

Rev Joe McCormick

Rev Joe, as he likes to be known, has been the Presbyterian Minister of Second Derry and Burt (Co Donegal) since 1997, having spent sixteen years in Letterkenny. Rev Joe served the Donegal Presbytery on numerous General Assembly Boards and Committees and was Moderator of the Synod of Dublin 1988. Rev Joe and his wife Rachel have five children and one granddaughter.

Rev Joe is a native of Ballymena where he began working life as a 'clicker', then retail milk and subsequently local government accountancy with the Antrim and Ballymena Development Commission. In 1973 with the re-organisation of Local Government, Rev Joe was offered a post with the new North Eastern Education and Library Board in his hometown. For reasons known only to God, he chose to study for the Presbyterian ministry!

While in Letterkenny Rev Joe was Chaplain to the local General Hospital and St Conal's Psychiatric Hospital. He was associated with the formation of the 'Little Angels' special school in Letterkenny and worked closely with AA groups. For 12 years Rev Joe was the Presbyterian voice on Highland Radio. On moving to Derry his interest in helping alcoholics and drug addicts found concrete expression in assisting in the setting up of the White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre at Derryvane, Muff, where he is presently a Spiritual Director and member of the Board of Management. His interest in very special children is continued as a member of the Board of Governors in Belmont House School, Derry,