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This absolutely brilliant portrait of the cathedral is by the multi-talented Patryk Sadowski.

Give yourself more than a treat. Have a look at Patrick's range of Aerial, Astro, Landscapes and Cityscapes

Patryk comments - "I believe that there is no such thing as a boring movie or photo, there are only undiscovered possibilities. My main goal is to provide the highest quality product. A product that includes creativity and soul".

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People and places

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Christian Aid supporters at four Presbyterian churches in the County Monaghan town raised an incredible €10,700 with their annual coffee morning and sale.

On offer were home-made cakes and jam as well as home-grown plants and produce.



L-R, Rev Bob Kikuyu, Caroline Niblock, Ina Hegan, Wendy Sloan, Nan Bradford, Rev. David Nesbitt, Linda Mills, Charlie Mills, Elsie Nesbitt, Allan McAdoo and May McAdoo.

As usual, their fundraising total was boosted by a number of large donations by generous individuals with links to the churches.

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One of the Christian Aid organisers, Nan Bradford said that the event is well supported by the whole community in Ballybay and that the cakes sold especially well.

The Ballybay supporters are a very modest and camera-shy bunch but Christian Aid did manage to photograph some of them when CA's colleague Bob Kikuyu visited them from Kenya in April to talk about the impact of their incredible fundraising.

Stained glass tour of City of Derry churches

Love stained glass, architecture and archaeology?

Join the National Churches Trust for a special European Heritage Open Day event showcasing eight historic places of worship in the City of Derry. Dr David Caron, Editor of the Gazetteer of Irish Stained Glass will shine a light on the treasure trove of stained glass found in churches across the city.

This is a FREE Treasure Ireland event from National Churches Trust made possible thanks to the generous support of funders.

Explore the stunning heritage of:
St Eugene's Cathedral
Christ Church, Infirmary Road
St Columba, Longtower
Carlisle Presbyterian Church
Carlisle Methodist Church

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First Derry Presbyterian Church
St Augustine's, The Wee Church on the Walls
St Columb's Cathedral

Places are limited so book early to avoid missing out:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stained-glass-in-the-city-of-derry-tickets-698028631427>

Installation of Canons in St Edan's Cathedral



There was a joyful evening service in St Edan's Cathedral and the Ferns Union of Parishes at the Installation of Canons.



The Revd Canon Nicola Halford was installed as Canon Chancellor,
and The Revd Norman McCausland to be Canon Treasurer.

The Revd Trevor Sargent was installed as Prebendary of Kilrane and Taghmon and The Very Rev'd Dean Stephen Farrell to be Canon of Kilrush and Toome.

First Rathfriland thanks active Elder

During last Sunday's morning service, the Congregation of First Rathfriland presented the gift of a Bible to Mr Drew Wilson who retired as an active Elder earlier this year.



Drew has served a total of 34 years as an Elder. A floral arrangement was also presented to Drew's wife, Gwyneth.

“We thanked Drew for his years of service to the Congregation, not only as Elder but also as Co-ordinator of Senior Citizens Fellowship.”

Drew and Gwyneth are pictured with Rev. Colin Harris, Vacancy Convenor.

Hail and Farewell in Limavady

At Sunday lunch following worship in Limavady Parish Church there was a welcome to the Rev Andrew Neill and his family who is to be their Curate.

The community also shared their thanks to Darryl on his last Sunday with them as he heads to Dublin to begin his organ scholarship with St. Patricks Cathedral.



Rev Andrew and Mrs Neill

The comment on the parish Facebook site continues, “Daryl is a talented organist who is following his vocation, seeking to increase his skills to serve the church. He will be missed by the choir and the congregation, but we wish him all the best.



Daryl is a talented organist

“Rev Andrew comes to us, also living out the calling God has put in his heart, to serve the church in ordained ministry.

“Both remind us of the words of Canon Aonghus (Mayes) this morning, who challenged us all to live out the calling of God in our lives, every day, doing what is right today, and not worrying about the future.

“Of course a big event in Christ Church is not complete without food, and Dallas and his team once again pulled out the stops, providing a wonderful selection of sausages, pies, veg, trifle, fresh fruits salads, coffee and tea. A brilliant day was elevated to an amazing one because of the talent in our catering team, and we're so thankful to have them in Christ Church!”

Archbishop of New York joins in 150th anniversary celebrations at Armagh cathedral

The Archbishop of New York hosted a special celebratory Mass in Armagh yesterday where he praised the “strength” of the church, Jessica Rice writes in the Belfast Telegraph.

Father Timothy Dolan hosted the service to honour the 150th anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral.

During the Mass, Fr Dolan spoke about the great connection his church in New York shares with the church in Armagh, saying that St Patrick, Ireland's patron saint, is an important saint to the people of New York.

During his visit to Armagh, Fr Dolan praised the strength of the Catholic church in Ireland.

“As Catholics, we are part of something beyond this, beyond this in space, beyond this in time and there has never been a tragedy or a calamity that the church hasn't faced.

“It brings strength and renewal and that's what's happening now,” he said.

Fr Dolan feels the people of Northern Ireland should be proud of St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh.

“Even the famine couldn't stop it, dungeon, fire and sword, it's not going to stop it,” he said.



At the 150th Anniversary of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, The Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's University, Belfast was represented by their Director of Campus Ministry, Shannon Campbell.

Afterwards, Shannon was honoured to meet with Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York. She shared with the Cardinal their exciting plans for Chaplaincy. The Chaplaincy comments that it is immensely grateful to Cardinal Dolan and friends in New York for their support of all that the Chaplaincy does at Queen's.

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Fr Dolan said the cathedral should be celebrated as an example of the great work Catholics have done in Irish history.

“Remember, remember, that's our job, that's one of the last things Jesus said, 'Do this in remembrance of me'. We tend to forget.

“We are either thinking of the now or the future, and we forget the past and for us the past is extraordinarily normative,” he said.

Keynote Speaker:
Gillian Kingston

Date: 21/10/23
Time: 10:30am - 4pm

Venue: Wesley House, Leeson Park,
Dublin, D06 N5P0

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Fr Dolan acknowledged that the Catholic church in Ireland is currently facing difficulty, however he feels they are difficulties the church will overcome.



“We are in a time where we are facing challenges and difficulties. We are in the States, you are here in Ireland, from what I hear, but a place like this makes us dig in and say 'Let's do it'. Our ancestors did and we can,” he said.

St Patrick's Cathedral in Armagh was completed in 1873 and St Patrick's Cathedral in New York (Fr Dolan's church) was completed in 1879.

Fr Dolan feels the connection between both churches runs deeper than sharing the same patron saint.

“Americans like to come here and find the villages where their folks came from, they come to the cemeteries because they are reminded of roots, roots are so important, and of course the best root of all is Jesus,” he said.

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Fr Dolan has his own personal connection with Ireland as his great-great-grandparents were from Leitrim and Cavan.

During the Mass Fr Dolan remarked how proud his ancestors would be to see him return to Ireland as an Archbishop.

Fr Dolan's Mass was attended by representatives of numerous organisations in Ireland including the PSNI, various charities and religious groups.

Archbishop Eamonn Martin said he was grateful Fr Dolan decided to visit Armagh to help the parish celebrate the historic anniversary.

“It was really important for us that the American visitors came here and Cardinal Timothy came down because we wanted to say thanks also to the people who had contributed,” he said.

This was Fr Dolan's fourth visit to Armagh and there are hopes he will return in the future.

He felt hosting the anniversary Mass was just one of the ways he can help Catholics embrace their global relationship.

“There's a natural, spiritual affinity, we are all united, I appreciated you [Archbishop Eamon Martin] saying today that every parish in the archdiocese is praising God for the gift of the Cathedral and the faith and trust that it represents, and that spiritual bond keeps us together.

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“That's the glory of the word Catholic, it's everybody, worldwide, universal, and an event like this reminds us of that,” he said.

Courtesy The Belfast Telegraph

News reports

Green light for St Michael le Belfrey building project in York

St Michael le Belfrey (known as The Belfrey), a thriving Grade 1 listed church in York city centre, has been granted permission (through a faculty approval) by the Chancellor of the Diocese of York for its building project called Impact.

The first major refurbishment to the church building in more than 150 years, The Belfrey's Impact project will create a welcoming, flexible, accessible and beautiful space, as well as undertaking urgent repairs, to ensure the building is sustainable for generations to come.

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of York, Chancellor Lyndsey de Mestre made her judgment that faculty approval should be given to St Michael le Belfrey to carry out its c£10.5m building project.

She describes The Belfrey as: “...a remarkable church. There are many reasons why this is so, but chief amongst them are its original design, its historical legacy, its location in York and the vibrancy of its community.”



“This is the most exciting news,” exclaims Andy Baker, Associate Vicar and Chair of Impact.

Andy goes on to explain; “Impact supports our vision ‘to serve God’s transformation of the North expanding our opportunity to share the good news of Jesus with the people of York and beyond.’”

Archbishop of York Stephen Cottrell says, “I am delighted that The Belfrey can move forward with Impact. It will be a great blessing to the Diocese, to the City and an opportunity further to enhance relationships with York Minster and the wider community.”

Former Vicar of St Michael le Belfrey (now Bishop of Bolton) Matthew Porter is thrilled. “It is wonderful to see the hard



work, prayers and faithfulness of The Belfrey’s members rewarded.”

The proposed two year build project of repairs and renovations is due to start in early 2024 with completion late 2025. The approved works include a new roof as well as repairs to the stonework and mediaeval stained glass. The design will create two new doorways and level access throughout the church; a contemporary and sensitively-designed gallery; an accessible full immersion baptism pool; while the installation of an air source heat pump will provide underfloor heating.

In September 2023 The Belfrey will move to The De Grey Rooms in nearby St Leonard’s Place, York. This will be The Belfrey’s temporary worship space and offices for the next two-and-a half years.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Money Coaching Programme in the Republic

Christians Against Poverty, in the Republic of Ireland, is introducing its Money Coaching Programme. It's described as 'accessible financial education... including simple online budgeting tools so that anyone can get to grips with their money.'

The link below gives fuller details with the opportunity to sign up for info about it and details about how someone could be a potential coach and befriender.

<https://www.capireland.ie/moneycoaching/>

Growth in prayer and reflective living

For anyone who is interested in going deeper in prayer and reflecting on what God is doing in their everyday life do consider this Zoom programme facilitated by Drumalis.....more details are available about session content etc. There are some video clips also from previous participants here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLTCUMougM4>

and here

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-9zGsMgDHaI>

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20 Monday evenings, via zoom, beginning on Monday 18th September 7.15—9.15pm. For further details on dates and fees, telephone 02828 272196 during office hours or email katrina@drumalis.co.uk.

Changing the story – Equipping the Church to take action to end domestic abuse

To celebrate the launch of the Gender Justice programme, Equipping the Church To Take Action and End Domestic Abuse, and the formation of Survivors Changing The Story Groups, are hosting two 1-day conferences on

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Friday 15th September in Seagoe Parish Centre,
Portadown, BT63 5HS

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/changing-the-story-conference-tickets-632693281637>

Saturday 16th September in Kilternan Parish Centre, Dublin,
D18 ET99

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/changing-the-story-conference-dublin-tickets-637371995797> You are warmly invited.

Cheeky Pandas TV

The C of E has joined forces with Cheeky Pandas TV to create a fun, faith-based children's video series for the summer holidays.

It's all completely free for churches to use at summer Kid's Clubs or Sunday School, or for families to watch at home.

Look out for episodes launching weekly on the Church of England Facebook page and on the Cheeky Pandas YouTube channel.

Find out more at cofe.io/ResourcesCYP.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site



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