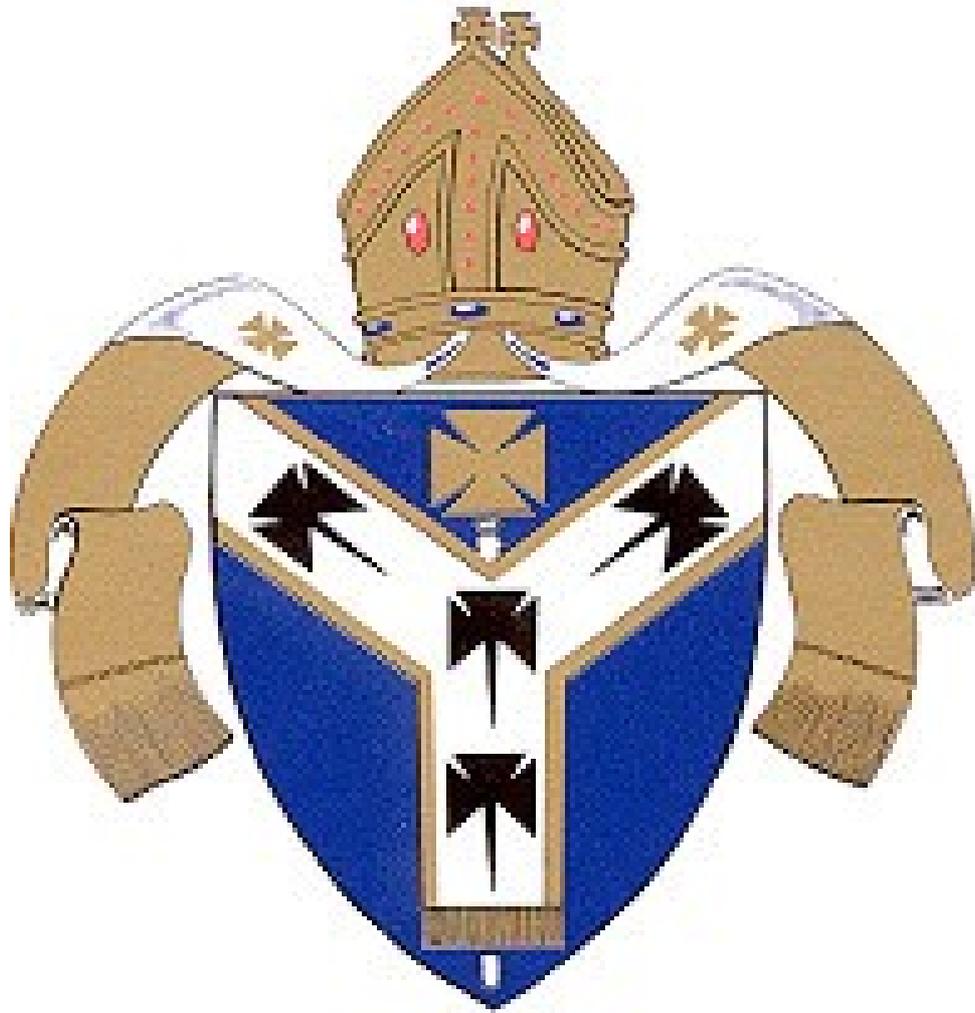


Diocese of Armagh



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer 2020

(incorporating Anglican Cycle of Prayer)

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. (Ephesians 6:18)

Paul reminds the Christians in Ephesus to pray for all the Lord's people, advice which is as relevant in today's church as it was then. When we pray, use this cycle of prayer as a guide; remembering all those in each parish, and praying for God's blessing and guidance for all. The church is much bigger than the clergy and readers named in each parish, and our prayers should reflect the effort and work of all those who minister in any way in our churches.

We welcome those who have joined us as clergy and readers, and wish God's blessing to those who have retired or left for pastures new.

We have also included Holy Days on the Sunday on which they occur. Those that occur during the week are shown in brackets on the Sunday during which week they occur.

The prayers for the Anglican Communion are adapted from '*The Anglican Cycle of Prayer 2020*'. Due to the constant changes in posts held throughout the world-wide church, almost any publication can be out of date even before it is published. The posts held by individuals mentioned in this publication are correct as of published date.

Please accept my apologies for any errors or omissions. Your comments, suggestions, updates and prayers are welcomed as we seek to improve this important aspect of our Common Prayer. If your church is paired with other parishes/diocese, perhaps that could be included in our next edition so that we can properly support each other in prayer.

The rhythm of common prayer is core to our Anglican identity, and is a regular reminder of our inter-dependence as the Body of Christ, and of the primacy of love and unity. Through our prayers may we hold fast to God, one another, and the Anglican family of Churches world-wide.

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5th JANUARY — THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
(Epiphany - 6th January)

Archbishop Richard Clarke

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

Dean: Gregory Dunstan

Cathedral Reader: Florence Hoey

Chapter and Staff of the Cathedral

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Most Revd Philip Richardson - Bishop of Taranaki and Primate

The Most Revd Don Tamihere - Pihopa o Aotearora and Primate

The Most Revd Fereimi Cama - Bishop of Polynesia and Primate

12th JANUARY — FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Archbishop Richard Clarke

Acton, Drumbanagher and Loughgilly

Rector: Graham Spence

PRAY for those who serve on Select Vestries and work for the good of the local parish.

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of Australia

The Most Revd Philip Leslie Freier - Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia

19th JANUARY — SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
(25th January - Conversion of Saint Paul)

Archbishop Richard Clarke

Annaghmore

Rector: Dorothy McVeigh

Diocesan Reader: David Parker

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the united Church of Bangladesh

Most Revd Samuel Sunil Mankhin - Moderator, Church of Bangladesh & Bishop of Kushtia

26th JANUARY — THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
(1st Feb – Saint Brigid)

Archbishop Richard Clarke

Ardtrea and Desertcreat

Rector: David Bell

Young people, Sunday School Teachers, Young people's organisations,
Youth Ministers, the Armagh Youth and Children's Board,
Development Officer Youth and Children's Ministry: David Brown.

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

The Most Revd Naudal Alves Gomes - Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba

2nd FEBRUARY — FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT
(2nd Feb – Presentation of Christ in the Temple, Candlemas)

Archbishop Richard Clarke (particularly on the occasion of his retirement today)

Armagh, St Mark's

Rector: Malcolm Kingston

Curate: Geoff Hamilton

Diocesan Reader: Paul Turton

Parish Readers: Barbara Campbell, Ronald Watt, Barbara Wilson

Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory and the Rt Rev Michael Burrows

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of Burundi

The Most Revd Martin Blaise Nyaboho - Archbishop of Burundi & Bishop of Makamba

9th FEBRUARY — THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Ballinderry, Tamlaght and Ardboe

Rector: Barry Paine

The Diocesan Council, Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Boards and Committees

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Anglican Church of Canada

The Most Revd Linda Nicols - Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada

16th FEBRUARY – SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Ballymore

Rector: Shane Forster

Diocesan Reader: Tom Gorringe

Parish Readers: Walter Evans, Graham Patterson

Clare

Rector: Vacant

Parish Reader: Samuel Lockhart

PRAY for those who serve on Select Vestries and work for the good of the local parish.

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Church of the Province of Central Africa

The Most Revd Albert Chama - Archbishop of Central Africa & Bishop of Northern Zambia

23rd FEBRUARY — SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Brackville, Donaghendry and Ballyclog

Rector: Andrew Rawding

Diocesan Reader: Florence Gallagher

Young people, Sunday School Teachers, Young people's organisations,
Youth Ministers, the Armagh Youth and Children's Board,
Development Officer Youth and Children's Ministry: David Brown.

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

The Rt Revd Julio Murray Thompson - Primate of IARCA & Bishop of Panama

26th FEBRUARY — Prayer for Ash Wednesday

*ACCEPT our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done:
for our blindness to human need and our indifference to injustice and cruelty.*

Almighty and Everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

1st MARCH – FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Camlough, Mullaglass and Ballymoyer Union

Rector: Alan Synnott

Diocesan Reader: Jill Hunter

Parish Readers: Mervyn Briggs, David Hawthorne, Anne Synott

Diocese of Clogher and the Rt Rev John McDowell

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

The Most Revd Héctor (Tito) Zavala Muñoz - Bishop of Santiago & Primate

8th MARCH — SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Carnteel and Crilly

Rector: Glenn West

Parish Reader: Gary Lee

The Diocesan Council, Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Boards and Committees

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

The Most Revd Zacharie Masimango Katanda - Archbishop of the Congo & Bishop of Kindu

15th MARCH — THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

(17th March – St Patrick)

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Clogherny, Drumnakilly and Seskinore

Rector: Vacant

Diocesan Reader: Sarah Cathers

Parish Reader: Hazel Giboney

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Church of England

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Justin Welby - Archbishop of Canterbury

22nd MARCH — FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

(25th March – The Annunciation of our Lord)

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Clonfeacle, Derrygortreavy and Eglis

Rector: Suzanne Cousins

Parish Readers: Molly Batchelor, Alistair Mather, Emma Chambers

PRAY for those who serve on Select Vestries and work for the good of the local parish.

The Anglican Communion

Pray for the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Most Revd Paul Kwong - Archbishop of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui & Bishop of Hong Kong Island

29th MARCH — FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The House of Bishops as they elect a new Archbishop

Derryloran

Rector: Norman Porteus

Curate: Drew Dawson

Parish Readers: Canon Wilfred Young, Raymond Bradford, Ron Griffin

The Anglican Communion

Today, the fifth Sunday in Lent, is the focus of the Primates' Task Group's call for a period of prayer and repentance in the Anglican Communion. The Bishop of West Malaysia, Moon Hing, is a member of the Task Group and has written this prayer, which the Task Group offers to the Anglican Communion for use today.

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Sovereign Lord of the universe, Creator of humankind, we, your unfaithful children, are truly sorry for our sins and the lives that we have lived. We sincerely believe and confess in our hearts that only through the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary, can we obtain Your forgiveness. We repent that: In thought, word or deed, we have committed serious offences against You and our neighbours; In laziness, despair and lust for power, we have provoked hatred, division and hurt within our communities; In greed, deceit and indifference, we have caused serious damage, unnecessary conflict and aggravated destruction to our refugee and migrant brothers and sisters; In selfishness, insensitivity and bias, we have encouraged and emboldened those who inflict hurt, pain and sorrow on our loved ones and families; In the name of religion, doctrine and even of Christ himself, we have wounded believers and pursuers of holiness and faith; In stubbornness, pride and arrogance, we have caused division and strife within Your church and among Your children; Mercifully send Your Holy Spirit – the Spirit of order and comfort – and cleanse us from all unrighteousness; restore in us true faith in Christ which brings truth, peace and harmony; and help us to walk together with our brothers and sisters in the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ to the glory of Your name. Amen.
