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## **DIOCESAN PRAYER REQUEST FOR THE ARMAGH ~ GITEGA DIOCESAN PARTNERSHIP VISIT 18<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> September**

As final plans and preparations are put in place can we ask that all the churches and parishes in our Diocese pray for this visit and for those who are going.

Archbishop John McDowell  
Archdeacon Elizabeth Cairns

Rev Derek Kerr  
Mrs Davina McAlister (MU)

We will be sharing in ministry with Bishop Aimé Joseph Kimararungu and Rev Arsène Mafurebe. Please pray for the different activities and events that we will be attending and taking part in.

*Heavenly Father, we pray for our Diocesan Team and their visit to Burundi in September. We pray for their protection against illness, disease or infection, and for safety in travel by air or land and all the visits and activities to be undertaken. May God bless and guide their time together as a team as they build relationships with one another and with those who they will seek to minister alongside in the Diocese of Gitega. Give them wisdom, discernment, patience, strength and courage and love beyond measure. May they be a blessing and encouragement to that Diocese and their local churches and communities and be effective in bringing about hope to all ages. We also pray for the good health of their families back home while they are away. And above all may God be glorified through all their words and actions each and every day. May those they meet be challenged to come to know Christ or deepen their faith in Him. And may those who are called to the serve Christ in ministry in and through His church be encouraged and strengthened for the task. In the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.*

Below is the Programme for our time in Burundi, but we are aware that due to various factors these could change at the last moment.

Thursday / Friday 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> September – **For Safe Travel ~**  
*Dublin to Frankfurt, Frankfurt to Addis Ababa, Addis Ababa to Bujumbura*

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept: Speaking at the **Retreat for the Ordination Candidates.**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Sept: **Ordination Service** at St. Luke's Cathedral - Gitega (Archbishop preaching)

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept: Sharing at the **Gitega Diocesan Clergy Retreat**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept: **Training of Diocesan Sunday School Teachers**  
Visit to **Gitega Bible School**  
Visiting the various **Ministries of St. Marks Parish**

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Sept: Speaking at **St. Luke's School**  
Visiting **Diocesan Relief Projects**

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept: Visiting **Mothers Union Groups and Literacy Programmes.**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept: Attending a **Confirmation Service** and a  
**Mothers Union Enrolment Service** in Nyarunazi Parish  
(Team member to participate/speak)

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept: Attending **3 Church Services** - one team member speaking at each one.  
St. Peter's - St. Mark's and Bwoga

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept: Visiting **Bujumbura Christian University**

Monday / Tuesday: 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> September – **Travel home** (in reverse of outward journey)

**Ven. Elizabeth Cairns**  
**Archdeacon of Ardboe**