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**Thank you from the the Archdiocese of Armagh
and the Diocese of Dromore**



Thanks has been expressed to all who joined Archbishop Eamon, Bishop Michael, the priests of the Archdiocese and the Diocese of Dromore, civic leaders, and especially the members of the faith community—both locally and from farther afield—for the Requiem Mass offered for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis.

In a deeply moving liturgy, Archbishop Eamon paid a special tribute to Pope Francis and his life of humble and dedicated service to the Church.



Anglicans to pay respects at the funeral of Pope Francis

Delegation from the Anglican Communion will attend the funeral of Pope Francis in Rome Armagh

A delegation from the Anglican Communion will attend the funeral of Pope Francis in Rome on Saturday April 26, representing the prayers and condolences of Anglicans around the world.

They will join with other Anglican leaders and pilgrims, and many other representatives from Christian World Communions, travelling to Rome in mourning for the Holy Father.



His Holiness Pope Francis speaks at an Ecumenical Prayer Vigil in St Peter's Square Rome, during a visit attended by The Archbishop of Canterbury and other Christian leaders in September 2023. Photo Credit: Neil Turner for the Anglican Communion / Lambeth Palace

The Anglican delegation consists of senior clergy and lay leaders of the Anglican Communion and those who lead the fruitful ecumenical work between Anglicans and Roman Catholics at the international level. The co-chairs of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC) and the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM) will both be present.

The delegation will be led by the Most Revd Marinez Bassotto, the Archbishop of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

She serves on the Standing Committee of the Anglican Communion as the regional Primate for the Americas. The five-person Primates' Standing Committee helps to support the Anglican Communion pastorally and to represent the Communion ecumenically.

Anglicans who minister locally in Italy will also be present, including the pastors of the two Anglican parishes in Rome.

Speaking about the funeral, the Rt Revd Anthony Ball, Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome, said:

“Anglicans give thanks for the life and ministry of Pope Francis. He was an example to Christians worldwide, unwavering in his dedication to the plight of the poor, the vulnerable and refugees. We are grateful for his work in building relations between Anglicans and Roman Catholics, as part of his deep commitment to working for the unity of God’s Church. On behalf of Anglicans around the world, we offer condolences to our sisters and brothers in the Catholic Church.”

The Most Revd Marinez Bassotto, Primate of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, said:

“It is an honour to give thanks for the amazing life and ministry of Pope Francis, who was the first Latin American Pope. He was a humble servant who embodied a message of peace and love. His example calls Christians to walk together in unity and to serve the poor and marginalised. At his funeral, we bring with us the prayers and tributes of Anglicans across the globe.”



Abp Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope Francis - In a historic meeting, Anglican Communion Primates from around the world attended an audience with Pope Francis at the Vatican, during the morning of May 2, 2024. Photo - Vatican Media

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell, the Archbishop of York said:

“Pope Francis was a great Pope — but above all, he was a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. ‘Blessed are the meek,’ said our Lord, ‘for they shall inherit the earth.’ In many ways, Pope Francis lived this truth. His humility and compassion touched hearts around the world. His example calls us all to care more deeply for the poor, the excluded, and the vulnerable. The world mourns his passing and gives thanks for his life. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.”

The Anglican delegation will include:

The Most Revd Marinez Bassotto (Primate of the Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil, Regional Primate for the Americas).

The Most Revd and Rt Hon Stephen Cottrell (Archbishop of York and Primate of England).

The Most Revd Philip Freier (Co-Chair of ARCIC and former Archbishop of Melbourne).

The Rt Revd Robert Innes (Co-Chair of IARCCUM and Bishop in Europe).

Canon Maggie Swinson (Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council).

The Most Revd Hosam Naoum (Vice-Chair of the Anglican Consultative Council and Primate of the Episcopal Church of Jerusalem and the Middle East).

The Rt Revd Anthony Poggio (Secretary General of the Anglican Communion).

Canon Dr Christopher Wells (Director of Unity, Faith and Order, Anglican Communion Office).

The Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally (Bishop of London and Dean of the Province of Canterbury).

The Rt Revd Anthony Ball (Director of the Anglican Centre in Rome and the Archbishop of Canterbury's Representative to the Holy See).

For more information

For news updates about the Anglican Communion representation at the funeral of Pope Francis, email: news@anglicancommunion.org

Read a statement from the Secretary General of the Anglican Communion on the death of Pope Francis here -

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(<https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2025/04/a-message-from-the-secretary-general-on-the-death-of-pope-francis.aspx>)

Read more about IARCCUM - The International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission here - <https://www.anglicancommunion.org/ecumenism/ecumenical-dialogues/roman-catholic/iarccum.aspx>)

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Read about an audience of Anglican Primates that was held with Pope Francis in 2024 here - <https://www.anglicannews.org/news/2024/05/anglican-primates-enjoy-historic-meeting-with-pope-francis.aspx>)

National Scout Organizations across the world share remembrance and gratitude for Pope Francis

Scouts around the world are paying tribute to Pope Francis, who passed away earlier this week aged 88, reflecting on his life and lasting legacy.

A powerful advocate for young people, he frequently spoke of their potential and hopes for the future, striking parallels with Scouting's values through messages focused on themes of friendship, faith, and action.



Born in the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires, Pope Francis made history as the first pontiff from Latin America. Throughout his papacy, he championed social justice and was a leading voice in addressing the climate crisis. He played a pivotal role in fostering inter-religious dialogue,

working tirelessly to bring different faiths closer together in the spirit of peace and mutual understanding. His humility and dedication to serving others resonated with Scouting communities worldwide.

As a spiritual leader, he visited Scout groups across the globe, inspiring many to make a difference and build a more just and peaceful society. In an interview in 2015, he urged Scouts to embrace stewardship, saying: “Remember, we are just custodians, we are here for a very short period of time on Earth. So when you work with Scouts, make sure we pass along a good Earth and a good world and all the good values that are important.”

In the days since his passing, Scouting organisations in countries including Chile, Paraguay, Poland, Spain, Timor-Leste, and the United Kingdom have joined in honouring his memory. **The International Catholic Conference of Scouting**, an international body representing roughly 8 million Scouts, paid tribute to Pope Francis for carrying the “dreams of the young people” and “those values which are dear to the Scouts”.

Scouting Ireland said it is deeply saddened by the passing of His Holiness Pope Francis. “Throughout his papacy, Pope Francis shared a deep and genuine care for young people, often encouraging Scouts to be “builders of a better world” and to live lives of service, courage, and hope. His messages reminded us of the power of youth to shape a more just and compassionate society.

“We give thanks for his inspiring leadership and keep him, and all who mourn his loss, in our thoughts and prayers”.

Education

Presbyterian Chaplaincy at QUB, Stranmillis and Union

**Join us for our Thanksgiving Service on the 23rd May
as we celebrate 30 Years of Derryvolgie Hall.**

Due to the cancellation of our Gala, we will be hosting a small buffet dinner beforehand from 6pm.

Please email office@pciqub.org if you plan on joining us for dinner!

German exchange students visit Campbell College

**Last month, we had the pleasure of welcoming 20
wonderful German exchange students from Humboldt
Gymnasium in Ulm.**

Our guests attended classes, explored local landmarks, and truly became part of our community. The week ended with a joyful farewell party featuring giant pizzas, a magic show, and a fantastic performance by the band Line512!

We are deeply grateful to all the staff, students, and Campbell families who made this exchange so special.

Discover the full story and see more photos here:

<https://bit.ly/4in2Quf>



**Applications sought
for DE appointed
members to CCMS
and DECs**

NI Education Minister seeks nominations for Catholic Maintained Schools bodies

**Education Minister
Paul Givan MLA has
launched a public
appointments**

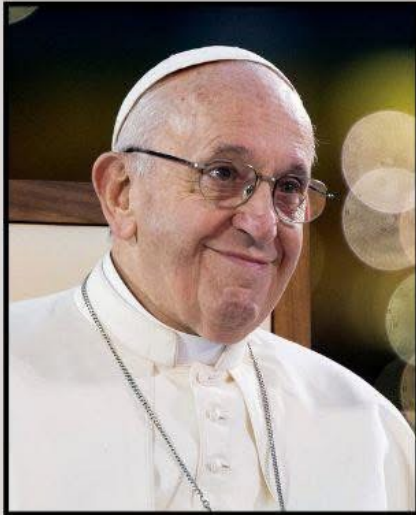
**competition to appoint members to the Council for
Catholic Maintained Schools (CCMS) and Diocesan
Education Committees (DECs).**

The member's role will be to contribute to the development of the CCMS strategy; ensuring that it is consistent with the Minister's priorities and the Department's aims and objectives.

For more information on the roles and to apply, visit www.education-ni.gov.uk/news/applications-sought-de-appointed-members-council-catholic-maintained-schools-and-its-diocesan-education-committees

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BISHOP ALAN MCGUCKIAN SJ
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SOLEMN REQUIEM MASS
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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday 27th April 2025



10.00am Holy Communion *(Rite 1)*

in the Lady Chapel

11.00am Eucharist *(Rite 2)*

Preacher: The Revd Canon Jim Campbell

3.15pm Choral Evensong

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26TH

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT
7:00pm- A Tribute to Coldplay
8:00pm- Hans Zimmer's Best Works

28TH

MOUNT ROYAL KANTOREI
evening of Choral Music
7:00- Free Admission

3RD

COFFEE CONCERT
11:00am- €10 on the door covers concert,
tea & coffee, and baked goods

6TH

**LUNCHTIME CONCERT
WITH CONTEMPO**
1:00pm- Free Admission; in collaboration
with Galway Music Residency

St Nicholas Collegiate Church, Galway

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St. Malachy's College Belfast
Thursday 1st May 7:30pm College Chapel
Free Entry



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