

Preface

COMMEMORATIONS

These orders for the Commemorations in the Prayer Book originated in a request from the Liturgical Advisory Committee to its former chairman, Bishop George Simms to produce an unofficial Irish supplement to the book *The Cloud of Witnesses* published in England by Collins, and he duly produced a set of notes about some of the Irish saints, mostly those with widely known church dedications, and a number of later worthies. Along with these went suggestions for prayer and intercession. They were later published by The Columba Press, with the addition of some names by Canon Brian Mayne under the title *Commemorating Saints & Others of the Irish Church* as a tribute to Bishop (former archbishop) Simms, and containing memorial collects written by Canon Mayne himself. As this booklet has long been out of print I have felt that the production of complete orders of service incorporating the work of both men would be the best way of providing a useful resource and of also keeping alive the memory of a much loved archbishop and of the liturgical skills of his collaborator, editor of *The Book of Common Prayer 2004*, who was a much valued member of the Liturgical Advisory Committee and also a personal friend. The work of adapting them for publication, with some modifications, has been carried out by the Revd Alan Ruffi, Revd Robert Ferris and the Very Revd Nigel Dunne, to whom many thanks are due.

It is intended that orders of service for further commemorations in addition to those listed on pp22, 23 of the Book of Common Prayer may be produced in due course and included with these.

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