

The background of the cover is a photograph of Saint Columb's Cathedral. The cathedral is a large, grey stone building with a prominent, tall, pointed steeple. It features Gothic-style windows with intricate tracery. In the foreground, several thin, brown branches with small, dark red buds are visible, partially obscuring the view of the cathedral. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The overall scene is set on a green lawn with some trees in the distance.

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The Dean writes.....

Dear Parishioners and Friends

One of the readings at Ascension-tide is Acts 1: 1-11. Here we read that when Jesus had ascended to Heaven two men dressed in white appeared to His disciples. They asked them,

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky?”

One of the messages of the Ascension is **‘Look Up’**. We are reminded that we must seek those things that are above and to set our thoughts on the things of God. We must focus our minds – our spiritual eyes – on God and on His Son, Jesus. This is what Christians do. They look to God and to His Son Jesus for help, guidance, inspiration and encouragement. I believe that people of faith, and also people who have very little interest in God, religion and the Church, have been among the first to seek an answer during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic by focusing on a power that is greater than themselves. I believe that instead of ignoring God people have been drawing closer to Him and soaking up the spiritual strength and hope that come from Him.

The Psalmist (Psalm 14) wrote – **The fool has said in his heart, ‘There is no God’.**

Why is it, then, that many people who say that they do not believe in God, who do not come to church, ask for prayer, a sign of hope, in a time of need? When things are going well they depend on themselves and their own resources, but at a time of sickness, tragedy and bereavement they turn to God for help.

They look up – literally and metaphorically – to the Source of that help.

We will do well to echo the words of Psalm 121 – **I will lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

God is our Creator and Sustainer. He made us and He cares for us.

We find it difficult to understand why people suffer and why terrible things happen in the world, but we do believe that God cares. He listens to our questions and He reaches out through His Son Jesus Christ to meet our needs. We need to be people of faith and not of fear; people who live with certainties and not with questions and doubts.

Ascension-tide also encourages us to **‘Look Out’**; to look around us and to acknowledge the needs of other people. During the past 14-15 months I know that many people in this parish have been doing this very thing. They have seen the needs of their neighbours and have responded. I applaud you for this. All efforts, however small, make a difference.

We will do well to continue to keep our eyes and ears open and alert to the needs of individuals and families in this parish, city and community. COVID-19 has not gone away and it continues to spread its deadly tentacles and to attempt to squeeze every last ounce of energy and hope from our veins.

I was watching a Church Service on RTE television on last Sunday, 25th April. During the Service in Christ Church, Bray, County Wicklow the Rector, The Reverend Baden Stanley, gave a number of ‘reflections’ on the theme of the day – **The Good Shepherd**.

He reminded his listeners that towards the end of His life on earth Jesus gave three instructions to His disciple Peter. **“Feed my lambs”. “Tend my sheep”. “Feed my sheep”.** (Saint John 21: 15-17).

He explained that this is what all of us should be doing every day; looking out for each other and caring for each other – just as Jesus, the Good Shepherd, cares for each one of us.

Yours sincerely

Raymond Stewart

A Meeting of the Select Vestry

A meeting of the Select Vestry will be held via Zoom on Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.30 p.m.

Statement by the Dean on Sunday 11th April 2021

As a Cathedral family we add our comments to those made in recent days to express our sympathy to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, to her family, and to the members of the Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness, The Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh.

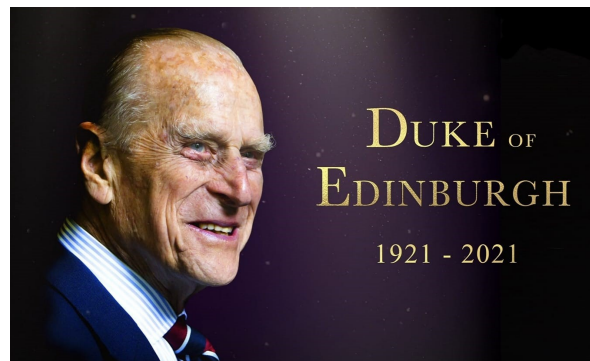
We thank God for Prince Philip's long life – two months and one day short of 100 years – and for his commitment to Her Majesty as a husband for over 73 years.

We remember his sense of duty and loyalty to his Queen and Country as well as his association with many charities, and particularly his involvement with The Duke of Edinburgh Award since its inception in 1956.

We recognise his long service to this Nation and to all of the Nations of the Commonwealth.

We rejoice in the Christian Faith by which he lived and in which he died.

**A special service marking
the death of His late Royal Highness
THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH
Friday 16th April 2021
7.30 pm**



The Dean introduced the Service.

I welcome you who are present in the Cathedral and you who are watching on-line to this special service marking the death of His late Royal Highness THE PRINCE PHILIP, DUKE OF EDINBURGH.

This, truly, is an occasion when CHURCH, CITY and COMMUNITY come together to remember a great and a good man.

It is my pleasure this evening to welcome representatives of Churches in this City as well as representatives of City and Community life.

I welcome The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, representing The Church of Ireland; The Most Reverend Dr Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry, representing The Roman Catholic Church; The Reverend Keith Hibbert, representing The Presbyterian Church; and The Reverend Paul Gallucci, representing The Methodist Church.

I, also, welcome Archdeacon Robert Miller and The Reverend Nigel Cairns; Parishioners from Saint Augustine's Church and members of the congregations of Clooney Hall and Carlisle Road Methodist Churches.

I welcome Mr Stuart Keys, Her Majesty's Vice Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Londonderry, and his wife Margaret.

Mr Alan Moore, Clerk to the Lieutenancy of the County Borough of Londonderry.

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Londonderry, Dr Angela Garvey and her husband Gerard, sadly, are unable to be here this evening, and they send their apologies.

I also welcome Miss Linda Heaney, the High Sheriff for the County Borough of Londonderry, Lord Hay of Ballyore, Councillor Brian Tierney, Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Alderman Graham Warke, Deputy Mayor of Derry City and Strabane District Council, Superintendent Catherine Magee from the PSNI, Mrs Joan Doherty and her husband Ken, Mr David Davis and Mr Richard Doherty. Mr Gary Middleton MLA, sadly, is unable to be here this evening due to a family bereavement. Mr Colum Eastwood MP, Mrs Helen Quigley and Mrs Angela McIntyre also send an apology.

The Scripture Reading (Revelation 21: 1-7) was read by The Most Reverend Dr Donal McKeown, Bishop of Derry.

The Sermon was preached by The Right Reverend Andrew Forster, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe.

Prayers were read by The Reverend Canon John Merrick.

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

The Gentlemen of the Choir sang 'Be thou my vision', Psalm 23, The Anthem – Nunc Dimittis in F major by George Dyson, and 'O God, our help in ages past'.

Organ Music Before The Service – Elegy, George Thalben-Ball

O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß BWV 622, J S Bach.

Organ Voluntary (at the conclusion of the service) – 'Nimrod' from Enigma Variations by Edward Elgar. The Service concluded with The National Anthem.

The Family Service on Sunday 25th April included the baptism of Tamara Archibald's daughter Harlee. Our Superintendent Irene had taught Tamara 21 years ago and was delighted when presenting the Dorcas Pack to reflect on the family connection. The lessons at the service were read by Olivia Brown and her mum Emma.



On our calendar this month we would have had our inspection but as we have not been in Sunday School this year we will pass on the inspection.

All being well the Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday 27th June and confirmation classes will commence on Friday 7th May, continuing in Sunday School. Jake Hewitt, Ava Copestake, Jack Duddy and Ellie McIntosh will be presented to Bishop Andrew and we wish them all well.

Irene

MAY

Sunday 2nd	Sunday School meets in Cathedral House
Sunday 9th	Sunday School meets in Cathedral House
Sunday 16th	Family Service in the Cathedral with the Rite of Holy Baptism
Sunday 23rd	Sunday School meets in Cathedral House
Sunday 30th	Sunday School meets in Cathedral House

JUNE

Sunday 6th	Sunday School meets in Cathedral House
Sunday 13th	Sunday School meets in Cathedral House
Sunday 20th	Fathers' Day/ Sunday School EXTRAVAGANZA
Sunday 27th	The Service of Confirmation

Reopening of Church Buildings for Public Worship A Return to In-Person Sunday Worship in the Cathedral

When you arrive at the Cathedral use the hand sanitiser in the porch.

Wear a face covering when you enter and when you leave the building – and throughout the service.

Due to social distancing the Cathedral can accommodate only 100 persons (max).

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.

Before you leave, please complete the details on the Track and Trace Form and leave it in the porch as you exit the Cathedral. (A Track and Trace Form must be completed for every person – adult and child).

When you arrive and when you leave church we, respectfully, request that you do not stand and chat with the clergy, the members of the Cathedral staff, and other parishioners. We understand that all of us have been accustomed to greeting one another – especially when we are leaving the Cathedral. This is, however, not permitted.

Leave the Cathedral as quickly as possible and do not stand outside chatting to one another.

Please note that all toilet facilities will remain closed until further notice.

Until further notice congregational hymn singing is not permitted.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

MAGAZINE NOTE

On Easter Sunday, someone left the small brown envelope to pay for their magazine and included the postage but unfortunately they did not put their name on the envelope. If you think it might have been you would you, please, tell me, Linda or Muriel. Thank you. **RAY**

Presidential Honour for Dr Collins

Congratulations to our Organist & Master of the Choristers, Dr Derek Collins, on his appointment as President of the Ulster Society of Organists & Choirmasters. Dr Collins becomes the third Organist & Master of the Choristers of Saint Columb's Cathedral to be elected as USOC President, following in the line of his distinguished predecessors, Mr Timothy Allen (1998-2000) and The Rev Dr Ian Mills (2018-2020). We wish Dr Collins every blessing & continued success.

Licensing & Institution of The Reverend Dr Ian Mills

Ian will be Licensed and Instituted by The Right Rev Ruth Worsley, Bishop of Taunton and Acting Diocesan Bishop on The Ascension Day, Thursday 13 May, 2021. A link to the Service will be available on the Facebook page of Ian's former parish by searching for 'Larne & Inver, Glynn and Raloo'.

It was a day of mixed emotions at the diocesan office in Londonderry as the Diocese bade a sad and socially-distanced farewell to the Bishop's Secretary, Brigid Barrett (who is moving to pastures new after five years), and welcomed back her successor – and predecessor! – Sarah MacBruithin. Brigid and her husband, Rev Arthur Barrett, have moved from Raphoe – where Arthur was Dean of St Eunan's Cathedral

– to the Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough, where he has taken up a new appointment as the Rector of Arklow. Brigid had been working as the Bishop's Secretary since 2016 and had been a leading and very active figure in Derry and Raphoe Mothers' Union. Bishop Andrew thanked her for her support and advice since his election as Bishop in August 2019. He said he and Brigid had been friends for 20 years and that their friendship had helped ease his transition from rector to bishop.

Bishop Andrew also welcomed Sarah back to the diocesan office and to the position of Bishop's Secretary, which she had occupied previously for over four years (prior to moving to Enniskillen for a time). He said his predecessor, Bishop Ken Good, had spoken very highly of both women's abilities and Bishop Andrew said he was looking forward to working with Sarah.



Confirmation 2021

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

The Cathedral Magazine

Notes / Articles for the June 2021 issue of the Cathedral magazine are due by Sunday 23rd May 2021.

Sunday Service

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



Choral music is back!!!



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
The Dioceses of Derry & Raphoe

I hope you are all able to take advantage of this lovely weather in any way you can. Hopefully this is the beginning of the end of the pandemic and we might be able to have some sort of meeting outdoors during the Summer. Doreen has very kindly offered to let us use her garden, so watch this space!

We had a very enjoyable Zoom meeting on Tuesday 13th April - thanks again to Robert and Linda for being hosts. We opened with a prayer and Irene and Margaret read their poems which had been highly commended in our Poetry competition last year.

Everyone then took a minute to talk about what had happened in their lives since our last meeting and we all enjoyed the fascinating range of stories.

Jacqui reminded us that to comply with the current insurance arrangements for MU meetings we are not able to hold indoor meetings yet but we hope and pray this will change before September.

Doreen also reminded us that All Ireland President June Butler will be doing a sponsored walk in the City on Tuesday 18th May and if anyone would like to join her please contact Doreen.

We passed on sympathy to Stephana on the death of her good friend Pat Stratton and also many thanks to Phyllis Quigley and Jayne Buchanan for making blankets for the Dorcas project. On Sunday 25th April we had our first baptism of the year. Irene presented a 'Dorcas Pack' to Harlee Ivy's family and the Dean paid tribute to Carol Bell.

We plan to hold another Zoom meeting in May and we hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Continue to stay safe.

Irene, Pauline and Margaret



Recently we have upgraded our Bastion Allotments, of which we are so proud.

As you will see from the photograph the allotments are a major feature in the Fountain Estate encouraging young and old to sow and grow flowers and vegetables.

During the past year working outdoors in the fresh air has had a major impact on people's mental health. We look forward to having tea parties in the allotments during the Summer.

We have entered the competition in The One Show BBC for the best community garden and the impact it has had on the community so we

will keep in touch if we are successful .

Little snagging details have held us up with opening the club and of course we have to abide by the rules from The Education Authority as to how many young people we can work with. However, the sheer joy of having a beautiful building fit for purpose and even working with small groups will be amazing for all concerned.

We are looking at the official opening taking place in September DV.

Keep Safe

Jeanette



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

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe has recalled the late Prince Philip's contribution to peace in Ireland as one of The Duke of Edinburgh's many legacies. His remark came during his sermon at a Special Service in St Columb's Cathedral, Londonderry on Friday evening, marking the death of His late Royal Highness.

In his sermon, Rt Rev Andrew Forster said they had gathered to give thanks for an extraordinary life and an extraordinary influence right across the world. Bishop Andrew recalled how, as a baby, Prince Philip had been rescued with his family from political turmoil in Greece and how he had been carried off in a cot made from an orange box into exile. "The next years are well documented, characterised by disruption, break-up, grief and misfortune. When he joined the Royal Naval College at Dartmouth, whether by his wry sense of humour or the reality, when he registered he signed up as 'Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark, of no fixed abode.'



"Yet this young man, from such a fractured and disrupted background, would go on to ingrain himself in the consciousness of our country and Commonwealth, and transform the lives of many through his deep commitment to improve lives. In some way, Prince Philip could be seen as the Good Samaritan who was not prepared to pass by on the other side when he saw people whose lives he could help change for the better. And perhaps that commitment was borne out of his early hardship.

Bishop Andrew referred a number of times in his sermon to the naval command, 'Action Stations', which summons all hands to battle stations on warships and which will be played by buglers as The Duke's body is laid to rest in the royal vault at Windsor Castle. "As a naval officer he would have heard the sound, 'Action Stations' during his distinguished career in the Second World War – mentioned in dispatches, saved his own ship from certain destruction – and on The Queen's accession to the throne in 1952, when he had to walk away from his beloved career, it was again as if 'Action Stations' had been sounded, as his life of seemingly perpetual action and motion shifted to dedication in supporting The Queen. There was no job description, there was no one to tell him what he should do or shouldn't do, and he carved his way in making life better for those whom he served, and in dutiful care and love for our sovereign Queen."

Bishop Andrew said the qualities of Prince Philip's life had been spoken of at length over the past week: duty, service, diligence, discipline, straightforwardness and straight-talking. Many had said that Prince Philip's greatest legacy was The Duke of Edinburgh Award – a scheme borne out of his desire to improve lives and make people's lives better.

"There are many facets of his remarkable legacy," the Bishop said, "and perhaps all of us would choose different things that we would say about his legacy and that we would celebrate – war hero, innovator, whatever it might be – but perhaps his greatest legacy of all is as the man who walked a few paces behind The Queen, and was always right behind her, physically and emotionally: with her, supporting her, guiding her, loving her, caring for her, always at 'Action Stations' to support Her Majesty.

“As The Queen herself said on their 50th wedding anniversary, he was her strength and stay all these years, the man behind perhaps one of the greatest monarchs in history, her liege man of life and limb, always ready to use the soft power for the greater good, including building peace in this island. A man who was prepared to put aside in many ways his own great grief at the loss of his uncle in the Troubles, to reach out, to try to do the best to help this island to move to better days – again the desire to make life better for people.”

Bishop Andrew described The Duke of Edinburgh as a man of deep faith. He said that Prince Philip and The Queen had sought to live their lives in the public gaze by the principles of Almighty God. “Tomorrow, as he is laid to rest, at his request ‘Action Stations’ will be sounded. Tonight, we are thankful for a life lived at ‘Action Stations’; a life that is an example to each one of us; a very long life, remarkably lived; a life that made a difference in the lives of many; and a life that in some small way we can seek to mirror by making a difference for the good in the lives of those around us. ‘Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will by my children.’”

With thanks to the Diocese of Derry & Raphoe Facebook page



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 **do not** have access to the Hospital Admission Forms so we can only know that you are a patient in hospital if the Chaplain notifies us or if you or a relative notifies us.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Please note that during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic Dean Raymond Stewart and Canon John Merrick are not permitted to visit hospitals and nursing homes. Please, however, inform us if you are admitted to a hospital or to a nursing home so that we can pray for you.

Bible Readings for May 2021

DAY	READING	THEME
Saturday 1	Mark 9:42-50	Distraction, confusion, integrity
Sunday 2	1 Samuel 18:1-16	David, Jonathan and Saul
Monday 3	1 Samuel 18:17-29	Michal loves David
Tuesday 4	1 Samuel 19:8-17	Michal rescues David
Wednesday 5	1 Samuel 25:39-44	Michal given to Palti
Thursday 6	2 Samuel 3:12-16	Michal taken back
Friday 7	2 Samuel 6:12-19	David dances
Saturday 8	2 Samuel 6:20-23	Michal shamed
Sunday 9	Titus 1	More than words
Monday 10	Titus 2	Do good for the sake of the gospel
Tuesday 11	Titus 3	Cart before the horse?
Wednesday 12	Philemon 1:1-7	Thanksgiving and prayer
Thursday 13	Philemon 1:8-21	Paul and Onesimus
Friday 14	Jude 1:1-16	Faithful engineering
Saturday 15	Jude 1:17-25	Looking to the horizon
Sunday 16	1 John 1	What we have heard and seen
Monday 17	1 John 2:1-17	Living in the light
Tuesday 18	1 John 3:11-24	Passed from death to life
Wednesday 19	1 John 4:7-21	God is love
Thursday 20	1 John 5:1-5, 13-21	Conquerors of the world
Friday 21	2 John	This is love
Saturday 22	3 John	Do not imitate evil
Sunday 23	Acts 2:1-21	All change
Monday 24	Genesis 38:6-26	Tamar's dilemma
Tuesday 25	Exodus 1:15-21	Call the midwives
Wednesday 26	Numbers 27:1-11	Claiming their rights
Thursday 27	Judges 1:12-15	I don't want jewellery!
Friday 28	1 Samuel 25:4-19	Getting the message
Saturday 29	1 Samuel 25:23-35	A woman of spirit
Sunday 30	2 Samuel 21:1-14	Making a stand
Monday 31	2 Kings 4:17-22, 27-37	A woman's silence



Congratulations

to Lukas Lynch and Leo Collins both successfully auditioned for the National Youth Choir NI.

Both former Boy Choristers and now in the Gentlemen's Choir.



We offer our warmest congratulations to two members of the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe who have been honoured by The Queen with Maundy Gifts, this year, in recognition of their service to the church and the local community. They are Mrs Avril McNee, a stalwart of the Diocesan Mothers' Union branch, and Diocesan Reader Mr Albert Moore.

The Royal Maundy Service is usually one of the most colourful events in the royal calendar and is often attended by other members of the Royal Family, as well as Yeomen of the Queen's Bodyguard. Like last year's, though, the 2021 service has had to be cancelled because of the COVID-19 pandemic, meaning Avril and Albert received their traditional Maundy gifts by post rather than in person.



CATHEDRAL
MUSIC TRUST

We are pleased to announce today that Alexander Armstrong has been appointed as Cathedral Music Trust's ambassador. In this role, Alexander will promote our work, sustaining and developing this invaluable part of the country's cultural heritage, and nurturing the next diverse generation of fine cathedral musicians.

A presenter, comedian and actor, Alexander has a strong background in cathedral music. He counts his time as a chorister at St Mary's Episcopal Cathedral in Edinburgh as one of the most important and formative experiences of his life and went on to sing as a choral scholar at Trinity College, Cambridge. Still performing and recording as a bass-baritone, Alexander currently presents Classic FM's flagship mid-morning radio programme as well as the popular television quiz show 'Pointless' on BBC1.

We are thrilled to welcome Alexander as our Ambassador and look forward to working with him. We are particularly looking forward to next Wednesday 5 May at 8pm when Alexander will host a special evening of entertainment with Directors of Music and Precentors undertaking The Cathedral Music Challenge to which you are all invited.

Cathedral music is a national treasure that should be celebrated with pride by us all. Alexander's infectious enthusiasm for cathedral music, and his extensive experience as a singer, make him a wonderful advocate for our cause.

Best wishes,

Peter Allwood

Chair, Cathedral Music Trust



Scripture Readings at Sunday Services

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

This year we follow the readings for Year B.

Sunday 2nd May 2021 – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00 a.m.

Acts 8: 26-40. Psalm 22: 25-31 (page 615). 1 John 4: 7-21. Saint John 15: 1-8.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order Two)

1 John 4: 7-21. Saint John 15: 1-8.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 96 (page 703). Isaiah 60: 1-14. Saint Mark 16: 9-16.

Sunday 9th May 2021 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter: Rogation Sunday

8.00 a.m.

Acts 10: 44-48. Psalm 98 (page 704). 1 John 5: 1-6. Saint John 15: 9-17.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Matins – Order One).

Psalm 98 (page 704). Acts 10: 44-48. Saint John 15: 9-17.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 45 (page 643). The Song of Solomon 4: 16 – 5: 2 & 8: 6-7. Saint Luke 22: 24-30.

Thursday 13th May 2021 – The Ascension Day

7.30 p.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order Two).

Acts 1: 1-11. Saint Luke 24: 44-53.

Sunday 16th May 2021 – The Seventh Sunday after Easter: Sunday after The Ascension Day

8.00 a.m.

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26. Psalm 1 (page 594). 1 John 5: 9-13. Saint John 17: 6-19.

11.00 a.m. (A Family Service with The Rite of Holy Baptism).

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26. Psalm 1 (page 594). Saint John 17: 6-19.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 147: 1-12 (page 762). Isaiah 61: 1-11. Saint Luke 4: 14-21.

Friday 21st May 2021 – The Service of Holy Matrimony (Peter Norris and Georgia Mitchell)

Sunday 23rd May 2021 – The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday

8.00 a.m.

Acts 2: 1-21. Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b. Romans 8: 22-27. Saint John 15: 26-27 & 16: 4b-15.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order One)

Acts 2: 1-21. Saint John 15: 26-27 & 16: 4b-15.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 139: 1-18, 23-24 (page 754). Ezekiel 36: 22-28. Saint John 20: 19-23.

Sunday 30th May 2021 – Trinity Sunday

8.00 a.m.

Isaiah 6: 1-8. Psalm 29 (page 622). Romans 8: 12-17. Saint John 3: 1-17.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order Two)

Romans 8: 12-17. Saint John 3: 1-17.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 104: 1-10 (page 710). Ezekiel 1: 4-10, 22-28a. Saint Mark 1: 1-13.

Sunday 6th June 2021 – The First Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m.

1 Samuel 8: 4-20 & 11: 14-15. Psalm 138 (page 753). 2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1. Saint Mark 3: 20-35.

11.00 a.m. (The Service of Choral Eucharist – Order Two)

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1. Saint Mark 3: 20-35.

4.00 p.m.

Psalm 37: 1-17 (page 632). Jeremiah 6: 16-21. Saint Luke 7: 11-17.

The Ascension Day / Thursday 13th May 2021.

The Service of Choral Eucharist (Order Two) will be held in Saint Columb's Cathedral at 7.30 pm. The Service will also be live streamed.

The 'Big Clean Day' for Re-opening of the Cathedral at Easter

As soon as restrictions were lifted sufficiently to allow church services to begin again, it was time to get a team of helpers together to carry out a 'big clean' of the Cathedral.

Despite the Cathedral being closed for 3 months the ongoing erosion of the walls etc along with the normal gathering of dust and grime made this a necessary task.

A huge thank you to the following team of helpers who gathered on the morning of 27th March with brushes, cloths, 4 vacuum cleaners and cleaning fluids and set to on their task to make the Cathedral look its absolute best for Easter Sunday. Please do not go away, there will probably be another 'call up' soon!



A few people who have helped in past could not make it as they had previous engagements and I know we can count on them in the future. Should anyone else feel they wish to join the team, please contact me, we will be delighted to welcome you on board.

The team was:

**Charlie Ferguson | Ray Mace | Muriel Hamilton | Jacqui Armstrong
James Sarsteiner | Werner Scheel | William Lynn | Raymond Nesbitt
Canon John Merrick | Graham Hunter | Simon McGonigle | Maurice Brown
Irene Hewitt | Lynsey Hewitt**

Thank you also to Elizabeth & Aubrey Fielding, Jacqui Armstrong and James Sarsteiner for the floral arrangement at the Chancel and the Easter display in the outer porch.

Robert McGonigle



Partners in Prayer 2021

Bishop Andrew writes

The pandemic has brought countless challenges to each and everyone of us, challenges that have driven us to our knees as we have cried out to God for mercy and help during one of the most difficult periods that we have lived through.

Our diocesan prayer diary is a valuable resource in helping you support our diocesan family. You can help our parishes through your prayers as they seek to respond to the COVID-19 crisis.

Remember, every prayer counts and every prayer makes a difference.

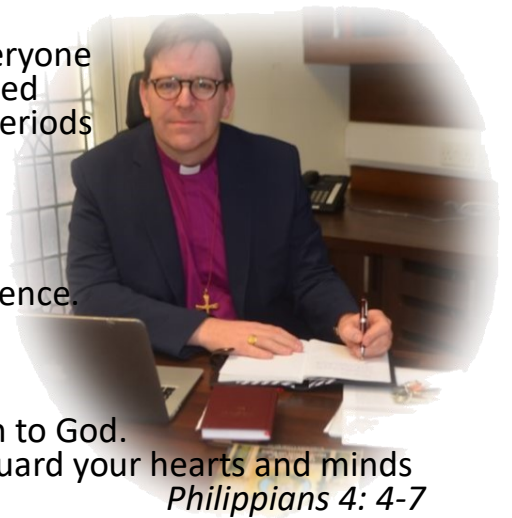
‘Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

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

SATURDAY 1st MAY 2021

SAINT PHILIP AND SAINT JAMES, APOSTLES

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 2nd MAY 2021

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East

The Most Reverend Michael Lewis, President Bishop,
Bishop in The Diocese of Cyprus and The Gulf.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Meath and Kildare. The Most Reverend Patricia (Pat) Storey.

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

The Parish of Ballyscullion (Bellaghy)

The Reverend Brian Hassan, (Non Stipendiary Ministry) - Priest in Charge.

MISSION FOCUS - The Bible Society in Guatemala

Every day 33 people become a victim of human trafficking in Guatemala. It is estimated that 60% of these people are children. This has a devastating effect on the lives of the young women and children.

The “**Free to Live**” project brings God’s Word to those who have been victims of trafficking. This project helps girls and young women, giving them hope through the message of the Bible. “**Free to Live**” groups meet once a week where they study Scripture and participate in Trauma Healing programmes. They are aided in their recovery from the traumatic events that they have experienced and are shown that God loves them and cares for them.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 9th MAY 2021

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: ROGATION SUNDAY

The Anglican Church of Kenya

The Most Reverend Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate,
Archbishop of All Kenya.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Meath and Kildare. The Most Reverend Patricia (Pat) Storey.

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

The Parish of Castledawson. The Reverend Canon Colin Welsh. Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – Church Mission Society in Uganda

The closure of schools in Uganda, due to Covid-19 restrictions, has meant that children have taken a step backward in their education. Parents are struggling to make a living and paying school fees in the coming months will be a challenge. **Pray that children will soon be allowed back to school.**

MONDAY 10th – SUNDAY 16th MAY 2021 - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

THURSDAY 13th MAY 2021 – THE ASCENSION DAY

FRIDAY 14th MAY 2021 – SAINT MATTHIAS

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 16th MAY 2021

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION DAY

The Anglican Church of Korea

The Most Reverend Peter Kyongho Lee, Primate of Korea and Bishop of Seoul.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Meath and Kildare. The Most Reverend Patricia (Pat) Storey.

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

The Parishes of Desertmartin and Termoneeny (Knockloughrim). Rector: Vacant.

In Charge – The Reverend Canon Colin Welsh, Rural Dean.

MISSION FOCUS – The Leprosy Mission in Chad

TLM Chad works towards the reduction of the transmission of leprosy and leprosy-related disability, as well as working against discrimination against persons affected by leprosy and other disabled and excluded persons.

Pray for TLM Chad's new project in the Salamat. Pray that its population may understand TLM's vision and work together with the team towards the reduction of leprosy and disability. **Pray for wisdom for Geeske Zijp**, the Programme Manager, as she leads the new work in Salamat while continuing to oversee the activities in the Guera.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 23rd MAY 2021

THE DAY OF PENTECOST: WHITSUNDAY

ANGLICAN COMMUNION SUNDAY

The Anglican Church of Melanesia

The Most Reverend Leonard Dawea, Archbishop of The Anglican Church of Melanesia,
Bishop of Central Melanesia.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Meath and Kildare. The Most Reverend Patricia (Pat) Storey.

The Dioceses of Derry and Raphoe.

The Right Reverend Andrew Forster (and his wife Heather and their family).

MISSION FOCUS – Church Mission Society in Democratic Republic Congo

Thank God for the achievements in refurbishing rural schools over the past year.

Pray for teachers who will commit themselves to serve in difficult circumstances.

Pray for the theological college in the Diocese of Kindu as students try to catch up with studies missed during lockdown.

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 30th MAY 2021

TRINITY SUNDAY

La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (The Anglican Church of Mexico)

Presiding Bishop: Vacant.

The Right Reverend Enrique Trevino, Interim Primate, Bishop of Cuernavaca.

The Church of Ireland

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

The Dioceses of Meath and Kildare. The Most Reverend Patricia (Pat) Storey.

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

The Parishes of Kilcronaghan (Tobermore) and Ballynascreen (Draperstown) with Sixtowns.

The Reverend Rosie Diffin, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – The Leprosy Mission in India

The Leprosy Mission Trust India has formed and strengthened many grassroots level groups, primarily of people affected by leprosy. They play a key role in empowering the communities that TLMTI works with. **Pray for the growth and sustainability of these groups.**

MONDAY 31st MAY 2021 – THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

THE WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY 6th JUNE 2021

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

The Church of The Province of Myanmar (Burma)

The Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar, Bishop of Yangon.

The Church of Ireland

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

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

**The Parishes of Ardstraw (Newtownstewart), Baronscourt,
Badoney Lower (Gortin) with Greenan, and Badoney Upper (Plumbridge).**

The Reverend Ivan Dinsmore, Rector.

MISSION FOCUS – The Bible Society in Uganda

People with visual impairments often cannot access the Bible for themselves; they need someone to read it for them in order to know what it says.

The Scriptures of People with Visual Disabilities project in Uganda is working to provide Braille and audio Bibles to those who may not be able to access God's Word through sight. When Christians with visual impairments are able to access the Bible, they are able to grow in their faith. They are able to participate in church services, following along with the passage and even reading from the front. This is something that could not happen without the Bible in a format that they can access.

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 Ireland 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.**

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) pandemic 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.**

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

A Prayer for Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Doctors and Nurses

Almighty God, we lift before you all of our medical staff and professionals, carers, community workers and those providing essential services.

We thank you for their commitment and dedication to sacrificially serve you.

We pray that your outstretched arms will embrace their helping hands on the frontline of this pandemic.

Comfort and uphold them as they deal with the traumatic situations that they face.
Lord, give them strength and tenacity in their tiredness.
Protect them from infection and guard their families.
Father, encourage them with your gentleness and give them compassion and grace in how they serve and lead. **Amen.**
(From 'Hope in the Pandemic' – Prayers during COVID-19)



Christian Aid Week will be observed from Monday 10th – Sunday 16th May 2021.
A retiring offering for Christian Aid will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday 16th May 2021.

Rosamond Bennett, Chief Executive, Christian Aid Ireland writes:

This year we are celebrating 75 years of Christian Aid. Our 75th celebration video can be viewed at caid.ie/realchange. Please consider sharing it via your social media or church community.

A Prayer for Christian Aid Week

O God, you have called us to be like little children.
Give us the eyes of a child – curious and determined to see what is going on.
Give us the ears of a child – sharp and attentive to hear your word of love.
And give us the energy of a child – expecting a response and confident that we can change the world. **Amen.**
(Janet Morley)



The Leprosy Mission and India

I am sure you are all aware of the catastrophic situation in India at present with the huge numbers of people who are infected, very seriously ill and dying from Covid-19.

In a very overcrowded country where most people are extremely poor, hospitals just about cope to provide health care, although many people are so poor they cannot afford any healthcare or medications. At the moment, most hospitals have run out of oxygen, which is essential as most people who contract Covid-19 badly have severe respiratory problems. Also, only a tiny number of people have received any vaccination. People are literally dying in the street from lack of treatment and the hospitals are totally overwhelmed.

This obviously has a serious knock-on effect for the work of The Leprosy Mission in India. As leprosy patients are already vulnerable, many have also contracted covid-19, which makes their recovery much more challenging. Many of the doctors, nurses, therapist and other staff at the TLM hospitals have become ill or died and have not been replaced and rehabilitation workshops have had to close. This has created a dreadful situation for leprosy patients and made the work of TLM much more difficult.

We, in Europe, find it very difficult to take in this level of poverty and lack of health care, but to give a practical example, I recently read that a donation of £8 would feed an Indian family for a week and many people, even if they are lucky enough to have jobs, live on £1-2 daily! Therefore, I appeal to you to support TLM as generously as you can and pray for the desperately poor people of India in the grips of this awful pandemic.

Anne Hamilton
Parish Representative for the Leprosy Mission

DIPPING INTO THE ARCHIVES

From the Cathedral Magazine of May 1961

Clergy: The Very Reverend L. R. Lawrenson, Dean of Derry and Rector of Templemore.

Curate: The Reverend C. R. J. Bradley, Dean's Vicar.

Churchwardens: Dr. O. M. P. Tobias Mr. A. W. Fielding

Hon. Secretary: Mr. H. Haslett

Hon. Treasurer: Mr. S. W. Toms

Assistant Hon. Treasurer: Mr. W. Beatty

Organist and Master of the Choir: Mr. Michael H. Franklin

Memoranda for May

7th (Sunday) – **Rogation Sunday**: Collections for the transport of Church of Ireland children in the Republic of Ireland to their own schools.

14th (Sunday) – **Sunday after Ascension**: 11.30 a.m. Matins which will be attended by 250 Army personnel.

31st (Wednesday) – 3 p.m. Mothers' Union Festival Service: Preacher – The Right Reverend Dr. E. C. Hodges, former Bishop of Limerick.

Combined New Hymnals and Prayer Books

The first publication of the words edition of the new hymnal will be in the form of a combined book (with the prayer book) and the cost will be **9/-**. It is hoped before long to publish the books singly at **5/6 each**.

The size of the new Combined Book will be 6 inches by 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. We hope to use the new hymnals for the first time on the first Sunday in **June**, and we hope by then most of our people will have procured copies.

Annual Auction

This annual event was supported better than ever, and our faithful helpers of other years were at their posts as usual. We are grateful to those who contributed, and especially to the thirty people who worked so hard from 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Friday, 21st April, not forgetting our auctioneer, Mr. Lexie Mitchell and assistant auctioneer, Mr. W. Dunne.

Cups of tea and sandwiches appeared mysteriously throughout the day for all the helpers. We thank the "Fairy Godmothers" for their thoughtfulness and generosity in extracting the "sweet nectar" for the overwrought.

To the Scouts who collected so much stuff, and to Mr. D. Archibald who once again put his van at our disposal, we are deeply grateful.

NETT amount with all expenses paid - **£77 12s. 0d.**

Visiting

With a depleted staff, the Dean and Mr. Bradley are trying to cover the wide area over which the Parish now extends, including several new housing estates into which Cathedral parishioners are going week by week.

It is very difficult to keep track of all who change house almost overnight. We would be grateful to be told immediately of any removal, as of course of any who are sick or wish to see one of the Clergy at any time, or any who may feel neglected in the way of visitation. In the case of illness, the Dean or his Vicar should be immediately informed and this especially applies to those who have to go into hospital.

It **could** happen, one of our parishioners might be in hospital for a week or two without our knowing it.

Confirmation

Almost sixty candidates have been under instruction for Confirmation since the beginning of February. It is hoped that most of these will be presented for Confirmation. The prayers of the congregation are asked on their behalf and that of their parents, as they accept full membership of the Church with its high privileges and grave responsibilities. The Confirmation takes place on Ascension evening, 11th May, at 8 p.m. On the previous Tuesday, all **Candidates** must be present in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m., while on the Eve of the Confirmation, i.e., Wednesday, 10th May, a vigil service to which all the **parents** will be specially invited to join with the Midweek congregation, takes place at 8 p.m., when the Candidates will be prayed for by name, and the Dean will take the opportunity of speaking to the parents.

On the following week, **Thursday 18th**, all those Confirmed will meet in the Cathedral for instruction concerning their First Communion (on WHITSUNDAY at 8 a.m.).

HOW TO SPEND A DAY IN LOCKDOWN

Of the top ten new words in the Collins Dictionary for 2020, six of them were related to the Corona virus pandemic. One of those words was 'lockdown' and when the first one came into force on 23 March 2020, most people were wondering how to cope with shops, offices, businesses etc being closed. Clearing out seemed to be the order of the day.

A LOCKDOWN DAY IN ONE HOUSEHOLD (otherwise called *Today I will definitely clear out the jumper cupboard*).

Woke and thought about getting up. Sat up and put my arms out from under the duvet. They got a bit cold so put them back and lay down to get warm again. Woke up over an hour later.

Searched for my glasses and staggered my way to the kitchen. Made a cup of tea. The daily paper was on the kitchen table so I sat to have a quick look.

Half an hour later I thought I'd better go and get washed and dressed.

That done, I went back into the bedroom, made up the bed, opened the jumper cupboard, brought them all out and sat in straggly piles. Now to get them sorted.

Front doorbell rang. It was the electricity man to read the meter. Social distancing observed.

Back to the job in hand. Phone rang. Some recorded voice telling me my Amazon account would be closed if I didn't pay up by midnight. Didn't bother me as I don't have an Amazon account.

Needed to visit the bathroom and was doing the regulation handwash whilst singing Happy Birthday (as advised by the Government) when the bathroom door started rattling. I wasn't alarmed as I knew it was my cat Bonnie – she does that at the most inopportune moments when she wants something.

Back to the kitchen to find something her ladyship will eat – cat food usually doesn't cut it. The newspaper was still on the table. I stopped to fill in a few crossword clues.

Was interrupted by the cat complaining loudly that she hadn't been fed.

Job done I returned to the jumpers. Thought I'll sort them in piles - keep, maybe worth a second thought, dump.

Started well – three stacks. Hold on - I didn't mean to put that one in the 'dump' pile. Took it out and put it in 'the second look'. Had that second look and put it with the 'keep' lot. This is going to be harder than I thought.

Picked up a cardigan I had knitted years ago and kept for sentimental reasons. Time to get ruthless – 'dump' it had to be. But wait – the buttons were very nice - maybe I'll cut them off and keep them.

Went to the kitchen for a pair of scissors. Noticed the time and thought I'll have a quick bite of lunch. While eating I went back to working at the crossword.

Had to resort to the computer to find an answer. Don't like to have to do that but while the computer was on I had a wee 'quick' look at Facebook. **Big mistake!!**

Some time later back to the jumpers – the piles hadn't got much bigger. Had forgotten the scissors so the cardigan went on the 'keep' pile.

Turned on the TV to watch "Countdown" as I sorted. This held me up a bit as I was trying to think of words. **Then a miracle occurred!** I solved the conundrum before either of the contestants!!! There was no one at home to tell so I had to text a friend who I knew also watched the show.

Help!!!!!! Just remembered when I texted my friend that I forgot to send her a birthday card. Jumped in the car and off to Frank Long's shop. Waited in the queue – facemask on and hand sanitise. Had to buy a pen to write the card, got the stamp and posted it before the collection time. Phew.

Back home. Plastic bag blowing round the drive so lifted it to put in the bin. Tripped and fell on the drive and scraped my hands and knees.

Put plastic bag in the blue bin. Dropped my keys in too and had to put the bin on its side to fish them out.

In home, feeling sorry for myself, sat down for a while to recover.

Washed and sanitised hands again, put a plaster on my knee and back to the jumpers.

I looked at the piles and a '*couldn't be bothered*' feeling came over me. I'd had enough trauma for one day so I shoved them all back into the cupboard and thought that, just like Scarlett O'Hara said in "Gone with the Wind", **tomorrow is another day.**

(And she didn't have to deal with lockdown!)

RAY MACE



JOKE CORNER
(We'd be happy to consider any from a man's perspective!)

your TV remote?" I asked. "No," she replied, "but my husband refused to come shopping with me, and I figured this was the most evil thing I could do to him legally."

WHO DOES WHAT

A man and his wife were having an argument about who should brew the coffee each morning. The wife said, "You should do it, because you get up first. The husband said, "You're in charge of cooking around here and you should do it, because it's your job, and I can just wait for my coffee." Wife replies, "No, you should do it, and besides, it is in the Bible that the man should do the coffee." Husband replies, "I can't believe that - show me." So she fetched the Bible, and opened the New Testament and showed him at the top of several pages, that it indeed says..... "HEBREWS"



THE SILENT TREATMENT

A man and his wife were having some problems at home and were giving each other the silent treatment. Suddenly, the man realized that the next day he would need his wife to wake him at 5:00 AM for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 AM." He left it where he knew she would find it.

The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 AM and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him, when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It's 5:00 AM. Wake up."

A WOMAN'S REVENGE

"Cash, check or charge?" I asked, after folding items the woman wished to purchase. As she fumbled for her wallet I noticed a remote control for a television set in her purse. "So, do you always carry

MAY DAY IN MERRIE OLDE ENGLAND

Many folklore customs have their roots planted firmly back in the Dark Ages, when the ancient Celts had divided their year by four major festivals. Beltane or 'the fire of Bel', had particular significance to the Celts as it represented the first day of summer and was celebrated with bonfires to welcome in the new season. Still celebrated today, we perhaps know Beltane better as May 1st or May Day.

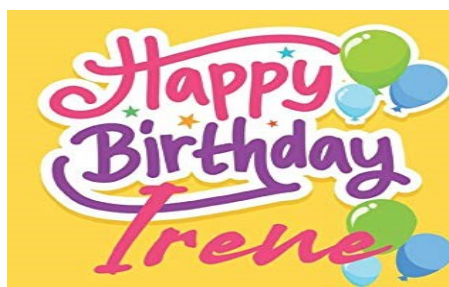
Down through the centuries May Day has been associated with fun, revelry and perhaps most important of all, fertility. The Day would be marked with village folk cavorting round the maypole, the selection of the May Queen and the dancing figure of the Jack-in-the-Green at the head of the procession. Jack is thought to be a relic from those enlightened days when our ancient ancestors worshipped trees. These pagan roots did little to endear these May Day festivities with the either the established Church or State. In the sixteenth century riots followed when May Day celebrations were banned. Fourteen rioters were hanged, and Henry VIII is said to have pardoned a further 400 who had been sentenced to death.

The May Day festivities all but vanished following the Civil War when Oliver Cromwell and his Puritans took control of the country in 1645. Describing maypole dancing as 'a heathenish vanity generally abused to superstition and wickedness', legislation was passed which saw the end of village maypoles throughout the country. Dancing did not return to the village greens until the restoration of Charles II. 'The Merry Monarch' helped ensure the support of his subjects with the erection of a massive 40 metre high maypole in London's Strand. This pole signalled the return of the fun times, and remained standing for almost fifty years.

Maypoles can still be seen on the village greens at Welford-on-Avon and at Dunchurch, Warwickshire, both of which stand all year round. Barwick in Yorkshire, claims the largest maypole in England, standing some 30 meters in height. May Day is still celebrated in many villages with the crowning of the May Queen.



Emma Bell
Ryan Hewitt



From
Malcolm
Lynsey,
Katie, Jake
and Mark

Handbook for Brides

On my desk there is still a long list of things I had planned to do when this pandemic struck and it seemed that there might spare time to tackle them, sadly, it is still a long list.

For years on my 'to do' list has been the task of preparing a book for brides. How many times have you said to an upset young bride 'they are all like that' and wished you could have saved them the pain? Recently, as an incredibly old bride, I shared a comment about the clothes some men wear, regardless of the weather, and a quiet resigned comment came back from my confidant – 'I know'. Then I wondered, is there a dictionary needed and what word of advice would **you** put into a handbook for brides?

I suppose it would have to be alphabetical as young brides do not have time to read a book. I cannot think of an 'A', but I do have a very useful 'N'

NO- it does not mean NO that is never going to happen. It means your spouse needs time to think about this and consider an answer or an excuse. Maybe they are just trying to put off the day. If you are very brave and an older bride, you may respond with 'now that we got that no out of the way here is the plan'.

Well, it is a start only 25 more solutions to go!

Elizabeth

With Heartfelt Sympathy

Barton

We remember the family – son Niall – and all of the relatives of **Sandra Barton**, Clonbeg, Buncrana, County Donegal who died on Sunday 28th March 2021.

Sandra was the wife of The Reverend Canon Sam Barton (Bishop's Curate, The Parishes of Fahan Upper and Fahan Lower (Buncrana), 1992-2014, and Rector of The Parishes of Aghadowey and Kilrea, 1986-1992) who died on 2nd May 2014.

Pomeroy

We remember Adelle Pomeroy and her family – Ryan and Ben – and all of the relatives of **Grahame Pomeroy** who died, peacefully, at his home (St. Mellons, Cardiff), after a short illness on Friday 2nd April 2021.

We also remember Grahame's parents Will and Jean Pomeroy, Grovemount Court, Londonderry and his brothers, Philip and Allister.

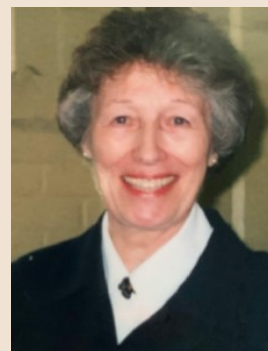
Stratton

We remember the family of **Jessie Patricia (Pat) Stratton** (nee Elliott) who died in Ascot, Berkshire, England on Friday 2nd April 2021.

We remember Pat's son David and daughter Ruth Bannerman, her sister Hilary and her brother Bob.

The Funeral Service took place on Thursday 22nd April, at All Souls, Ascot, Berkshire.

The Marriage Register of The Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral) records that Reginald Michael Stratton, 123 Cumnor Hill, Oxford and Jessie Patricia Elliott, 1 Collon Villas, Buncrana Road, Londonderry were married on 30th May 1959. The Service of Holy Matrimony was conducted by The Reverend James H Stratton.



Nutt

We remember the family and relatives of **David Nutt**, formerly of Donnybrewer Road, Campsie who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Tuesday 13th April. We remember David's daughter Emma and his brothers Brian, Mark and Trevor.

Armstrong

We remember the family – Sandra, Derek, Sharon and Bryan - and all of the relatives of **Desmond Armstrong**, Dunseverick Park, Altnagelvin, Londonderry who died, peacefully, at Altnagelvin Hospital, Londonderry on Wednesday 14th April 2021.

We, also, remember Desmond's grandchildren, Nicola, Helen, Stefanie, Natalie, Rachel, Adam and Emma and his great grandson, Jaxon.

In the Cathedral family we remember Desmond's son Derek, daughter-in-law Joanne and granddaughters Stefanie and Natalie and we send them our love and prayers.

Davis

We remember Daphne Davis and her family – Julie and Karen – and all of the relatives of **Cyril Edward Davis**, Sperrin Park, Londonderry who died, suddenly, on Wednesday 14th April. Cyril was the father of Julie and the father-in-law of Gary Middleton M.L.A. to whom, and to whose family, we also express our sympathy.

Anderson

We remember Eleanor Anderson and her family – Simon, Hannah and Emma – and all of the relatives of **(The Reverend) John Robert Anderson**, the Rector of The Parishes of Billy and Derrykeighan (Dervock) who died, suddenly, at Causeway Hospital, Coleraine on Saturday 17th April 2021.

We also remember John's mother Jean Anderson and his brother Philip.

Lindsay

We remember Philip Lindsay and all of the relatives of his daughter **Debbie** who died, peacefully, at her home, Kildoag Road, Londonderry on Monday 26th April 2021. Philip's wife and Debbie's mother, Gwen Lindsay (nee Montgomery), died on Friday 25th September 2020.

Debbie was the granddaughter of Lexie and Olive Montgomery, The Fountain, Londonderry and of the late Vincent and Ella Lindsay; the niece of Margaret and Charlie Williams (Woodburn Park, Londonderry) and of Zara and Jeremy Foster (Westlake, Enagh), and of Alan Montgomery (deceased); and the cousin of Carla and Alan Williams and of Farrah, Jasmine and Safi Foster – to whom we also express our sympathy.



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In loving memory of my grandparents, my parents, my sister Joy Majilton and my husband Joe Gallagher From Betty in Portrush	100.00
In loving memory of my Dear Friend and Partner of 37 years, William (Billy) Wilson From Anne McCullough, Tandragee	200.00
In loving of Mum & Dad, Meta & Herbie Street & brothers Herbie, Lexie & Raymond & sister-in-law, Sylvia From Freda Burnside	25.00
In loving memory of a dearly loved son, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and great uncle, Kieron From Aimiee Moore & all the family	200.00
A Thankoffering on the occasion of the Baptism of our daughter, Harlee Ivy Kilgore From Thomas Kilgore & Tamara Archibald	50.00
In memory of The Duke of Edinburgh From John Colhoun	20.00

Parish Register

Holy Baptism

"Go and make disciples of all nations

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

Sunday 25th April 2021 Harlee Ivy Kilgore, the daughter of Thomas Alexander Kilgore and Tamara Louise Archibald, Cloverhill Avenue, Londonderry.

Harlee's godparents are Louise McLaughlin and Mark McLaughlin.

At the end of The Rite of Holy Baptism Mrs Irene Hewitt, the Branch Leader of The Templemore Branch of The Mothers' Union, presented Thomas and Tamara with a 'Dorcas Pack' for Harlee.

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

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

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