

## ANDREW FITZGERALD

By Nana Mary

*“A ray of sunshine briefly lent  
A special treasure from God sent.”*

**A**ndrew Anthony, the only child of Miriam and Pat, was born on August 19th, 1993, at St Munchin’s Hospital, Limerick. He was tragically called from his earthly life on August 5th, 2004.

Affectionately known as “Andy”, this bundle of joy brought so much happiness to the lives of all he touched and to all who had the privilege of knowing him. He had an inexhaustible enthusiasm for life. A sports fanatic: Hurling – Football – Kick & Catch – Rugby – Soccer – Athletics – Swimming – Pony Riding – he did it all.

A stalwart Tipperary supporter, he wore the Blue and Gold of Tipperary – his father’s home county – with as much pride while in Grange or Bruff as he did in Croke Park.

Andy was equally at home in his Parish Church in Grange, where he was a committed altar server and where, on Thursday evenings, he helped prepare the lamps for Eucharistic Adoration. A chalice, dedicated to Andy’s memory, is now used in Grange Church. It was bought, while on a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain, by James Canon Costello, himself a dedicated Tipperary hurling supporter. Is it any wonder that a panel of blue filigree complements the gold lining of this Sacred Cup?



Andy had a deep love of nature; trees and their leaves fascinated him. The care of birds and animals, of all kinds, was close to his heart. A lover of all things old – castles, buildings and artefacts of all kinds were of extreme interest to his enquiring mind. Even the stones and fossils held a certain beauty for Andy.

Once asked what he would like to be, with his quick wit, replied “A Legend” – how ironic.

Andy’s untimely death on that fateful August 5th 2004, when goal posts fell on him at Holycross soccer field, left a void in his family and, indeed, in the whole parish community – a void which will never be filled.



Andy on his First Holy Communion Day.

“Age shall not weary you, Andy  
Nor the years condemn  
At the going down of the sun  
And in the morning  
We will lovingly remember him.”

Ní beídh a leithéad ann arís.



Andy with his hero Tommy Dunne, Tipperary hurling star.

Solas na nAingeal sa bhflaitheas  
ar A Anam Dhílis.