

# Billy Derrykeighan

## *Rectory Ramblings*

All Saints, All Souls, Remembrance and the Sundays before Advent mean that November is a sad and reflective month. Here are some inspiring epitaphs from days gone by.

- The Lord don't make any mistakes. *d. 1904*
- Go home my wife, dry up your tears, I am not dead, but sleeping here, I am not yours, but Christ's alone—He loved me best, to Him I've gone. *Anon*
- Why should we tremble to convey their bodies to the tomb  
Where Jesus our dear savior lay and left a long perfume *d. 1813 Cape Cod*
- That life is long, which answers life's great end. *d. 1821*
- He plucked me like a tender flower from this world of faded light,  
to dwell among the angels, up in heaven so fair and bright *d. 1859*
- A sovereign God, who set my bounds, did quickly take my breath.  
Be ready then each hour you live to meet an instant death. *d. 1791*
- My time has come, next may be thine, prepare for it whilst thou hast time  
And that thou mayst prepared be, live unto Him who died for thee. *d. 1894*
- There was hope in his end. May there be hope in thine. *d. 1803*
- Free at last, free at last. Thank God Almighty, I'm free at last.  
*On the tombstone of Dr Martin Luther King Jnr d. 1968*
- Patriotism is not enough, I must have no hatred or bitterness for anyone.  
*On the tombstone of Nurse Edith Cavell, d. 1915*
- The less of this cold world, the more of Heaven: The briefer life, the earlier  
Immortality. *Toronto, Canada*



## **Confirmation 2021**

Our new Bishop, is thinking ahead and is planning for Confirmation services. If anyone in Year 9 and above who would wish to join those whose Confirmation classes were cancelled due to Covid-19, then please let the Rector know as soon as possible.

## **Family Services**

We can't have Sunday School, but we can worship together as families. So Covid permitting, I invite our Sunday School families to afternoon service in St Colman's on Sunday 1st November and on Sunday 6th December, both at 4pm. Social distancing and face coverings as per guidelines.

## **Remembrance Sunday**

We will have an Act of Remembrance in both churches on Sunday 8th November, during Morning Prayer, D.V. The Act of Remembrance will have to be simplified to take account of Public Health Guidance.

## **Shoebboxes for Operation Christmas Child**

Please have filled shoebboxes back for the beginning of November and by Remembrance Sunday at the very latest. The Rector will take them to Coleraine, where they will be quarantined before being shipped out.

## **Sunday Worship**

It's hard to plan ahead with chat of further lockdown restrictions and when the virus is so prevalent. I can understand if you feel it is safer to be at home. I will try and keep both churches open while it is safe to do so. Some Sundays to look forward to :

- \* Christ the King : Last Sunday of the year, 22nd November
- \* Advent Sunday : The Christian New Year, 29th November
- \* St Nicholas Day : Sunday 6th December

Don't forget to tune into the Rector's mid week and Sunday reflections on YouTube or Facebook. Subscribe or like "Billy & Derrykeighan" on either platform.

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### Smiles from the Aisles

Why not try to turn the public health advice into something more spiritual?

**Hands**—Jesus hands were kind hands, (213)

**Face**—Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face, (418)

**Space**— Hands that flung stars into space, (*From heaven you came*, 219)

Don't attend church if you are feeling unwell or have had any contact with the virus. Keep social distancing, wear a face covering if you can and wash your hands often.

### Select Vestries

There are no changes to the Select Vestries, Churchwardens or Glebewardens.

The following have been appointed as Synodspersons

**Billy** : Mrs Eleanor Anderson

**Derrykeighan**: Mrs Helena Espie

The following have been appointed as Parochial Nominators

**Billy** : Mrs Margaret Matthews & Mrs Anne McLaughlin

**Derrykeighan** : Miss Penney Johnston & Mr Roland Hill

### Free Will Offering

Due to shielding, isolating and smaller church congregations, parish income is considerably down. If you do have envelopes uncollected at home, please leave them in the Rectory letterbox or phone the Rectory to arrange collection. Some parishioners are now using e-banking and setting up a standing order. If this would be easier, then contact The Rector for details. Thank you to those who have been faithfully filling envelopes throughout the whole pandemic.

### Church Army

Our visiting speaker for Harvest, Karen Webb, CA, was greatly appreciated. You can go online to find out more about Church Army at [www.churcharmy.org](http://www.churcharmy.org)

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## *Registers*

### **Holy Baptism**

St Colman's	6 September	Tillie Louise Moore
Billy	4 October	Ariella Skyi Napier

### **Christian Burial**

St Colman's	29 August	Reuben McCook
St Colman's	9 September	Don Eakin ( <i>to Ballymoney Cemetery</i> )
Billy	13 September	May Twaddle
Billy	19 September	Mary Heaney
Billy	14 October	Lillian Wilson

We also note the passing of Marina McCracken (nee McFadden), who died in Ballymena on 8th October and who never forgot her roots. Donations in lieu of flowers for Derrykeighan Parish Church c/o James Henry Funeral Services, Ballymena



## *Billys Holy Dusters*

7 & 14 November	Brenda McClarty & Sharon Wade
21 & 28 November	Jean McCook & Patricia Dobbin

## *Sunday Flowers*

No formal flower rota operating as yet, but anyone that wishes to provide flowers for church are welcome to do so. There are plenty of flower stands and window sills.

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