

Archbishop Downey's Funeral--

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June 26th. '53.

Sorrowing thousands from all parts of Ireland, from Britain and from Rome lined the streets of Liverpool, to pay their last homage to Archbishop Downey.

And it was not only Catholics who mourned, but people representing every denomination, and every shade of thought.

Among the chief mourners were two sisters of the dead Prelate.

From the Pro-Cathedral of St Nicholas- where the body had lain in state- the cortege made its solemn way to the ~~Maximilian~~ Metropolitan Cathedral- a quarter of a mile away.

On reaching the entrance to the Cathedral site, the coffin was carried to the open-air High Altar, where the De Profundis was recited.

So the ~~remains~~ remains of a dearly-loved Archbishop were laid to rest on the site of the new Cathedral, which will, one day, stand as a living memorial to his kindly influence and goodness.