

#### The Dean Dear Parishioners and Friends This is the time of the year when many of us look forward

to going away on holiday. We look forward to travelling to a

foreign country. We look forward to relaxing with our families and

friends. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has, unfortunately, meant that we are unable to do so this year. Travel restrictions to some countries have been eased, but many people will be fearful of travelling away from home due to the very detailed – but necessary – measures that still are in place and have to be observed.

The last three months have been a time when some of us have been unable to work. We have had to keep a safe distance from other people, including the members of our own families. In spite of being at home for such a long time we have been unable to rest in a beneficial and positive way. Worries and concerns have been on our minds. Maybe we have had days of uncertainty and mixed emotions; sleepless nights. While we have, thankfully, been able to spend time in our gardens and to enjoy the warmth and beauty of each day, rest has been absent from our lives.

Jesus realised that He needed time to rest and to relax. His days were filled with ministering to people and their needs. He, often, made time to draw aside from people and to spend time with God, His Father. He advised His disciples to do the same.

Jesus said, 'Come apart ..... by yourselves and rest a while.' (Saint Mark 6: 31). The words of Jesus are wise words, and this is wise and timely advice for all of us.

#### Come apart .... by yourselves and rest a while.

Most of us are people who like to be active, on the move, doing things. We don't like to sit and do nothing. It is not good for us to be busy all of the time. Our bodies and our minds require time to rest and to recover from constant activity.

It is, I believe, not a co-incidence that we read in the Bible of the need to rest.

In Genesis 2: 2 we read that when God had completed His work of creation He rested.

On the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done.

In Exodus 20 we find that the fourth commandment teaches us to respect the sabbath day and to observe it as a day of rest.

And in the 'Old' Hymnal one of the hymns for use on The Lord's Day begins with the words 'O day of rest and gladness'.

In our modern society and culture we find that many shops and businesses open on Sunday. There is no difference between a Saturday and a Sunday in the world of commerce and business. Many people also observe Sunday as a day to engage in leisure activities on their own or with members of their families.

A day outing to the seaside is for many 'a must' at this time of the year and as a result the attendance at church services diminishes. At weekends, people are doing things that they cannot do during the rest of the week when they are working.

But are they resting and relaxing? I doubt it!

They are moving their attention from one thing to another thing. There is no shut off. There is no moment when they close their minds to everything except themselves and God.

Read these words from the prophecy of Isaiah 40: 31.

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

As we rest our bodies and minds in the Lord we shall find refreshment for every aspect of our lives and we will emerge from the time of relaxation equipped and ready for a new day.

Yours sincerely

Kaymond Stewart

## Reopening of Church Buildings for Public Worship

The good news to report is that **churches may reopen for worship from Monday 29**<sup>th</sup> **June.** Some of the members of the Select Vestry met on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June to discuss the measures that need to be put in place to ensure that the Cathedral will be a safe environment for clergy, Select Vestry members, workers, volunteers and parishioners.

The group met again on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June and the Select Vestry met on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July to agree a date when it would be safe for the Cathedral to reopen.

When the Cathedral reopens it will not be business as usual for quite some time. Instead of holding three services on Sunday, **only one service at 11.00 am will be held.** This, of course, is a temporary measure and the three services will be re-instated at some time in the future.

All parishioners will shortly receive a letter from the Dean explaining the measures that **everyone** must observe to ensure safety for all.

What are some of the changes that you will notice when you return to church?

A hand sanitiser will be positioned in the porch – and must be used.

Tissues will be provided in the pews but parishioners may bring their own

If you feel that you must, please bring a disposable face covering with you.

It must be worn at all times during the service.

A prayer book and a service sheet will be placed in the pew in which you are sitting.

Please leave the prayer book in the pew at the end of the service.

Please write your name and contact number on the service sheet and leave it in the porch. Singing will not be permitted.

Until we become accustomed to the new situation, the service will be Morning Prayer (Order One) and it will end by 11.45 am.

The Service of Holy Communion will, of course, be celebrated again at a later date.

When you arrive in church, a churchwarden / steward will show you to a pew.

The pews will be filled from front to back, observing social distancing (2 metres).

At the end of the service parishioners who are sitting at the back of the Cathedral will leave first.

Please co-operate with the guidance and instructions of the churchwardens / stewards. Due to social distancing regulations, the Cathedral can only accommodate 100 people (max). When you arrive and when you leave church we, respectfully request that you do not stand and chat to your friends and neighbours. We understand that we have been accustomed to greeting each other – especially when we are leaving the Cathedral. This is, however, not permitted.

You must keep on moving as quickly as possible, observing social distancing (2 metres). Please note that all toilets will remain closed until further notice.

NB – If you, or a member of your household, is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 we, respectfully, request that you DO NOT attend church.

If you feel unwell or have been shielding we, respectfully, request that you DO NOT attend church until permitted to do so.

Please be patient, understanding and co-operative as we all come to terms with these new regulations.

And please remember that COVID-19 has not gone away. It is still at large, so we all need to continue to **BE CAREFUL.** These new regulations will be with us for quite some time to come.



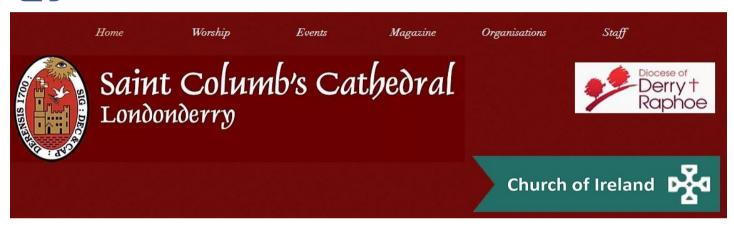
#### **VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

Volunteers are needed, urgently, to clean the Cathedral in preparation for reopening – and weekly thereafter. We may also require volunteers for stewarding services. A Rota of Volunteers will be established.

If you wish to help please contact the Dean, Robert McGonigle or Ray Mace.

#### **Sunday Service**

Parishioners and friends can continue to listen to the Morning Service on the Cathedral Facebook page or by logging on to <a href="www.stcolumbscathedral.org">www.stcolumbscathedral.org</a> and going to Worship on the menu bar.



The Dean is most grateful to Dr Derek Collins, his wife Joanna and their sons Dara and Leo for leading the singing of the hymns, to The Reverend Canon John Merrick and parishioners who, with the Dean, share in leading parts of the service.

He is also most grateful to Robert and Linda McGonigle for looking after the technical details to enable the service to be recorded.

#### The Cathedral Magazine

Notes / Articles for the August issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

#### **Chapter News**

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster has made the following appointments.



The Reverend Robert Boyd, the Rector of The Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings, Londonderry and The Reverend Katie McAteer, Pastoral Director of The Grouped Parishes of Christ Church, Culmore, Muff and Saint Peter's, Londonderry have been appointed members of The Chapter of Saint Columb's Cathedral.

I have known Robert and Katie for many years and I know that they will make a positive contribution to the life and worship of Saint Columb's Cathedral.

I am looking forward to conducting the Service of Installation (on a date in the future). (Dean Raymond Stewart).



The Dioceses of Derry & Raphoe

I hope many of you have been able to enjoy the gradual easing of restrictions, perhaps being able to welcome family members into your homes or at least spend time with them in your gardens. And joy of joys the hairdressers will soon be open for business again and we might actually

be able to get an appointment before Halloween!

Don't forget about our splendid new website derry.mothersunion.ie where you will find details of a poetry competition, a shoe photographic competition and some lovely reflections on isolation. Thanks to Jacqui and Doreen and everyone involved in keeping us connected and keeping our spirits up.

On behalf of the Widows' Group I would also like to thank everyone involved in buying and distributing the lavender plants and cards on International Widows' Day last week. It was a truly lovely idea and much appreciated by us all.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Irene who had a nasty fall last week. No bones were broken but there were some painful scrapes and bruises, so take care and hopefully you will soon be up and about again.

Missing you all and hoping it won't be too long before we can all meet up again.

Margaret, Irene and Pauline



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.



#### 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 <u>do not</u> 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.

## 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 A

#### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

#### 8.00 am

Genesis 24: 34-3<mark>8,</mark> 42-49, 58-67. Psalm 45: 10-17 (page 643). Rom<mark>an</mark>s 7: 15-<mark>25</mark>a. Saint Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30.

#### 11.00 am

Psalm 45: 10-17 (page 643). Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67. Saint Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30.

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

#### 8.00 am

Genesis 25: 19-34. Psalm 119: 105-112 (page 738). Romans 8: 1-11. Saint Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23.

#### 11.00 am

Psalm 119: 105-112 (page 738). Genesis 25: 19-34. Saint Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23.

#### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

#### 8.00 am

Genesis 28: 10-19a. Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24 (page 754). Romans 8: 12-25. Saint Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43.

#### 11.00 am

Psalm 139: 1-11, 23-24 (page 754). Genesis 28: 10-19a. Saint Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43.

#### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2020 – The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

#### 8.00 am

Genesis 29: 15-28. Psalm 128 (page 746). Romans 8: 26-39. Saint Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52.

#### 11.00 am

Psalm 128 (page 746). Genesis 29: 15-28. Saint Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52.

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2020 – The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

#### 8.00 am

Genesis 32: 22-31. Psalm 17: 1-7, 16 (page 607). Romans 9: 1-5. Saint Matthew 14: 13-21.

#### 11.00 am

Psalm 17: 1-7, 16 (page 607). Genesis 32: 22-31. Saint Matthew 14: 13-21.

We are now on our Summer holidays.

Well done to Jake Hewitt and Ava Copestake who read the lessons and to Melissa Duddy who read the prayers at our online service on Sunday 28th June on what would have been their confirmation day which has been postponed until next year.

Sunday School recommences in September. We will have details published and sent out to you all. We will have taken on board all guidelines and will ensure our children have a safe and social distancing area to learn God's Word.



ENJOY AS BEST YOU CAN THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS AND SEE YOU ALL IN SEPTEMBER!

## 'WITH FREEDOM COMES RESPONSIBILITY - WE NEED TO DO THINGS THE RIGHT WAY'



Bishop Andrew has appealed to parishioners to be patient and understanding as their churches get ready for the resumption of public worship. There was no set date for the resumption of services, Bishop Andrew said during his weekly reflection on Facebook Live, and when they did return, they would look very different to services before the lockdown. "I would appeal to you to be patient, to be understanding, to be cooperative with all the systems that are put in place, and to be safe in how we go back to church."

From tomorrow, over three months after the coronavirus shutdown, places of worship north and south will be permitted to reopen for services. Bishop Andrew welcomed this step towards "a new normal", but said with freedom came responsibility and a need to do things "the right way".

"Although in Ireland, at the moment, the virus seems very much under control – which we're so thankful for – we know the virus is still there," Bishop Andrew said.

"We've been given the freedom to meet again [from tomorrow], but we know that with freedom comes responsibility. At the moment, going back to church places a lot of responsibility on you and on me, on select vestries and on clergy, and on all those who will attend churches because we've got to follow all the public health guidelines and we've got to follow the guidelines that the Church of Ireland has put together for that.

"I really welcome the opportunity to be back at church but I want you to know that there's no set date by which this may happen, because select vestries – and clergy in particular – have to make sure that in their parishes it's right and it's appropriate and it's safe to open, and that'll take time."

Click the link below for a fuller report. https://www.derryandraphoe.org/?p=3902

## Bible Readings for July 2020

DAY	READING	THEME
Wednesday 1	Habakkuk 1:1-14	The shock of God's vision
Thursday 2	Acts 9:1-19	Seeing a new world
Friday 3	1 Corinthians 13	Shining bright
Saturday 4	1 Timothy 6:11-21	Beholding the dream
Sunday 5	Numbers 4:4-16	A travelling God
Monday 6	Numbers 6:22-27	The priestly blessing
Tuesday 7	Numbers 9:1-14	Keeping the Passover
Wednesday 8	Numbers 9:15-23	The cloud of fire
Thursday 9	Numbers 10:1-10	The silver trumpet call
Friday 10	Numbers 11:4-9	Manna in the wilderness
Saturday 11	Numbers 11:10-17, 24-30	The seventy elders
Sunday 12	Numbers 11:18-23, 31-34	The cost of freedom
Monday 13	Numbers 12:1-15	The right use of power
Tuesday 14	Numbers 13:1-3, 17-29	Count the cost
Wednesday 15	Numbers 13:30-14:10a	Vote your hope
Thursday 16	Numbers 14:10b-24	One generation dies
Friday 17	Numbers 20:1-13	By whose power?
Saturday 18	Numbers 21:4-9	Facing up
Sunday 19	Numbers 22:1-14	Don't panic!
Monday 20	Numbers 22:15-30	Oh, but, please
Tuesday 21	Numbers 22:31-41	Prayer is not like a vending machine
Wednesday 22	Numbers 23:1-12	Doing it God's way
Thursday 23	Numbers 23:13-30	The faithful fulfiller of promise
Friday 24	Numbers 24:1-14	The attentive pray-er
Saturday 25	Numbers 24:15-25	Fulfillment is not a one-time-only thing
Sunday 26	Exodus 19:1-9	Answering as one
Monday 27	Deuteronomy 30:11-20	Not too hard for you
Tuesday 28	Ezekiel 36:22-32	A new Spirit
Wednesday 29	Psalm 119:25-32	Running the way of the Commandment
Thursday 30	Saint Mark 1:9-15	Jesus tempted
Friday 31	2 Timothy 4:1-8	Paul's race

#### Saint Columb's Cathedral is to get its first female canon in its 400-year history.

The Reverend Katie McAteer's appointment to the Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Saint Columb is one of two announced this morning (Wednesday 24th June) by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, The Right Reverend Andrew Forster. The Reverend Robert Boyd, the Rector of Glendermott and Newbuildings Parish has also been appointed a Canon.

By happy coincidence, today - the Feast Day of The Birth of Saint John the Baptist - is the anniversary of both new canons' ordinations. The Reverend Robert Boyd and The Reverend Katie McAteer will fill the positions left vacant following the departure of the Ferry brothers – The Reverend Canon David, who has retired, and The Reverend Canon Malcolm, who has

become the Rector of Agherton Parish in Portstewart. The Reverend Katie McAteer, who is the Pastoral Director of the Christ Church, Culmore, Muff and Saint Peter's Group of Parishes and Chaplain of Derry and

Raphoe Mothers' Union, said she was humbled and honoured by the appointment, but also "sort of

excited".

"When Bishop Andrew first asked me, I was totally taken aback," The Reverend Katie McAteer said. "It was never on my radar, never in a million years – or even 400 years – would I have expected the Bishop to ask me to accept this appointment.

"Saint Columb's Cathedral, probably more than any other cathedral, has been a history-maker – the first cathedral built in these islands after the Reformation,

playing a leading role as a place of reconciliation – and now another brick is being laid in its rich history.

"I still keep thinking, 'No, not me. It can't be me.' It's exciting. It's quite daunting. I'm humbled and honoured."

The Reverend Katie McAteer, whose father was a Canon of Chester Cathedral, evoked the words of the Ordination Service. "Throughout ministry, whatever God calls us to do, we pray that He will give us 'the needful gifts of grace' to fulfil that ministry. I'm hoping that this is at God's direction; I can only do this in God's strength."

While this is new territory for The Reverend Katie McAteer, the second new canon is on familiar ground. The Reverend Robert Boyd was a Canon of Saint Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh until three years ago, a position he relinquished when he was appointed incumbent of the Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings. He has since taken up the role of Diocesan Director of Ordinands for Derry and Raphoe.



"I feel very privileged and very honoured by the appointment," The Reverend Robert Boyd said. "I'm extremely grateful to Bishop Andrew for having the confidence in me to appoint me to this role and for thinking me worthy of it. I think it's an honour, too, for the Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings. so I'm very pleased that our parishioners are also being acknowledged and recognised by the Bishop."

The installation of a new canon is a significant and joyful occasion for any cathedral but given its uniqueness, the forthcoming Service of Installation in Saint Columb's – with its historical first – will arouse considerable interest within the Church of Ireland and beyond. A date has yet to be fixed for the Service but it is hoped it will take place in the early autumn. Saint Columb's Cathedral, which was completed in 1633, was

the first Anglican cathedral built in the British Isles after the Reformation in 1517.







#### **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



#### FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JULY 2020 - SAINT THOMAS

## THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY The United Church of Pakistan

The Most Reverend Humphrey Peters, Bishop of Peshawar and Moderator of The Church of Pakistan.

#### The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton.
The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.
The Parishes of Edenderry and Clanabogan. The Reverend Canon Robert Clarke, Rector.

#### MISSION FOCUS— The Bible Society in Syria

Despite unrest in Syria, Bible distribution still continues to be the main focus of the Bible Society in Syria.

The demand for Scriptures in Syria is ever increasing; many people are looking to God and the Bible for hope.

The Bible Society works out of the three main cities: Aleppo, Tartous and Damascus. Scriptures are delivered by local volunteers from churches to those who are in more rural areas and find it harder to access God's Word.

Despite the dangers, knowing God is with them wherever they go, volunteers deliver Scriptures to those who need them.

## THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

The Most Reverend Allan Migi, Archbishop of Papua New Guinea.

#### The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton.
The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster.
The Parishes of Drumclamph with Clare, Langfield Lower and Langfield Upper
The Reverend Robert Keogh, Rector.

#### **MISSION FOCUS** - The Leprosy Mission in France

**Pray** for the future of TLM France while the director plans to reduce his working time with the Mission to engage in a parallel pastoral ministry.

Pray for the TLM team, Carine, Theo and Pascal. May the Lord renew the strength of each.

#### THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 19th JULY 2020 THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

The Most Reverend Joel Atiwag Pachao, Prime Bishop of the Philippines.

#### The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton. **The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster. The Parishes of Derg (Castlederg) and Termonamongan (Killeter)

The Reverend Peter Ferguson, Rector. Curate-assistant: Vacant. Mr William Montgomery, Diocesan Reader.

#### MISSION FOCUS - Church Mission Society in Zambia

Zambia's C-19 lockdown has been less severe than most of its neighbours but the crash of copper prices has hit hard and many people are struggling to survive.

Pray for Keith and Lyn Scott, along with the staff and students, at Saint John's Seminary in Kitwe.

#### WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2020 – SAINT MARY MAGDALENE

SATURDAY 25<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 – SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

#### THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. The Right Reverend Paul Colton. The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe. The Right Reverend Andrew Forster. **The Parish of Urney and Sion Mills.** The Reverend Jonathan McFarland, Rector. Mr Peter Clampett, Diocesan Reader.

#### MISSION FOCUS - The Leprosy Mission - Integral Mission

Thank God for local churches around the world and the opportunity to work alongside them to defeat leprosy and to transform lives.

**Pray** for opportunities to increase work with churches in our projects.

#### THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 2020 THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of Ireland

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

#### The Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough

The Most Reverend Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin and Bishop of Glendalough, Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan.

**The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.** The Right Reverend Andrew Forster. The Parish of Camus-juxta-Mourne (Strabane)

The Reverend John White. Rector.

#### MISSION FOCUS— The Bible Society in El Salvador

Poverty and social inequality mean that many young people in El Salvador do not have a lot of hope for their future. Teenagers are searching for purpose and meaning in their lives.

As a response to the need of these young people, the Bible Society of El Salvador is going into secondary schools and taking personal development lessons with 13-18 year olds.

Over 14 lessons, students are taught what the Bible says about their worth and their value in Christ.

Students are provided with their own portion of the Bible to read and study for themselves.



#### 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 Saward).



The Reverend Rodney Magennis is to become Diocesan Curate for the grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore and Scarva.

'Many thanks to everyone who prayed, had confidence and encouraged me along the past three years of studying at the Church of Ireland Theological Institute in Dublin. Things have not always been easy, in fact there have been many

tears and sweat during the course. Today (17<sup>th</sup> June 2020) I got the result of my dissertation and I have passed having gained a Mth (Masters in Theology). But most importantly thanks and praise go to God who has given me the wisdom and the patience to reach this point. So looking forward to the next stage in my ministry in Loughbrickland, Donaghmore and Scarva. God is good, all the time. All the time, God is good!!' **Rodney** 



Big changes at The Cathedral Youth Club! I am sure that it is hard to imagine at the moment what the new premises will look like as it is more like a builders' demolition site. I can assure everyone that the outcome will be amazing and a centre for the community to be proud of. Covid-19 is still keeping us busy as we are still supporting families. This is really satisfying work, especially for those living in isolation and not able to get out to purchase their food. We are now also putting together emergency

supplies for nursing homes.

We are trying to put in place activities which adhere to Government social distancing rules for young people. I am looking at bringing The Kidz Farm to the community. The kids can stay safely in their own garden! We have a few other ideas but as you would be aware these need to be thought out carefully as the young people's safety is paramount.

I am sure we are all looking forward to going back to worship in our beautiful Cathedral. It has been an extremely worrying time for everyone. Best wishes to the Dean and we look forward to seeing him back at the helm.

To finish - it is with sadness that I inform you of the death of our dear friend, volunteer, and Jack of all trades to the Cathedral Youth Club, Janet Jackson. Janet died after a short illness on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June. We miss her so much as she participated in all trips, residential and also worked with the kids. Janet will leave a huge void in the daily running of our club. Our sympathy goes to her family, sons Lee, Ashley, and her daughter Kim and their families. **Jeanette** 



#### DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

#### Nan & Winston Carson

60 years married on 30 July 2020 Congratulations and love from Sylvia, Joanne, Glen, Heather and their families





Erica will graduate from Queens with a 2:1 in Social Policy and Sociology this summer







Sam Moyse Mark Hewitt Ava Copestake Scott Burns





Mark on 23rd July Lots of love Mummy, Katie, Jake



Mark on 23rd July Lots of love Granny & Granda xo

#### **Wedding Anniversary Congratulations**

#### Leslie and Sharon Wells.

who celebrated the 45th anniversary on their marriage on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June

Malcolm and Irene Hewitt,

who celebrated the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June.

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## Ordination Anniversaries

We offer our congratulations to **The Reverend Canon John Merrick** who celebrated the 28<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June. The Reverend Canon John Merrick was made a deacon in the Cathedral Church of Saint Fethlimidh, Kilmore on the Feastday of Saint Barnabas, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 1982.

We, also, offer our congratulations to **The Reverend Colin James Young**, a former Curate-assistant and Vicar Choral of Saint Columb's Cathedral (1985-1988), who celebrated the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020. Mr Colin Young was made a deacon in The Cathedral Church of Saint Columb, Londonderry on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1985. Also at the Service of Ordination, Mr John Martin was made a deacon to serve as Curate-assistant in The Parish of Drumachose (Limavady).

The Preacher was Canon Samuel Simpson, the Rector of The Parish of Errigal (Garvagh) with Desertoghill (Moyletra).

We offer our congratulations to **The Reverend Canon Robert Boyd,** the Rector of The Parish of Glendermott and Newbuildings, Londonderry who celebrated the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June (The Feastday of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist) – the same day as the Dean and The Reverend Canon Sam McVeigh celebrated the 41<sup>st</sup> anniversary of their ordination as deacons in Saint Columb's Cathedral on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 1979.

#### **Lambeth Awards**

Bishop Ken Good and Bishop Donal McKeown are among more than 30 people honoured by the Archbishop of Canterbury in this year's Lambeth Awards which were announced this morning (Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June). The awards acknowledge "outstanding contributions to the Church and wider society".

Archbishop Welby said: "This is the fifth year of the Lambeth Awards, and I am constantly impressed and humbled by the work that recipients have accomplished, sometimes in the most challenging circumstances. Not all are followers of Jesus Christ, but all contribute through their faith to the mutual respect and maintenance of human dignity which are so vital to spiritual and social health."

Bishop Good and Bishop McKeown have each been given a Langton Award for Community Service. The citation accompanying Bishop Good's said it was "for giving strategic leadership to the local church to engage fully with the community, throughout his ordained ministry, most of which was in the complex community of Northern Ireland." Bishop McKeown's citation said his award was "for his exceptional and sustained dedication to the cause of peace and social cohesion in an environment of traditional interdenominational tension." The Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Reverend John McDowell, was among the first to congratulate the two Bishops. "These Awards are an eloquent tribute to two good and faithful servants of Christ's Church on earth. +Donal and +Ken have modelled an example of discipleship and Christian witness that should serve as an encouragement and inspiration to us all – in the Church and in society at large."

Bishop Andrew joined in the tributes. "I congratulate Bishop Ken and Bishop Donal on receiving their Lambeth Awards," he said. "They have been hard-earned and are richly deserved for the bishops' efforts – both individually and in partnership – to heal division and build bridges in our community. They are a fitting reward, too, for the Bishops' constant and faithful witness to Christ's gospel.

"In the same way that they have been inspired by their predecessors, +Donal and +Ken have

Church leadership for all of us who follow, for which I thank God. "I congratulate them both. I applaud the Archbishop of Canterbury, too, for his perceptiveness and generosity in acknowledging the often-unsung work that is being done by the

set a towering example of Christian

Churches here to promote peace and reconciliation."

Click the link below for a more detailed report, including reaction from both bishops.

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## With Heartfelt Sympathy

#### McClenaghan

We remember Stephen McClenaghan and his family - daughter Frances, son-in-law Rob and grandchildren — and all of the relatives of **Helen McClenaghan** (nee Mehaffey), Markethill Road, Portadown, County Armagh who died on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Helen was the sister of The Right Reverend James Mehaffey who died on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2020.

We express our sympathy to Helen's sister-in-law, Thelma Mehaffey, Clearwater, Londonderry and to her family, Wendy and Tim.

#### Kelly

We remember John Kelly and his family – Judith and her husband David and Adrian and his wife Caroline and their families – and all of the relatives of **Margaret (Gretta) Kelly** (nee McLaughlin), Adelaide Avenue, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at her home on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Margaret was a sister of (The Reverend) Ken McLaughlin, Cadogen Park, Kilfennan, Londonderry to whom, and to whose wife Margaret and their family, we also express our sympathy. We, also, express our sympathy to Gretta's brother Harold McLaughlin in Castlerock and to the family of her sister Bertha Miller (deceased).

#### **Nicholas**

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **Ray Nicholas** who died in London on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Ray was the husband of Oonagh (nee Boal) who died on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2020. We, also, express our sympathy to Ray's sister-in-law Maureen Boal, Limavady Road, Lononderry and to the family and relatives of his sisters-in-law Kathleen Way (deceased) and Deirdre Eakin (deceased) and of his brother-in-law Desmond Boal (deceased).

#### **McCauley**

We remember the family and all of the relatives of **William David McCauley,** Shanreagh Park, Limavady who died on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

We remember Billy's sisters Jean and her husband Will Pomeroy, Grovemount Court, Londonderry and Hazel (and her husband Raymond - deceased) and their families.

#### **Jackson**

We remember the family – Kim, Lee and Ashley – and all of the relatives of **Janet Jackson**, The Fountain, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic restrictions prayers were said outside of the family home on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June before the funeral cortege made its way to Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry where The Service of Committal was conducted by The Reverend Canon John Merrick

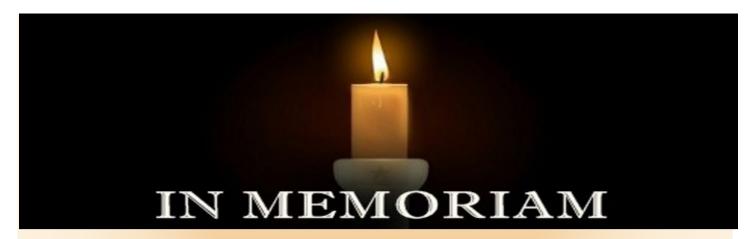
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Janet Jackson, The Fountain, Londonderry. Ballyoan Cemetery, Londonderry.

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2020



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Happy birthday memories of our much loved parents Billy & Betty Burnside From Bill, Paul & Heather	100.00	
In loving memory of David Wilson From Lil In memory of David Wilson, father & grandad From Lisa, Ross & Drew Wilson In memory of my father David Wilson From John & Audrey Wilson In memory of Pop, David Wilson	50.00 50.00 25.00	
From Pamela Wilson In memory of David Wilson From George Laverty	25.00	
In memory of my brother Adrian Dorsett From Pamela Wilson In memory of Adrian Dorsett From Lil Wilson In memory of Avril Laverty From Lil Wilson	25.00 20.00 20.00	
In loving memory of my husband Stanley Hamilton From his wife Eileen & family In loving memory of Roy Peoples a dear husband, father, grandfather & great	60.00 t-grandfather	
From Catherine Gurney	50.00	
In loving memory of Sydney Haslett, a dear husband and father From Maisie In loving memory of a dear father, Sydney Haslett From Moyra		
Thankoffering in celebration of our 65th Wedding Anniversary From Will & Jean Pomeroy	650.00	

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