Superintendent of the North Western Methodist District in Ireland.

The Lessons were read by Mr Ian Crowe MBE. DL, His Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Londonderry, Mr Jim Roddy, City Centre Initiative, Mr David Nichol, Area Commander, Northern Ireland Fire and Rescue Service, Mr Stephen Twells, Foyle Search and Rescue, Superintendent Clive Beatty, Police Service of Northern Ireland and Mr Jason Rosborough, Station Officer, Northern Ireland Ambulance Service.

The Christmas Gospel was read by The Reverend Graeme Orr, Minister of Magheramason Presbyterian Church and Moderator of Derry and Donegal Presbytery.

A closing prayer was read by The Most Reverend Dr Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry.

The Blessing was pronounced by The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe.

The offering of £467.80 was in support of Pantry Project – Food Bank.

We thank The Reverend Nigel Cairns and the members of Saint Augustine's Church who provided the facilities for the enjoyment of refreshments and fellowship after the Service.

FESTIVAL SERVICE OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

was held on Sunday 18th December at 7.30 p.m.

This service is the traditional celebration of the Nativity of our Lord in words and music. Thank you to Dr Derek Collins, Mr Nicky Morton and The Cathedral Choir who led the singing. Thank you to Miss Muriel Hamilton, Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Mrs Heather Fielding, Mrs Elizabeth Mills, The Reverend Canon John Merrick, The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who read the Lessons and to The Right Reverend Andrew Forster who read the Christmas Gospel.

CAROLS OF THE EPIPHANY

At the Service on Sunday 8th January 2023 at 4.00 p.m. the Epiphany was celebrated in carols, hymns, anthems and readings.

Thank you to Dr Derek Collins and The Cathedral Chamber Choir for leading the singing. The readers were Miss Muriel Hamilton, Ms Jacqui Armstrong, Mr Simon McGonigle, The Reverend Canon John Merrick and The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart to whom we offer our thanks and appreciation.

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.

The retiring offering at the service on Christmas Eve and at the services on Christmas Day amounted to £176.00.

CHRISTMAS THANKS



The Dean and The Reverend Canon John Merrick would like to thank most sincerely everyone who contributed to the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany services and who helped to make them so meaningful.

Your support in every way is deeply appreciated.

Thank you, also, to those who spent many days and hours cleaning the Cathedral before Christmas and to those who decorated the Christmas Trees and the Cathedral Porch so beautifully and seasonally for Christmas; and also to those who dismantled everything and returned them to their storage spaces after Christmas.

The hard work and commitment of all involved are very much appreciated.

We also wish to thank Dr Derek Collins, Mr Nicky Morton, the Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir, the Cathedral Choristers, the Cathedral Girls' Choir and the Cathedral Chamber Choir for the excellent music and singing during Advent, Christmas and Epiphany and, indeed, throughout the whole year.

We wish to record our appreciation and thanks to the Churchwardens, Cathedral Staff and Parish Office Staff for their assistance in practical ways with parish and civic services.

THANK YOU

Raymond, Patricia and Dione Stewart wish to thank their parishioners and friends who sent them cards and presents at Christmas. Your kindness and thoughtfulness were very much appreciated.





The Nenagh Union of Parishes are delighted to share this announcement from Bishop Michael, and we very much look forward to welcoming Reverend Keith and supporting him in his ministry with us!

“The Board of Nomination for Nenagh union has nominated The Revd Keith Barry to be the next rector of the parish in succession to The Very Reverend Rod Smyth.

Mr Barry was largely brought up in Kinsale Co Cork, where his father still lives. I say largely because he also had a somewhat international upbringing — his father worked with Irish Aid and this meant that the family lived abroad for several years, including during a huge electrification project in Lesotho

After secondary education in Dublin, Keith was a student of theology in Trinity College in the early 1990s during the years

when I was chaplain there. He was ordained for a curacy in Derry cathedral, and then his love for travel and his deep interest in military chaplaincy led him towards what has been a long ministry in the British Army Chaplain’s department. In that context he has served with distinction in many roles, including in places of considerable danger where his pastoral heart and adventurous spirit have been well displayed.

It is now the time for Keith to return to parochial ministry and to come home to Ireland. He greatly looks forward to parish life in Nenagh in all its rich variety. As it takes a little time for British Army chaplains to be discharged and freed from existing contractual obligations, it will probably be late spring/early summer when he arrives. He can be assured of our welcome and prayers.

I would like to thank the parochial nominators for their extremely diligent and careful work in recent months.

I also would like to express continuing and deep gratitude to the Reverend Paul Fitzpatrick who continues to sustain fruitful ministry in both Nenagh and indeed Killaloe during these times of transition in both places. We owe a very great deal to him.

Michael Tuam Limerick and Killaloe “

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land – which Bishop Andrew will be joining – has been arranged for November 2023. The dates are Tuesday 21st November – Thursday 30th November 2023.

The Pilgrimage is being co-ordinated by the Rector of the Dunfanaghy Group, The Reverend David Skuce, who has a wealth of experience of travelling as a pilgrim to the Middle East.

For more details email him at dunfanaghy@raphoe.anglican.org or telephone 00353 74 91 36187

CHAPTER NEWS

The Preacher at Choral Eucharist (Order Two) on Sunday 5th February 2023

(The Third Sunday before Lent / Septuagesima) will be The Reverend Canon Paul Whittaker, the Rector of The Parishes of Leckpatrick and Dunalong. Canon Paul Whittaker will be closing his own churches on this Sunday and inviting his parishioners to join the Cathedral congregation.

This will be The Reverend Canon Paul Whittaker’s last time to preach as a member of the Cathedral Chapter. He has announced that he will be retiring as Rector of The Parishes of Leckpatrick and Dunalong at the end of February.

The Dean would like to thank Canon Paul for his ministry in the Cathedral since he was installed as a Canon on 4th October 2017 and to wish him and his wife Carol every happiness as they return to live in Lurgan.

THE REVISION OF THE LIST OF REGISTERED VESTRYPERSONS

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held in Cathedral House, No.1 Saint Columb's Court on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30 p.m.

One of the items on the Agenda will be The Revision of the List of Registered Vestrypersons.

At the meeting the name of any parishioner who has died, or who has left the parish, during the year will be deleted and, hopefully, new names will be added.

Any resident parishioner or accustomed member of the congregation who is eighteen years of age and over may have his/her name added to the List provided that he/she fulfils the following requirements.

Signs a declaration form that he/she is a member of The Church of Ireland.

Is either a resident parishioner or an accustomed member of the congregation.

Declaration forms are available in the Cathedral.

Please ask the churchwardens (Ian Bartlett and Muriel Hamilton) for details.

Q. What is the List of Registered Vestrypersons?

A. The List of Registered Vestrypersons is the list of the names of parishioners and of people who are accustomed members of the congregation, ie. people who 'belong' to the parish but who live outside of the parish boundaries.

It is from this list that people are appointed and elected, at the meeting of The General Vestry, ie. The Annual General Meeting of the Parish, held usually after Easter, to serve as Churchwardens, Glebewardens and members of the Select Vestry.

Q. To what will I be committing myself if I sign the Declaration Form?

A. By having your name on the list you will be doing two things.

- (1) You will be able to attend the meeting of The General Vestry and to elect parishioners to various offices, and
- (2) you will be able – if you wish – to be nominated for office yourself.

If you have never signed a Declaration Form, or have forgotten that you signed many, many years ago, we can check the List for you.

THE DAILY OFFICE

**The Daily Office is read in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel,
Monday – Friday, 10-30 a.m.**

**Monday: Morning Prayer. Wednesday: Morning Prayer. Thursday: Morning Prayer.
Friday: The Litany.**

**The Tuesday morning service of Holy Communion (Order Two)
with intercessions for the sick continues in the main aisle of the Cathedral.**

**Holy Communion on Saints' days and holy days
is celebrated in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel.**

Those who conduct divine worship would be delighted to have your support.

The Cathedral Magazine

**Notes / Articles for the March 2023 issue of the Cathedral magazine
are due by Sunday 19th February 2023.**

THE BISHOPS' APPEAL FOR WORLD AID AND DEVELOPMENT

Thank you to the parishioners who contributed to The Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development. **The total amount received was £870.00.**

February 2023



Sunday 5

The Third Sunday before Lent Septuagesima

11am

Choral Eucharist (Order Two) Gentlemen of the Choir & Girls' Choir
Third Communion Service, *William Mathias*
Spirit of God, arr. *Stuart Nicholson*

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in F, *George Dyson*
He that shall endure to the end, *Felix Mendelssohn*

Sunday 12

The Second Sunday before Lent Sexagesima

11am

Choral Matins The Cathedral Choir
Te Deum in F, *John Ireland*
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Chamber Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B minor, *T. Tertius Noble*
When in our music God is glorified, *Charles Villiers Stanford*

Sunday 19

The Sunday before Lent Quinquagesima

11am

Choral Eucharist (Order One) The Cathedral Choir
Communion Service in F, *Harold Darke*
How beautiful upon the mountains, *John Stainer*

4pm

Choral Evensong The Cathedral Girls' Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C, *George Dyson*
Blessed are the pure in heart, *Walford Davies*

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

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7.30pm

Choral Eucharist (Order Two) The Cathedral Chamber Choir
Missa Aeterna Christi Munera, *Giovanni Palestrina*
Ave verum corpus, *William Byrd*

Sunday 26

The First Sunday in Lent

11am

Family Service The Cathedral Choristers
Lead me Lord, *Samuel Sebastian Wesley*

4pm

Choral Evensong The Gentlemen of the Choir
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in C minor, *George Dyson*
The Lord is my Shepherd, *Bob Chilcott*

Candlelight

Valentine's Day Special: Tuesday 14th February

Candlelight concerts bring the magic of a live, multi-sensory musical experience.
A tribute to Queen at 6.30 pm or a programme of romantic music for Valentine's Day at 9.00 pm
at St Columb's Cathedral under the gentle glow of candlelight.
Buy your tickets now www.feverup.com



- **I Want to Break Free**
 - **We Will Rock You**
 - **Somebody to Love**
 - **Radio Ga Ga**
 - **Don't Stop Me Now**
 - **Killer Queen**
 - **Crazy Little Thing Called Love**
 - **Who Wants to Live Forever**
 - **Bohemian Rhapsody**
 - **Love of My Life**
 - **We Are the Champions**
 - **Another One Bites the Dust**
- And more!**



- **Clair de Lune – Claude Debussy**
- **True Love Waits – Radiohead**
- **Fantasy Overture from Romeo and Juliet – Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**
- **O Mio Babbino Caro from Gianni Schicchi – Giacomo Puccini**
- **Gabriel's Oboe from The Mission – Ennio Morricone**
- **Moon River from Breakfast at Tiffany's – Henry Mancini**
- **As Time Goes By from Casablanca – Herman Hupfeld**
- **Libertango – Astor Piazzolla**
- **Serenade for Strings Orchestra in C Major, Op. 48, TH 48: III. Elegie; larghetto elegiaco – Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky**
- **Symphony No. 5 in C-Sharp Minor: IV. Adagietto – Gustav Mahler**
- **Love Theme from Romeo and Juliet – Nino Rota**
- **Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op. 43: Variation 18. Andante cantabile – Sergei Rachmaninoff**
- **Serenade for Strings in E Minor, Op. 20: II. Larghetto – Edward Elgar**
- **String Quartet in D Minor, Op. 56 "Voces intimae": 2. Vivace – Jean Sibelius**
- **Intermezzo from Cavalleria Rusticana – Pietro Mascagni**

Bible Readings for February 2023

DAY	READING	THEME
Wednesday 1	1 Samuel 19:1-18	Saul and David
Thursday 2	2 Samuel 14:21-33	David and Absalom
Friday 3	2 Kings 5:1-15	Elisha and Naaman
Saturday 4	Daniel 6:1-23	Daniel and the officers
Sunday 5	Luke 11:17-20	United we stand, divided we fall
Monday 6	Luke 12:49-53	Jesus, bringer of division
Tuesday 7	John 2:13-22	How can we best worship God?
Wednesday 8	Acts 15:36-41	Discretion in reporting divisions
Thursday 9	1 Corinthians 3:3-9	Whose side are you on?
Friday 10	Galatians 2:11-21	Diplomacy or hypocrisy?
Saturday 11	Philemon 8-21	Coming to know God more deeply
Sunday 12	James 1:1-12	Pressure points
Monday 13	James 1:13-27	Welcoming the word
Tuesday 14	James 2:1-13	On the level
Wednesday 15	James 2:14-26	Faith in action
Thursday 16	James 3:1-12	Speech matters
Friday 17	James 3:13-18	Two kinds of wisdom
Saturday 18	James 4:1-12	Come near to God
Sunday 19	James 4:13-17	Less boasting and bragging
Monday 20	James 5:1-12	Let your 'Yes' be yes
Tuesday 21	James 5:13-20	The prayer of faith
Wednesday 22	Matthew 6:1-6	Act discreetly
Thursday 23	Matthew 6:7-15	Pray in this way
Friday 24	Matthew 6:16-24	Treasures in heaven
Saturday 25	Matthew 6:25-34	Don't worry
Sunday 26	John 1:14-18	Our father in heaven
Monday 27	John 17:1-5	Father and son
Tuesday 28	Exodus 3:1-6	Hallowed be your name

PARTNERS IN PRAYER 2023

WEDNESDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2023 / SAINT BRIGID

**THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2023
THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE**

**THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2023
THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / SEPTUAGESIMA**

The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

The Right Reverend Nathan Ingen;
Acting Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea,
Bishop of The Diocese of Aipo Rongo.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis.

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

The Parish of Faughanvale (Eglinton). The Reverend Canon Paul Hoey, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN CHINA

The Church in China is growing every day. This is encouraging news, but it has created a problem: there are simply not enough preachers and pastors to keep up with the ever-increasing numbers in the local churches. Many new congregations are relying on lay preachers who have little or no theological training, and who often even struggle to afford a Bible themselves.

Our colleagues in China (The China Partnership) are supporting the local Church through this project, providing lay preachers with their own Study Bibles. This allows them to teach people more accurately from the Bible, in turn helping many others to understand what God is saying through His Word.

This programme aims to offer over 5,000 Study Bibles to lay preachers in 2023.

These Bibles will not only help the Church in China to cling to biblical truths but will also prevent the infiltration of false teaching.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12th February 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / SEXAGESIMA

The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

The Most Reverend Brent Harry Alawas, Prime Bishop and Primate.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis.

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

The Parishes of Cumber Upper (Claudy), Cumber Lower (Killaloo), Banagher and Larmount.

The Reverend David Slater, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN SWITZERLAND

Switzerland has a long humanitarian tradition.

In 1905 Hannah Meyer, a Swiss teacher moved by the suffering of people affected by leprosy, started The Leprosy Mission Switzerland in Zurich.

It is not just the humanitarian but also the Christian tradition which moves people to reach out to those who suffer to this day. Several thousand financial and prayer supporters of TLM Switzerland carry on this tradition after 118 years.

We continue with the tradition of showing Christ's love and mercy to people we touch through our work. We are grateful for a dedicated voluntary Board. Pray that they are inspired and can inspire people through their involvement.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY 2023

THE SUNDAY BEFORE LENT / QUINQUAGESIMA

Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (The Anglican Church of Rwanda)

The Most Reverend Laurent Mbanda, Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Rwanda;
Bishop of The Diocese of Shyira.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis.

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

The Parishes of Dungiven and Bovevagh. The Reverend Mark Loney, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY IN DR CONGO

Education is an ongoing priority in The Diocese of Goma.

Pray for the diocese as it seeks to develop and refurbish existing and new church schools.

WEDNESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2023 / ASH WEDNESDAY

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26th FEBRUARY 2023

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Scottish Episcopal Church

The Most Reverend Mark Strange, Primus of The Scottish Episcopal Church;
Bishop of The Dioceses of Moray, Ross and Caithness.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Diocese of Clogher. The Right Reverend Ian Ellis.

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

The Parishes of Balteagh, Carrick, Tamlaghtard and Aghanloo

The Reverend Rhys Jones, Rector. Mr Brian Robinson, Diocesan Reader.

MISSION FOCUS – THE LEPROSY MISSION IN SRI LANKA

Pray for those affected by leprosy and other diseases, as many essential medicines have become scarce and expensive, so acquiring them has become quite difficult.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5th MARCH 2023

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The Church of The Province of South East Asia

The Most Reverend Melter Jiki Tais,
Archbishop of The Church of The Province of South East Asia;
Bishop of The Diocese of Sabah.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Diocese of Connor. The Right Reverend George Davison.

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

The Parish of Tamlaghtfinlagan (Ballykelly) with Myroe

The Reverend Canon Harold Given, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – THE BIBLE SOCIETY IN NORTHERN IRELAND

After the success of ‘Bibles for Babies’ in 2022, we are excited to launch the project again for 2023.

We have had over 1200 babies registered to date.

This programme seeks to cultivate the habit of reading Scripture together as a family from a young age. Every child registered with ‘Bibles for Babies’ receives a Toddler Bible on their 1st birthday, followed by a birthday card and a small resource bundle on their 2nd, 3rd and 4th birthdays, and finally a Children’s Bible on their 5th birthday.

This project is open to any baby born in 2022 and currently living in Northern Ireland.

We simply want families to foster the habit of reading Scripture together.

Lovingly wrapped by our dedicated team of volunteers, each baby receives a personalised card and a dedicated Toddler Bible. We pray that ‘Bibles for Babies’ blesses every family that is registered.



ASH WEDNESDAY
BEGINS THE SEASON OF LENT

22nd FEBRUARY 2023

**Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
in Saint Columb’s Cathedral
at 7.30pm**

**The Cathedral Chamber Choir will sing
Missa Aeterna Christi Munera, Giovanni Palestrina
*Ave verum corpus, William Byrd***

ALL WELCOME

THE SERVICE OF HOLY MATRIMONY

Tuesday 27th December 2022

Bride: Jenna Suzanna Ellen Dobson

Groom: Kieran Paul Large

Maid of Honour: Katie Dobson

Bridesmaids: Alana Bradley and Hollie Olphert

Bestman: Darren Galbraith

Groomsmen: Kevin Doherty and Stephen Large

Page Boys: Callum Large and Robbie Mitchell

Ushers: Alfie Olphert and Oisin Large

While Jenna and Kieran Paul were signing the Schedule of Marriage and the Cathedral Register of Marriages, Emma Reynolds sang 'The Prayer' and 'Perfect'.

The Organist was Dr Derek Collins.

At the beginning of the Service, the Dean welcomed the congregation and said, "Today all eyes will be on Jenna and Kieran Paul as they exchange their marriage vows, but there is one other person here today for whom this is a very special and poignant day. It was on 27th December 1952 (70 years ago today) that Jenna's granny, Etta McElwee, walked up this same aisle to exchange her marriage vows with Ron Dobson".



LENT 2023

Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, will be observed on Wednesday 22nd February.

There will be A Service of Holy Communion (Order One) at 10.30 a.m. in Archbishop William Alexander Chapel, and A Service for Ash Wednesday – The Beginning of Lent

(The Book of Common Prayer, page 338 – 343), including

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (Order Two) at 7.30 p.m.

There will also be a devotional service (An Order for Compline), with an Address by The Reverend Canon John Merrick, on each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7.30 p.m.



LENT BIBLE STUDY

The Dean will conduct a series of talks on 'The Psalms' during Lent.

The series will be held in The Chapter House of the Cathedral on

Wednesday afternoons at 3.00 p.m., beginning on

Wednesday 1st March. Everyone is welcome to attend.

LENT LUNCHTIME TALKS

A series of talks is being planned for Thursday afternoons in Lent in the Cathedral.

Beginning on Thursday 23rd February (1.05 p.m. – 1.50 p.m.)

More details will follow.

JARS OF CHANGE – LENT APPEAL

Jars / Labels are available in the Vestibule. Your support would be appreciated for Wateraid by putting your loose change in the jar during Lent. This project over the years has raised over £10,000 for charities.

A PRAYER FOR LENT

Help us this Lent, O Lord, to know ourselves better; and give us strength to root out of our lives the unsuspected sins and the weak spots in our characters.

Help us this Lent, O Lord, to cultivate self-mastery, and give us self-control where we are most likely to succumb to temptation.

Help us this Lent, O Lord, to practise self-denial, that we may be more ready to give of our time, our energy, and our leisure in service to others.

So may we come to the joyful season of Easter stronger and more faithful disciples of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Contemporary Parish Prayers edited by Frank Colquhoun).



It feels like a long time ago, but the Men's Society met for a pre-Christmas breakfast in the Bunker Room of the Sandwich Company on Thursday 8th December 2022 and is an event that may become an annual December outing at different locations, as it appeared to be enjoyed by all. It was attended by 24 Members.

Our meeting scheduled for Tuesday 17th January was postponed due to the very difficult weather conditions and re-scheduled for Wednesday 25th January in The Bishop's Gate Hotel.



As this just happened to be 'Burns Night', it was agreed that we would celebrate it with an 'Address to a Haggis' prior to the start of the meal. This proved to be a really novel and traditional start to the proceedings and thanks would go to John Colhoun who carried in the haggis in ceremonial fashion and delivered the address with great passion and energy.

To Mark Doherty who so excellently piped John in with the Haggis and a couple of stirring tunes, 'A Man's A Man For A' That' and departed with 'Scotland The Brave'. Well done to both of you for starting off the evening in such a stirring fashion.

It was then the Dean's turn to put on his best Scottish accent as he recited the three verses of the Selkirk Grace, traditionally used at Burns Night evenings.

This was followed by a serving of the haggis, neeps and tatties to all members prior to the starter, although I am not too sure if everyone tried it!! An excellent evening enjoyed by all.

Our next meeting will be in No.1 St Columb's Court on Tuesday 21st February at 7,30pm when our guest speaker will be Bishop Andrew Forster who will speak about his recent attendance at the Lambeth Conference. This should prove to be a very interesting talk and we look forward to seeing all members.



Robert McGonigle
Secretary

THE LEPROSY MISSION PRAYER

Almighty Father, the giver of life and health, look mercifully on those who suffer from leprosy.

Stretch out your hand to touch and heal them as Jesus did during His earthly life.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who are seeking the prevention and cure of the disease.

Give skill and sympathy to those who minister to the patients.

Reunite the separated with their family and friends.

And inspire your people with the task set before The Leprosy Mission that it may never lack the staff or the means to carry on its healing work in accordance with your will and to the glory of your holy name.

We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CHURCH MISSION SOCIETY PRAYER

May the God of Light shine brightly on the CMSI family, bringing blessing to – and through – staff, volunteers, members, mission personnel and Global Partners.

May the God of Life bring hope and renewal to those living in despair, in the places where CMSI's partners work.

May the God of Love bring healing and transformation to churches and individuals in Ireland as they encounter Him afresh and engage in His work of mission.

May the God of Peace and Justice reign in our world.

May His Kingdom come on earth as in heaven. **Amen.**

Foyle Hospice Volunteer Minibus Drivers Needed

This role will involve transporting patients to and from their homes to our Day Hospice. We are looking for someone who has a friendly and compassionate nature and can spare a few hours each week.

The role will also require you to hold Category D1 on your driving licence and an Enhanced Access NI check will be required.

If you think this is something which interests you or you would like more information, please get in touch with Rachael Osbourne, Volunteer Co-ordinator, **(028) 7135 1010** or email rachael@foylehospice.com

URGENT APPEAL

THE PANTRY

foodbank

you can help!

DROP OFF POINT: SAINT COLUMB'S CATHEDRAL

Coffee

toiletries

tinned custard/rice

breakfast cereals

nappies 5+

If you would like further information please
get in touch:

Tel: 02871 311322,

Email: info@thechurchestrust.org.uk



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.

The Public Health Agency in Northern Ireland has put together a super comprehensive booklet providing advice for people who have experienced a bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic period.

Two other booklets are also available in this series – one dealing with practicalities and the other a children's story helping children to cope with the death of a loved one.

These excellent resources can be downloaded at <https://www.publichealth.hscni.net/publications/covid-19-bereavement-resources>

Grief and bereavement during the COVID-19 pandemic

Supporting yourself and others



HSC Public Health Agency

HOSPITAL / NURSING HOME ADMISSIONS



If you or a relative is admitted to, or discharged from, hospitals or nursing homes please let Dean Raymond Stewart 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 a hospital or a nursing home if the Chaplain notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us. Thank you for your co-operation.

Obituaries ...

Norman Richard Sheppard **4th July 1950 – 9th December 2022**

I welcome you to this Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Norman Sheppard. I welcome, particularly, Norman's son Barnaby and Norman's sister Ann and other relatives and friends. (Norman's brother Allan who lives in England is unable to be here today but he is, of course, in our thoughts and prayers).

I welcome some of Norman's school friends and fellow parishioners of Saint Columb's Cathedral. I believe that representatives of Hastings Hotel Group may be here today and if so you are very welcome, as are Norman's friends – members of 'Vanatics' which is the name given to the Van Morrison Fan Club. All of us are here to give thanks to God for the life of Norman and for the friendship that we enjoyed with him.

I wish, on behalf of Canon John Merrick and myself, to express to you Barnaby and to Norman's surviving siblings Allan and Ann our sincere sympathy on the sudden and unexpected death of Norman – and to assure you and all of Norman's relatives of our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Norman Richard Sheppard was born on 4th July 1950.

He was the youngest of five children who were born to Allan and Christine Sheppard of 28 Albert Street, Londonderry. Our Church Records show that his siblings were David, Margaret, Allan and Ann, all of whom were baptised in Saint Columb's Cathedral – Norman having been baptised on 19th July 1950 by The Reverend Cecil Bradley.

Saint Columb's Cathedral played a big part in the early lives of the Sheppard children, David having been for a time a member of the Choir. When Norman returned some years ago from living in England he renewed his association with the Cathedral and during my time as Dean, over the past five years, Norman has been a loyal and faithful attender at church services and events.

In the late 1960's there was plenty of work for girls and women in the many shirt factories around the City of Londonderry but not so much in the way of employment for boys and men – and this was also the beginning of 'The Troubles' in this City and Province - so upon leaving school Norman made his way to England to seek employment. He trained as a chef and became head chef in many different establishments throughout England – a highlight of each year was using his culinary skills at the Farnborough International Air Show.

Norman had many interests in life, one of which was being a fan of Tottenham Hotspur Football Club. His home is adorned with many visual images of this Club.

But sports-wise Norman was an all-rounder. He was just at home watching Cricket or Rugby as he was watching football.

There was another side to Norman – a side that his sudden and unexpected death has brought to the attention of the wider public.

He was a Van Morrison Fan, and has been for over 50 years.

You only had to say to Norman that a Van Morrison Concert was being held and he was on the phone to purchase his tickets. Over the years (as Norman told in a BBC television documentary earlier this year) he had attended over 500 concerts in Ireland and beyond. Money was not a problem. Norman made sure that he got a front seat so that he could have eye contact with his musical hero!

On Van Morrison's 70th birthday a celebration was held on Cyprus Avenue in Belfast, which features on his 1968 album 'Astral Weeks, and Norman made sure that he and his son Barnaby were in the thick of it.

The Van Morrison Fan Club, known as 'The Vanatics', grew to know Norman from his attendances at the concerts. Their tributes on Social Media show how much they enjoyed his company as they shared with him an interest in the music of Sir Van Morrison.

For us, the members of Saint Columb's Cathedral where Norman worshipped every Tuesday and every Sunday, we share your great loss.

Norman was one of the first people to arrive on a Sunday morning and my last conversation with him was on Sunday 4th December.

I was in the Vestibule when Norman arrived. I greeted him and gave him an Order of Service. He went through the main doors and found a pew.

A very short time later he re-appeared and explained that he had come to church without his glasses and wondered if there would be a spare pair lying around that he could use.

With the help of the People's Churchwarden about four or five pairs were found.

Norman spent the next few minutes trying on each pair until he found one that suited him and with which he was able to read the words of the Service.

On the way out of church I asked him how he had managed and he thanked me for helping him out. Every time that he left church after a Service there was a word of thanks from his lips. He was a kind and courteous person who gave so much more to others than he himself received.

This is the Season of Advent. For many it is a time of preparation for Christmas. Norman was well prepared for Christmas. He had written many of his Christmas cards and had them ready to be posted or delivered to his neighbours and friends.

At Christmas when we hear about the Birth of Jesus in readings and hymns the word '**Emmanuel**' which means '**God with us**' captures for us the image of a God who cares about His children – He cared so much that He came among His children in the person of Jesus.

Jesus is the embodiment of a loving, caring God who stooped down into our world long ago, and who has never left us.

He is with all of us now. He is with you, Norman's family.

He will journey with you during these difficult and testing days.

As you reflect on life I hope that you can realise that He has been with you in the tragedies of the past and can believe that He will be with you in these present times.

'Emmanuel' – 'God with us'. May that name and that message enable you to meet these days with confidence in God's love.

Dora May Arthur **28th August 1938 - 7th January 2023**

We have come together here this afternoon in your family home, 6 Rosstown Gardens, to support you May's family, in this your time of sadness, as you prepare to lay to rest a much loved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister. It is important, however, in the midst of your sadness that we give thanks today for May's life, a life of service to you her family, friends and indeed the community of which she was very much a part.

Dora May was born into the Johnston family of Windmill Terrace on 28th August 1938, the daughter of William and Frances, and if my memory serves me correctly she was educated in the Lower Deanery School and as was the case for many young people of her generation she completed her education at the age of fourteen proceeding from there to find employment in various shirt factories including Austin & Moore, Tillie and Henderson, and Lyttles. Indeed, historically and traditionally, this was the route into employment for many young women in the city of Londonderry. I remember when I came to St. Columb's Cathedral people would speak about doing the 'smoothing' and it was some time before I realized that they were referring to the 'ironing' of clothes. The term 'smoothing' came directly from the shirt industry. Later in life she was employed in Stradreagh Hospital and Altnagelvin Hospital. She was also employed for some time as a housekeeper to the Atkinson Family.

May met Stewart at a dance in Curryfree and they were married in St Columb's Cathedral on 1st August 1959 by the late Revd. Cecil Bradley, affectionally known by the parishioners as Father Bradley. Stewart said to me on Sunday that he was May's 'toyboy' as he was slightly younger than she was. They were blessed with five children, Wesley, Frances, Cecil, Colin and the late Kenneth whose untimely passing brought great sadness to the family. There was obviously a great affinity for May with the hymn writer Cecil Frances Alexander as she included her names in the naming of May's own children.

May had and practiced a very, what I would describe as, a strong, confident and yet quiet faith. She appreciated my pastoral calls with her and it was a particular delight for me to celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion with herself and Stewart. Throughout her life, before illness prevented her, she was a very proactive member of the congregation in the

Cathedral and the Parish of Templemore. She attended Church on a regular basis and was a constant attender at the Tuesday morning celebration of the Holy Communion. She sang in the Ladies Choir; she was a member of the Templemore Branch of the Mothers' Union and she was an active supporter of the many fundraising events organized on behalf of the Cathedral.

She ensured that her children were also brought up within the family of the Church attending Sunday School, membership of the uniformed organisations and the Cathedral Choir.

This tradition was obviously passed on to the next generation as our present Sunday School Leader, Mrs. Irene Hewitt, has fond memories of you Terri as a pupil in the Sunday School.

At a personal level and without mentioning names I was very much aware that some years ago a young family found it difficult to get to Church and to have their children attend Sunday School and May saw to it that they would be collected by herself and brought to church.

A selfless act which tells us more about May than anything I could write or say.

So today we extend an earthly farewell to a loyal and faithful servant of Christ, His Church and God's people in this city. We extend our sincerest sympathy today to you Stewart, to you Wesley, Frances, Cecil, Colin and remembering today, Kenneth. Our sympathy is extended to you Dorinda and Joe, to you Terri and Alfie and May's sister Hilda. You will be remembered in our thoughts and prayers not only today but in the coming days.

I conclude this tribute by reading a short poem provided by May's family.

Poem

May the winds of heaven blow softly and whisper in your ear

How much we love and will miss you and wish you were still here

Mum, you touched our lives and so many others, you'll stay in our hearts forever.

Thank you messages from bereaved family members

Orr

"Mrs Valerie Orr and family would like to thank everyone for their condolences on the death of her husband Dean Cecil Orr on 11 November. They have been buoyed up in their grief by the many uplifting letters and messages they have received. Mrs Orr has been heartened by the many stories from people who felt Dean Orr had helped them in times of trial in their lives. Thank you.

Altnagelvin Hospital, Foyle Hospice and Marie Curie were all very compassionate and caring in what was a very difficult time. Thank you.

In particular, the family would like to thank Dean Raymond, Canon Merrick, the Cathedral staff and volunteers who supported the funeral. Their kind attention to detail made the service truly memorable.

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."
Psalm 73: 26.

Toll

We remember the family and all of the relatives of the late Julie Toll who died in hospital after a long illness in her home city of Norwich, County Norfolk on 29th November 2022. Dearly beloved daughter of Les (Sperrin Park) and the late Daphne (nee Peoples). Sister of the late Jennifer.

Julie was brought back to her native home for burial with her sister and mother in Ballyoan Cemetery on 9th December 2022. Julie was the niece of the late Betty Burnside, Margaret Ogilby and Eileen McCombe, past and present parishioners of the Cathedral and members of the Mothers' Union. She was the cousin of Heather Dougherty.

The family are deeply saddened by her death at such a relatively young age.



With Heartfelt Sympathy

Chambers

We remember Rita Chambers and her family and all of the relatives of **William Alexander (Will) Chambers**, Lismacarroil Road, Drumahoe, Londonderry who died on Wednesday 23rd November 2023.

Will was the beloved husband of Rita; the loving father of John, David, Gordon, William and Alan; the father-in-law of Cheryl, Avril, Kerry, Janice and Leanne; a much loved grandfather and great-grandfather; a dear brother of Jennifer and the late Doreen.

Will was a relative of Mrs Roberta Merrick, Dunfanaghy, to whom, and to whose husband (The Reverend Canon) John and their family we also express our sympathy.

Toll

We remember the family of **Julie Toll** who died in Norwich, England on Tuesday 29th November 2022.

Julie was the dearly loved daughter of Les and the late Daphne (nee Peoples), and a sister of the late Jennifer. Julie was a niece of Margaret (Ogilby), Eileen, Kay, Rosemary and the late Betty (Burnside) and George, to whose families we also express our sympathy.

Hall

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Denise Hall** (nee McCartney), Lisnanane Lane, Cookstown who died, suddenly, at Craigavon Area Hospital on Thursday 1st December 2022.

Denise was the much loved mum of Chris (Rachel), Richard (Ruby) and Andrew; the beloved grandmother of Lochlann; the loving daughter of Billy and the late Sue McCartney; and the dear sister of Nigel.

McKnight

We remember Evelyn McKnight and her family and all of the relatives of **Samuel (Jackie) McKnight**, Fallowlea Park, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 3rd December 2022.

Jackie was the beloved husband of Evelyn; the loving father of Keith, Lisa, Laura and Jacqueline; the devoted grandfather of Dean, Keelan, Jake, Aaron, Lucy, Leah and Amber; the son of the late Sammy and Betty McKnight of Bann Drive, Londonderry; a much loved father-in-law and a dear brother.

Sheppard

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Norman Richard Sheppard**, Caw Close, Londonderry who died at The City Hospital, Belfast on Friday 9th December 2022.

Norman was the beloved father of Barnaby and of the late Jamie; and the loving brother of Allan and Ann and of the late David and Margaret.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Norman Sheppard was held at Adair and Neely Funeral Home, Londonderry on Wednesday 14th December 2022.

The Service was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick and by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart who also gave the Address.

Following the Service Norman was buried at Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Hoey

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Robert Alexander (Eric) Hoey** of Belfast who died, peacefully, in The Mater Hospital, Belfast on Friday 9th December 2022.

Eric was the beloved husband of the late Peggy; the much loved father of (The Reverend Canon) Paul (Rector of The Parish of Faughanvale / Eglinton) and Jennifer; a father-in-law to David; a loving grandfather to Ruth, Grace, Aaron, Hannah and Matthew; and a great-grandfather to Hope and Theo.

Kingston

We remember Janet Kingston and her family – Trevor, Sharon and Clifford – and all of the relatives of (The Reverend Canon) **Kenneth Robert Kingston** who died, peacefully, at his residence Fairlea Heights, Moneymore on Friday 16th December 2022.

Kenneth was the loving husband of Janet; the devoted father of Trevor, Sharon and Clifford; the father-in-law of Mark and Kate;

the brother of (The Reverend Canon) Bertie Kingston; and the much loved grandfather of Thomas, Charlotte, Joshua and Lucy.

The Reverend Canon Kenneth Kingston was the Rector of The Parishes of Desertmartin and Termoneeny (Knockloughrim) 1984-2013; and a member of the Chapter of Saint Columb's Cathedral 1997-2013.

His brother Albert (Bertie) was the Curate assistant in Saint Columb's Cathedral 1974-1976.

Starrett

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Elizabeth (Betty) Starrett**, Mill Road, Portstewart who died, peacefully, in hospital on Monday 19th December 2022.

Betty was the dearly beloved wife of the late Billy Starrett; the much loved mother of Joan, Irene, Victor and David; a loving mother-in-law, grandmother and great-grandmother.

Betty was the mother of Irene Blair, Beech Park, Drumahoe, Londonderry to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

Dalzell

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Frank Dalzell**, formerly of Tosh Avenue, Brigade, who died, peacefully, at Edgewater Nursing Home, Newbuildings, Londonderry on Saturday 24th December 2022.

Frank was the dearly beloved husband of the late Annie (Nan); the much loved father of Fred, Ann, Alwyn, Linda, Fiona, Mark, Rodney, and the late Jeanette; a loving father-in-law, adored granda, great-granda and great-great-granda; a dear uncle and great-uncle.

Frank was the father of Rodney Dalzell, Kennedy Street, Londonderry to whom, and to whose wife Deanna and their family, we also express our sympathy.

Slater

We remember William Slater and his family and all of the relatives of **Eileen Coral Slater** (nee Hamilton) who died, peacefully, at her home, Culmore Point, Culmore on Monday 2nd January 2023.

Eileen was the much loved wife of William; the devoted mother of Beverley, David, Rhonda, Derek, Colin and Jill; a loving mother-in-law; an adored grandmother and great-grandmother; a dear sister of Kathleen, Joseph (Cecil) and Alan.

Eileen was the mother of David Slater, Duncastle Park, Newbuildings, the mother-in-law of the late Sharon Slater, and the grandmother of Emma Nutt and Millie Slater to whom we also express our sympathy.

Yule

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Sue Yule** (nee Holmes) who died in England on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

Sue was a cousin of Linda McGonigle to whom, and to whose husband Robert and their family, we also express our sympathy.

Parkhill

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Daphne Parkhill** (nee Mills) – a former member of Saint Augustine's Church – who died recently in South Africa.

Daphne was a sister of Gordon Mills to whom, and to whose wife June, we also express our sympathy.

Baldrick

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **George Baldrick**, Altnagelvin Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Friday 6th January 2023. George was the much loved husband of the late Violet (nee Robinson); the devoted father of Marion, Jennifer, George, Stephen and Graham; the loving father-in-law of Kenneth, Ronnie, Alison, Shelley and Claire; an adored granda and great-granda; and the dearest brother of Elizabeth, Lexie, Tom and John.

George was the father of George and the father-in-law of Alison Baldrick, Knightsbridge, Londonderry and the brother-in-law of Harry Robinson and his wife Mary, Rosstown Gardens, Londonderry to whom, and to whose families, we also express our sympathy.

The Marriage Register of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry) records that George Baldrick, Sherriffs Mountain, Londonderry and Violet Lily Rose Robinson, 25 Northland Drive, Londonderry were married on 31st March 1959.

The Service of Holy Matrimony was conducted by The Reverend Cecil Robert Jones Bradley, the Curate-assistant and Dean's Vicar.

Arthur

We remember Stewart Arthur and his family and all of the relatives of **Dora May Arthur** (nee Johnston), Rosstown Gardens, Waterside, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Saturday 7th January 2023.

May was the dearly beloved wife of Stewart; the much loved mother of Wesley, Frances, Cecil, Colin and the late Kenneth; the dear mother-in-law of Joe and Dorinda; the adored granny of Terri; the great-granny of Alfie; the dearest sister of Hilda.

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of May Arthur was held in her home on Tuesday 10th January 2023.

The Service was conducted by The Very Reverend Raymond Stewart and by The Reverend Canon John Merrick who also gave the Address.

Following the Service May was buried at Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry.

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.

Thursday 29th December 2022

Persephone Eden Martha Baird,

the daughter of William Edward Arthur and Chloe Elizabeth Baird, Hewer Way, Mapplewell, Barnsley, England. Persephone's godparents are Thomas Savage, Catherine Savage, Kris McClelland and Laura McClelland.

At the end of 'The Rite of Holy Baptism' Miss Muriel Hamilton, the People's Churchwarden, presented Eddy and Chloe with a 'Dorcas Pack' for Persephone.

(Persephone is the grand-daughter of Pam and the late Ralph Wilson, and of Jim and Jane Baird, and the great grand-daughter of Lil Wilson).

Holy Matrimony

“Those whom God hath joined together let no one put asunder.

Tuesday 27th December 2022

Kieran Paul Large, Brunswick Road, Waterside, Londonderry
and **Jenna Suzanna Ellen Dobson,** Brunswick Road,
Waterside, Londonderry

Burial

“The Lord is my Shepherd.”

Wednesday 14th December 2022

Norman Richard Sheppard,
Caw Close, Londonderry
Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Dora May Arthur, Rosstown Gardens, Londonderry
Altnagelvin Cemetery, Londonderry



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In memory of Susan Campbell Hepburn	
From Mrs Evelyn Glenn	30.00
From Henderson Wholesale Limited, Newtownabbey	50.00
In memory of our neighbour Susan Campbell Hepburn	
From Joe & Elma Hetherington	40.00
In memory of my cousin & friend Susan Hepburn	
Always loved and missed from Maureen Foster	40.00
In memory of all our loved ones	
From Charlie, Joan, Cathleen, Gail & Lisa Ferguson	100.00
In memory of my parents Charles and Ella Hewitt	
From Geoff & Janice and family in Bangor and Larne	20.00
In memory of Norman Sheppard	
Anonymous	40.00
From Norman Miller	100.00
In memory of Norman Sheppard R.I.P.	
From Majella Gallagher	20.00
In memory of my dearest friend Billy Wilson	
From Anne McCullough	200.00
In fond memory of The Very Reverend Cecil Orr	
From the members of the Antrim and Derry Branch of the Trinity College, Dublin Association of which he was a former President and enthusiastic committee member.	25.00
In loving memory of my dear brother, The Very Reverend Cecil Orr	
From Eileen Charles	100.00
In loving memory of The Very Reverend Cecil Orr	
From his cousin Elizabeth Cathcart	50.00
In memory of The Very Reverend Cecil Orr	
From Charlie & Joan Ferguson	25.00
From Brian & Pauline Doherty, Paul & Mark Doherty and Richard & Andrew Glenn	100.00
From Morris & Shirley Forbes	25.00
From Elizabeth & Kenny Mills	30.00
From Albert Smallwoods	50.00
From Jack Eakin & family	150.00
From Dr Alison Mayes	30.00
From The Reverend David Skuce	100.00
From Vera & Jane Tanner	100.00
From Nigel & May Thompson, Limavady	50.00
From Mrs Ina Lennox & family per Mrs Anne Reid, Castledawson	100.00
From The Reverend Canon Derek & Mrs Margaret Creighton	20.00
From The Reverend Canon Walter P & Mrs Sylvia Quill	50.00
From Eileen Hamilton	25.00
In memory of my parents James & Jessie Jefferson	
From their daughter Ann & the Tweedie family	50.00
In memory of the late Norman Jefferson	
From his sister Ann Tweedie	50.00



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In memory of our Dad & Mum, Jim & Emily Thompson From Joy, Ann & families	50.00
Precious memories of a loving husband, Trafford McIntosh And my parents George & Violet Stewart From Sylvia	50.00
In loving memory of our parents, Billy & Ruby Adams and Archie & Chris McSparron From Audrey & Gordon McSparron	100.00
In loving memory of my parents, Mr & Mrs S Walker, also brother and sisters From son and brother Andrew Walker	100.00
In memory of Carmel McClelland From her husband John	100.00
In loving of our loved ones From Val & Maurice Brown	100.00
In memory of May Arthur From Muriel Hamilton	25.00
From her sister-in-law Doris Carruthers	40.00
From Jeanette Simpson	50.00
From David & Vivian Taylor	50.00
From Janice & Nigel Doherty	20.00
In memory of a very dear friend from many years ago, May Arthur From Mrs Kathleen Gault	30.00
Thankoffering on the occasion of the marriage of our daughter, Jenna & Kieron Paul Large From Galvin & Gillian Dobson	50.00
Baptismal Thankoffering for our daughter Persephone Eden Martha Baird From Dad, Mum & Elijah	100.00
Baptismal Thankoffering for my granddaughter Persephone Eden Martha Baird From Granny Pam Wilson	50.00
Baptismal Thankoffering for my great granddaughter Persephone Eden Martha Baird From Great Granny Lil Wilson	50.00
Donation - for the Restoration Fund - in lieu of flowers in loving memory of our dear aunt, May Arthur, late of Rosstown Avenue. From the Simpson Family, c/o Joan Brace	110.00
Donation Love from Nicola Hughes, Surrey	10.00
In respect of Deanery ceiling repairs from James Trotter	40.00
Girls' Choir Fund From Jacqui & James	200.00

*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

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11.00 am (1st & 3rd Sunday of the month) Choral Eucharist
(2nd Sunday of the month) Choral Matins
4.00 pm Choral Evensong
4th SUNDAY: 11.00 am Family Service
EACH TUESDAY: 10.30 am Holy Communion

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