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Members of the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Belfast are in Lisbon for World Youth Day. Young people from all Irish dioceses have travelled to the event. See Page 15 for report and link to Pope's address on climate change



People and places



Trusts support restoration of most photographed North Antrim Coast church

In a recent write up in the Coleraine Chronicle the Parishioners of Ballintoy said -

“We are thankful for the support of the National Churches Trust and the Wolfson Foundation for our phase 1 tower restoration, it is once again a beacon glowing on the North Antrim Coast.

“We thank you all and now look forward to the challenge of the next stages, and are hopeful of your continued support and that of the Heritage Lottery Fund.”

Please see link

<https://www.facebook.com/nationalchurchestrustNI>

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Dublin churches raise awareness of Christian Aid's work



Dee and Michael, who are pictured with Pastorin Anja von Issendorff from the Lutheran church, were treated to a delicious supper before they spoke.

Christian Aid is grateful to the members of three Dublin churches who came together recently to raise awareness of CA's work, donating €500 to support it.

The Lutheran Church in Ireland, St. Finian's Church hosted a talk at which CA's Church and Community Officers Dee Huddleston and Michael Briggs spoke about its projects in Malawi.

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The St Finian's church members were joined by friends from Saint Bartholomew's Church of Ireland and Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church.

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Saffron Spuds have arrived in Korea



All members from Northern Ireland have arrived in Korea for the 25th World Scout Jamboree after departing Dublin and Heathrow.

On their first full day of adventuring around Seoul completed the Ni Scouts visited the Changdeokgung palace, the

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Bukchon Hanok Village and had dinner in the Myeong-dong area. All the Wee Buns were very ready by the time bedtime arrived.

As part of the UK Contingent, Crew A, the Northern Ireland IST would like for younger sections in Northern Ireland to get involved either in Dream Live or a Legacy event run by the Northern Ireland IST after they return home.

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Click the link to see more details about Dream Live and their travel...

<https://www.scoutsni.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Saffron-Spuds-in-South-Korea.pdf>

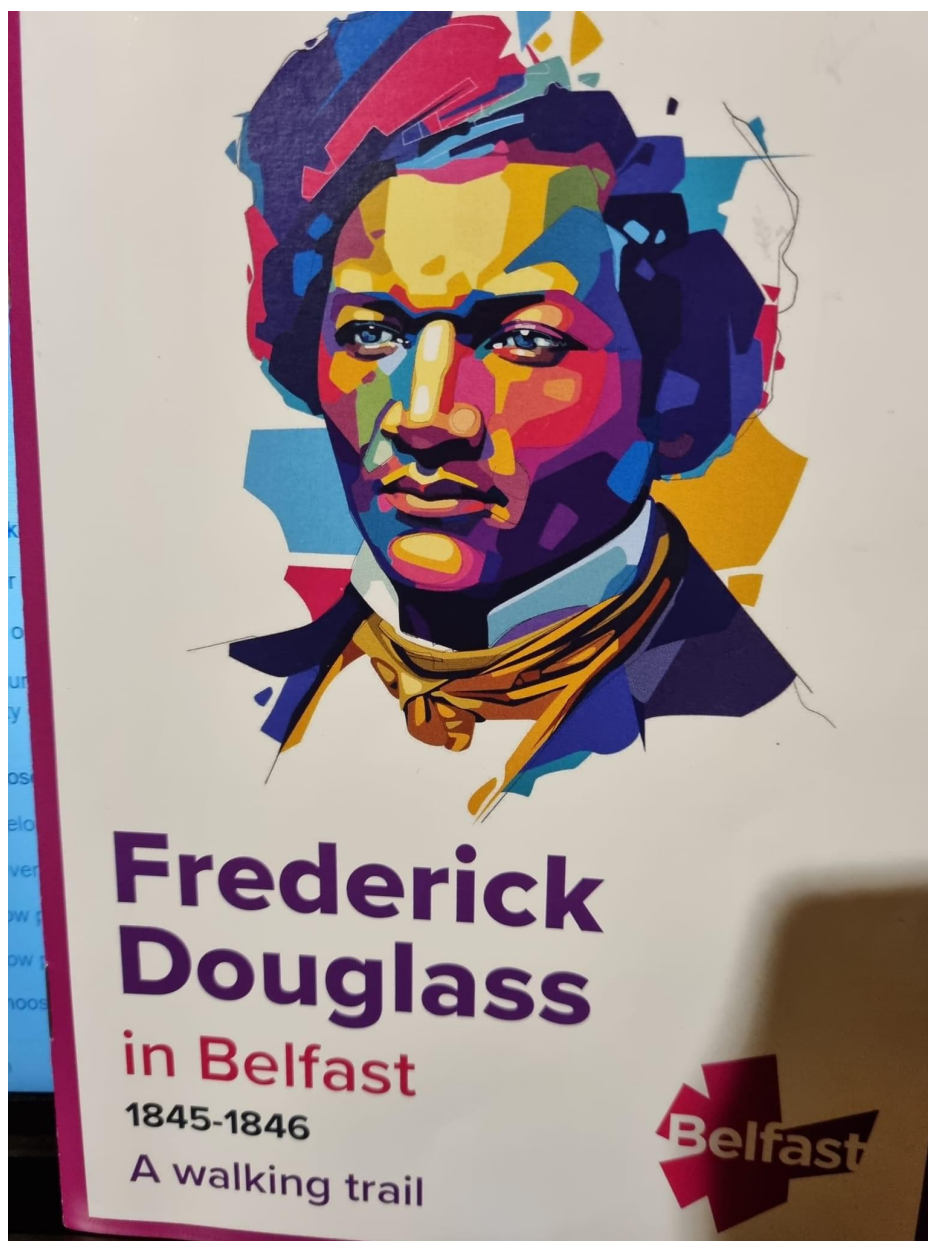
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Frederick Douglass in Belfast 1845-1846 - a Walking Trail

**The Frederick
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Trail in
Belfast is part
of the
Frederick
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It was created
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Christine Kinealy, and supported by partners on both sides
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Sometimes there are notable people who still speak to us in our time through the events experienced in their time. Frederick Douglass is one of those people, and surprisingly contemporary in much of his thoughts and writings.

News reports

Exeter Cathedral gets a £1m funding boost

The Friends of Exeter Cathedral has announced it will donate £1 million for the building of a new cloister gallery which will connect the cathedral with its historic Pearson building and Chapter House – a key feature of the cathedral’s 2020s [Development Appeal Project](#).

It is one of the largest donations the Friends of [Exeter Cathedral](#) has ever made.

The Development Appeal which was launched in 2020, with the former Prince of Wales as patron, aims to raise £10 million over the next five years to develop and renew the cathedral, with refurbishment and renovation works, a new cloister gallery, underfloor heating, a new lighting scheme, and further improve its facilities, its visitor experience and heritage interpretation, and future-proof the cathedral and its buildings.

Dr Rosemary Yallop, Chair of the Friends of Exeter Cathedral, said the charity was delighted to support the building project:



“This grant, one of the largest which the Friends have made, will make a significant impact in underpinning the funding for this project, which is a key part in the overarching development and renewal project for Exeter Cathedral.

“We never forget that we are only in a position to make an exceptional grant of this size because of the generosity of benefactors and members, past and present, who have made gifts to the Friends to mark their love of the cathedral, whether rooted in faith or through a deep sense of its history, or both, and the new cloister will be a tangible and enduring tribute to their support.”

The Very Revd Jonathan Greener, Dean of Exeter, said:

“The Friends of Exeter Cathedral are always amazingly generous in their support, but this extra grant is a tremendous gift, which will make a massive difference to our

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fundraising for this project. It makes our target so much more achievable.”

He said that the new cloister will be known as ‘The Friends’ Gallery,’ as a lasting tribute to the donation, and a permanent acknowledgement of all that the Friends do for the cathedral.

Founded in 1929, The Friends of Exeter Cathedral was established as an independent charity to help preserve and improve the fabric and furnishings of Exeter Cathedral and ensure that the cathedral is here for future generations.

In recent years, the Friends have helped to fund a range of important projects including the installation of a new lighting system in the cathedral’s 13th century Chapter House and a major survey of its Bishop’s Throne and canopy and they give ongoing support to the Exeter Cathedral stonemasons.

In the media

Translink names MRP as master-development partner for the transformational £500million Weavers Cross Regeneration Scheme in Belfast

News Letter

Translink, Northern Ireland’s public transport provider, has selected developer MRP as its private sector partner for Belfast’s transformational Weavers Cross development.

Claire Cartmill writes - As the appointed master-development partner, MRP will deliver the Weavers Cross

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development with the potential for 1.3 million square feet of mixed-use office, life sciences, residential, student housing, hotels and retail/leisure space, presenting a unique opportunity to transform and regenerate a current brownfield site and create a new destination in the city.

The development sits alongside the new Belfast Grand Central Station— a NI Executive flagship project – which is the key catalyst for Weavers Cross, a transport led regeneration project. With construction of the station well underway, Belfast Grand Central Station is set to be the island of Ireland’s largest integrated, sustainable transport hub with direct bus, coach, and train links throughout Northern Ireland, connections to all major international airports and to Dublin, and is due to open in 2025.

The station is the catalyst for the wider regeneration of the Weavers Cross site which has a gross development value of £500million with MRP now officially appointed to lead on delivery of the private sector investment.

MRP – one of the UK and Ireland’s leading property development and investment firms specialising in multi-sector, mixed use schemes – is the developer behind The Ewart, the new £85m iconic office building in Belfast’s Bedford Street. The developer has a strong pipeline of projects in key cities across the UK, including City Square House, a 140,000 sq ft landmark office soon to complete in Leeds city centre, and most recently acquired the prime London regeneration site, Liberty House in Kensington Olympia. It has a successful track record with over 50 years of experience in delivering sustainable, high quality city centre development and regeneration projects, many of

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which are high-profile schemes across both the public and private sectors.



Hundreds treated at global scout event during South Korea heatwave

RTE News - At least 600 people at the World Scout Jamboree, which kicked off in southwestern Buan on Tuesday, have so far been treated for heat-related ailments, officials say

<https://www.rte.ie/news/world/2023/0804/1398136-south-korea-heatwave/>

Trump defiant as he denies charges over 2020 election

Daily Telegraph - Donald Trump declared yesterday a “very sad day for America” as he pleaded not guilty to orchestrating a criminal plot to overturn the results of the 2020 US presidential election.

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At a historic court hearing in Washington, the former president denied four charges including conspiracy to defraud the United States.

Following his arraignment, which lasted about 30 minutes, Mr Trump said: “This is a very sad day for America. This is the persecution of the person that is leading by very, very substantial numbers in the Republican primary and leading \ [Joe] Biden by a lot.

“So if you can’t beat him, you persecute him, or you prosecute him. We can’t let this happen in America.” Speaking on an airport runway outside the city, Mr Trump added that he was struck by the “filth and the decay” and the “broken buildings and walls and the graffiti” in Washington.

He said: “This is not the place that I left. It is a very sad thing to see it.”

During the hearing the former president, dressed in a blue suit and red tie, stood and gave his name as “Donald J Trump – John.”

Answering questions from US Magistrate Judge Moxila Upadhyaya, he said he was 77 years old, and confirmed he had not consumed alcohol or drugs.

The judge then outlined the charges contained in a 45-page indictment.

Mr Trump was charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States, conspiracy to obstruct an official proceeding,

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obstruction, and conspiracy against the right to vote. The most serious charge carries a maximum prison sentence of 20 years, he was told.

Mr Trump responded clearly that he was pleading “not guilty” to all charges.

Special Counsel Jack Smith, who brought the case, sat in the front row of the court.

Mr Smith has directly linked the former president to the storming of the US Capitol on Jan 6, 2021, when some of his supporters tried to stop the certification of Joe Biden’s victory.

The judge set the next court date for Aug 28, and said Mr Trump would not be required to attend.

Mr Trump claimed the expanding list of criminal charges against him would guarantee his return to the White House in next year’s election.

Republicans rallied around him as he accused Democrats of an “unprecedented weaponisation” of the justice system.

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On his Truth Social website, Mr Trump wrote: “I need one more indictment to ensure my election! Soon, in 2024, it will be our turn.”

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He has so far been indicted in three separate criminal cases.

In addition to the one in Washington, he has been charged over possession of classified documents in Florida, and a hush money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels in New York. He has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

He may soon face a fourth indictment in Georgia, where he is being investigated over attempts to overturn the state's 2020 election result.



Pope preaches climate action at World Youth Day opening

RTE News - Half a million young people chanted, cheered and shouted as they packed a Lisbon park today to give Pope Francis a rock star welcome at the official opening ceremony of a global Catholic youth festival.

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"I am pleased to see all of you, and also to hear the delightful noise you are making! This makes me share your infectious joy," the Argentine pope told the crowd in his native Spanish.

Pilgrims shrieked and waved as the 86-year-old pontiff, surrounded by bodyguards, slowly drove by on his Popemobile through the 26-hectare hillside Eduardo VII park.

"We are the Pope's youths!" they chanted as flags of national groups from Canada, Brazil, Latvia, Mexico, Spain, and other countries fluttered around them. More at - <https://www.rte.ie/news/world/2023/0803/1398096-pope-francis/>

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

We know it's the school holidays... But have you got [#EducationSunday](#) in the diary? It's Sunday 10 September. The theme is 'The Armour of Light' Resources now here <https://cte.org.uk/educationsunday2023/>



SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

St. Ignatius Loyola's 10 Guidelines for Negotiating Life's Journey

An Irish pilgrim on the Camino de Santiago

One June morning, Brendan McManus, SJ, stepped out for a much-needed walk—to be exact, a 500-mile hike on Spain's renowned Camino de Santiago.

A few years earlier, he lost his brother to suicide, and the tragedy left Brendan physically, psychologically, and spiritually wounded. Something radical was required to rekindle his passion for life and renew his faith in God.

In "Redemption Road: From Grief to Peace through Walking the Camino de Santiago", McManus tells his story of walking the Camino through the lens of Ignatian spirituality. Not surprisingly, he learns a number of lessons along the way for how to negotiate life's journey.

Remember that you are a pilgrim, just passing through life. You put yourself on the road, a journey into the unknown, to be open to hear God's call.

God is a pilgrim who's always trying to find us, even in difficult situations. God is with you even if you are not with God.

Walking puts you in touch with your deeper desires, what you really want. Following this longing will bring us to God.

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Keep on track by following the signs that are found only in reflection and meditation. Trust your inner compass to guide you.

Take time out regularly to reflect on your path (i.e., Review of the Day); be flexible in progressively altering things as you go. Don't be afraid of change.

Take time over decisions; they are important "crossroads" moments in your life. Never make a hasty decision—rather, play for time, and ponder the options internally before deciding.

If you get lost, be humble enough to backtrack to a known, sure spot. Beware of pride driving you on, getting you even more lost.

Possessions are only temporary; don't hold on to things too tightly. Practice detachment: use things insofar as they are useful, and discard them when they get in the way.

You can expect fierce storms on the road. The important thing is not to be deterred from your course but to hang on tightly to those support structures you know to be sound (prayer, discernment, and reflection). Don't change course, undo decisions, or alter the structure in midstorm.

Protecting yourself is important, as is having good defenses against whatever comes. This means knowing your own weak spots and "unfree" areas, as this is where you are likely to be vulnerable. (Ignatius recommends fortifying your defenses to anticipate challenges.)

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This list is excerpted from **Redemption Road by Brendan McManus, SJ.** which is now available



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