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To the Clergy and Religious of the Diocese

Dear Father/Sister

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father David (Dave) Gerard Duane, who died on Saturday 23rd July 2022.

He was born on 3rd October 1934 in Derry, and attended St Columba's Primary School, Waterside, and then went to Presentation College, Glashule, and Blackrock College in Dublin.

He studied philosophy at University College, Dublin and then went to Holy Cross College, Clonliffe and St Peter's College, Wexford, where he was ordained to the priesthood on 5th June 1960.

Father David was assistant priest at English Martyrs, Preston 1960-1966, St Mary's, Barrow in Furness 1966-1972, Our Lady & St Patrick, Maryport 1972-1975, Sacred Heart, Preston 1975-1979, and St John Vianney, Blackpool May-September 1979.

He was parish priest of St Thomas More, Lancaster 1979-1987, Our Lady & St Patrick, Maryport & Our Lady of the Assumption, Silloth 1987-1999, Christ the King, Milnthorpe 1999-2000. After a short spell in Lancaster, he moved to Our Lady of the Wayside, Grasmere, in 2004. He later assumed responsibility for the chapel of St Philip Howard, Glenridding in 2006, and also the parish of Mater Amabilis, Ambleside, from where he retired in 2013 to live near family in Castlewellan, Co. Down.

His requiem mass will be on Tuesday 26th July at 10.00am at St Malachy's, Castlewellan, and will be livestreamed from the church - <https://churchmedia.tv/st-malachys-church-castlewellan>

We express our deepest sympathies to Father David's sister, Ellie, and also to the family of Mary, his former housekeeper, who have stayed in touch over the years after she died. We assure all who mourn Father David of our prayerful support. May he rest in peace.

The bishop will be remembering Father Duane at Mass during the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this week. We are grateful to Bishop Treanor of Down and Connor, and the parish priest of Saint Malachy's, Very Rev. Denis McKinlay, for arranging the funeral with Father David's family.

Yours sincerely,

Canon Paul Embery V.G.
p.p. Bishop Paul Swarbrick