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Mass was celebrated yesterday morning in the Église Notre-Dame des Victoires du Sablon, Brussels.

The principal celebrant was His Eminence Cardinal Jozef De Kesel, Emeritus Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels.

The homily was delivered by Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich where he spoke about the scandal of death being overcome by the love of God.

For more details on the funeral of Archbishop Treanor, go to:

<https://www.downandconnor.org/blog/2024/08/15/funeral-arrangements-archbishop-noel-treanor/>



News



Irish Army chaplain injured in stabbing at barracks

An army chaplain has been stabbed several times during an attack at Renmore Barracks in County Galway.

Fr Paul Murphy, who is in his 50s, was taken to University Hospital Galway and his injuries are described as serious but not life-threatening.

In a Facebook post, the chaplain with the Irish Defence Forces thanked the public for their prayers and said he was awaiting surgery.

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Gardaí said a teenage boy was restrained by soldiers and then arrested. They also said a terror motivation was one line of enquiry.

The special detective unit is involved in the investigation.

"At this time it is not believed this incident is part of a wider conspiracy," police added.

The Defence Forces said shots were fired by personnel during the incident.

"Soldiers on duty responded to the immediate threat with appropriate force to ensure the safety of personnel and secure the area," they said.

"The assailant was quickly detained and handed over to An Garda Síochána.

"The injured Defence Forces member was provided with immediate first aid at the scene before being transported to hospital for further treatment."

Members of the Garda's armed support unit were also sent to the incident on Thursday n

Saint Bernadette's relics to visit every diocese this autumn

In September and October this year, the relics of Saint Bernadette (pictured above as Bernadette Soubirous)



**will
journey on
pilgrimage
to Ireland
for the
very first
time,
visiting
every
diocese in
the
country.**

This very special, once-in-lifetime event will provide an opportunity for people of all ages and

backgrounds to experience the special gifts and charisms of Lourdes in their diocese.

During the thirteenth apparition, the Virgin Mary asked of Bernadette, “Go and tell the priests to build a chapel here and that people should come in procession.” Bernadette thus became the Virgin Mary’s missionary, passing on her request to Father Peyramale, the parish priest of Lourdes. Today, the Sanctuary Our Lady of Lourdes wants to respond to this request in a new way. The visitation of the holy relics

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is an opportunity to have Lourdes come to your diocese so that we can all experience the pilgrimage in Lourdes at home in Ireland.

The tour runs from 4 September to 5 November 2024. For more information please [click here](#).

Anglican Communion Youth Network gender justice workshop

Wonderful to see the images coming from the Anglican Communion Youth Network group meeting in Jordan for a workshop on gender justice.

Anglican Alliance director for gender justice, Mandy

Marshall, and global youth lead, Clifton Nedd, are together with a group of youth leaders from around the Communion together sharing their insights and learning.

The photos give a sense of the spirit of the group and an example of an activity to understand the dynamics of





gender-based violence (photo by Ley-Anne Forsyth). They also show a visit to a vocational training centre, enjoying a rocking bench made by Aseel, a refugee from Syria. The group enjoyed a day out to visit the Baptism site on the River Jordan, where they celebrated the eucharist, as well as going to Mount Nebo.

New Chemotherapy Centre Opens in Gaza's Ahli Hospital

Despite





bombardments all around them, the intrepid staff of our Ahli Hospital, in partnership with Augusta Victoria Hospital and the Lutheran World Federation, were nevertheless

able to open a new chemotherapy center this week.

It was originally scheduled to launch last December.

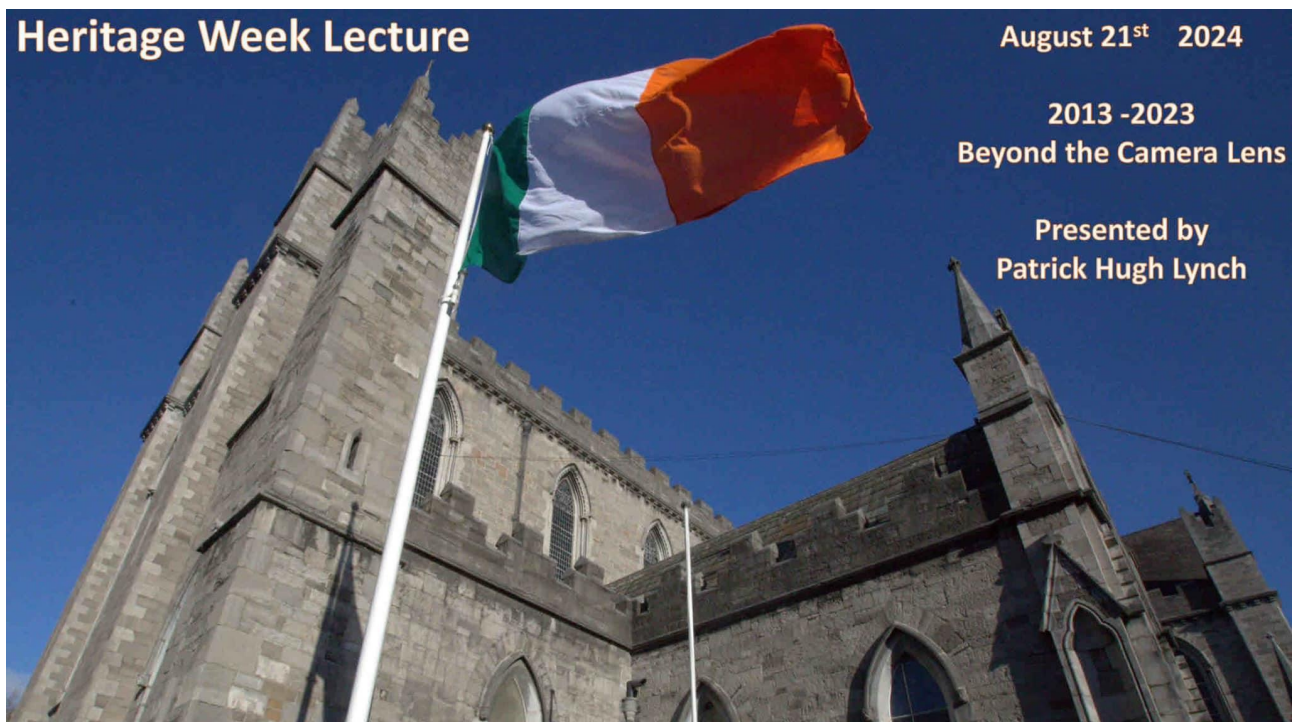
May God continue to bless and sustain the hospital's ministry of healing, even as we continue to pray for an end

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to this devastating war that has now claimed more than 41,000 lives and caused unimaginable suffering and pain.

<http://lutheranworld.org/news/first-shipment-lwf-medication-arrives-gaza>

Cathedral Calls



Heritage week lecture at St Patrick's

As part of Heritage Week Wednesday August 21st 2024 at 1.15pm , Patrick Hugh Lynch is presenting a lecture in the historic setting of the Lady Chapel in St. Patrick's Cathedral Dublin entitled "2013 – 2023 Beyond the Camera Lens".

The theme will be the Photographers story of historic anniversaries photographed during ten years of the Decade of Centenaries. No matter if you are from West Belfast or

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West Clare, the bogs of Offaly or the grasslands of Meath, your favourite colour is Green, White, Orange or nothing at all, you will find this Heritage week lecture, informative and humorous.

Make sure you have booked as interest is very high.



**Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts,
and books**

**200th Anniversary of St. Ninian's Church
Convoy**

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A Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 200th Anniversary of St. Ninian's Church Convoy will take place on Sunday 15th September at 4pm.

Save the date and come - join in celebrating this special occasion. Preacher is Rt Rev Andrew Forster. Refreshments served after service in church hall. Everyone welcome.

Sunday's RTE broadcast service



Nuns Cross Church
Killiskey Parish

Donations in aid of our restoration fund gratefully received

Xelda

Come and join us in the foyer of East Glendalough Secondary School, Wicklow, to watch our broadcast service.

RTE

Sunday Service
18th August @ 10.45 a.m.
Tea/coffee and treats served.

This Sunday's broadcast service on RTE will be by Nun's Cross Church, Killiskey Parish. Tune in to RTE 1 at 11am.



Grab your Stetson and head to Benburb

Grab your Stetson and head on over to the Priory for a good ole evening of food, music, line dancing, jiving, and a bit of craic!

If you're a fan of country music, you won't want to miss this exciting event featuring the talented band, The Do Rightlys. Join us at the Priory on Friday 20th September for an

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unforgettable night filled with great tunes, hog roast, and lively dancing.

To purchase tickets please click on link below :

<https://buytickets.at/benburbpriory/1355495>

Tickets also available at Priory Reception and local shops



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**Saint George's Church, Belfast
Friday 23rd August at 7.45pm**

TICKETS £20 available from choir
members and at the door or online via
www.saintgeorgessingers.co.uk



Queen's University Open Learning programme

This autumn/winter, the Open Learning programme at Queen's University Belfast (QUB) features a rich and diverse range of courses.

It includes one that explores the extraordinary life of social activist Mary Ann McCracken and other remarkable Belfast women.

The programme also offers courses on creative photography, Belfast's ties to slavery and abolition, and Italian, from the language of fashion to living life compassionately, catering to a wide variety of interests.

Speaking about the programme of courses on offer, Professor Tess Maginess, director of Open Learning at QUB, said: "We are always keen to highlight topics of contemporary importance. For example, we have a course on the history of the Labour Party and another on the American presidency in the 20th century.

"John Hewitt wrote a poem called Once Alien Here and, bearing this in mind, we offer a set of courses to help support those who are now strangers to our shores, including teaching English to migrants, asylum seekers and refugees (in partnership with Belfast Centre for the Unemployed), the Intercultural School (in partnership with the Educational Authority) and understanding refugee and asylum issues."

There are courses programmed for daytime, evening and weekends and the style is informal and accessible.

“People don't need any prior qualifications and our learners appreciate the friendly atmosphere, as well as the opportunity for debate and questioning,” added Professor Maginess.

The Open Learning programme offers a range of language courses, where participants can learn about other cultures, as well as increase their brain power and memory.



COMMUNITY ADVICE FERMANAGH
(FORMERLY CITIZENS ADVICE)



Summer Outreach Clinic Garrison Community Group - The Hub

Come along on Thursday the 22nd of August from 2-7pm to our free Drop In Outreach Clinic.
Get information on:

- ✓ Move to Universal Credit (UC)
- ✓ Benefit Entitlement including - PIP, ESA, Pensions, Pension Credit, UC
- ✓ Benefit Appeals
- ✓ Housing Rights
- ✓ Employment Rights
- ✓ Consumer Rights
- ✓ Cross Border Queries
- ✓ Referrals to our Debt Adviser



Due to the nature of the clinic, individuals will be seen in order of arrival and there may be a waiting time

The new programme offers courses in Chinese, French, German, Italian, Irish and Spanish, from beginners through to advanced, as well as more advanced classical Greek. There are also lots of practical courses, including first aid and personal development and finance.

MARINO RESTREPO



*Mission in Northern Ireland
16th - 22nd August 2024*

Schedule of Events

Friday 16th - Sunday 18th August

Retreat - *"Lord, To Whom Shall We Go"*

First talk Friday 7.30pm

No booking necessary, for hotel bookings
(limited places) call 02877722121

Drummond Hotel, Ballykelly, BT49 9HP

Monday 19th August - 7pm

St. Paul's Church, Falls Road, Belfast,
BT126AB

Tuesday 20th August - 7pm

St. Joseph's Church, Dunloy, BT449AN

Wednesday 21st August - 7pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Moneyglass,
BT413PT

Thursday 22nd August - 7pm

All Saints Church, Ballymena, BT43 7DX



Marino Restrepo experienced an illumination of conscience when he was kidnapped and held for six months by the Farc rebels in Colombia in 1997. He now travels throughout the world with a message entrusted to him, proclaiming the infinite treasure of Christ, for the healing and salvation of souls.

For more information visit:

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or contact Rose Glynn:

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Marino is the author of many books including *"From Darkness to Light"*, *"Purgatory"*, *"Catholics Awake"* and soon to be released: *"A Mystical Journey Behind Bars"*

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The courses, commencing in September 2024 and January 2025, are open to the public, with no prior qualifications required to join, and there are concession rates for people on benefits.

For more information/the programme, visit www.qub.ac.uk/ol or email openlearning.education@qub.ac.uk

Perspective

Anniversary of Father Willie Doyle, S.J.

Yesterday Friday, 16 August 2024, was the anniversary of Fr Doyle's death serving as a Chaplain in the first World War.

William Joseph Gabriel Doyle was born in Dalkey, near Dublin, on March 3, 1873. He was the youngest of seven children, among whom there were four religious vocations.

Willie (as he was called) was ordained as a Jesuit priest in 1907 and his fame as preacher, confessor and spiritual director spread far and wide.

In 1915, during World War I, Father Doyle was appointed as chaplain of the 16th Irish Division, serving with a number of units, but, having fulfilled his priestly duties in an outstanding fashion for almost two years, he was killed in the Battle of Ypres on August 16, 1917, having run "all day hither and thither over the battlefield like an angel of mercy." This good shepherd truly gave his life for his sheep. Fr Doyle's body was never recovered.

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Books have been written about him, and a movie made, and the Diocese of Meath has opened the Cause for his Canonisation, but today, we simply pray for him and offer thanks for his service, and, if he be with God, we ask his prayers



for us and for all who serve on the battlefields of the world or in peacekeeping missions, and for military chaplains too.

For more information about Fr Doyle visit www.fatherdoyle.com

<https://remembrancenews.org/2024/08/16/august-16-second-worst-day-of-ww1-seven-instonians-die-roll-of-honour/>

In the media

Bishop's comment on nationalist bonfires being lit in Londonderry

News Letter

Bishop calls for 'calm' ahead of nationalist bonfires being lit in Londonderry

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Bishop of Derry Donal McKeown called for calm before bonfires were lit in some nationalist areas of the city last night, Staff Reporter writes.

The fires are associated with the August anniversary of the introduction of internment without trial during the Troubles, and also coincide with the Catholic Feast of the Assumption.

Before being lit, the bonfire at Meenan Square in the city on Thursday morning featured an Israel flag with the names of US president Joe Biden and Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on it.

There was also a king's coronation flag, numerous Union Jacks and an image of a PSNI vehicle on the pyre.

The bonfire at Meenan Square has been the scene of incidents in recent years after police investigated shots being fired near the site and the burning of items that could be treated as potential hate crimes in 2022.

The year previous, the name of Constable Ronan Kerr, who was murdered by dissident republicans in Omagh in 2011, was clearly visible on the side of a pyre, as was former PSNI Chief Constable Simon Byrne.

Speaking to BBC Radio Foyle's North West Today on Thursday, Bishop McKeown said: "I hope we have calm, this is a very dignified city, it has been through terrible decades, centuries in the past.

"It has found ways of coming to terms with those and we have got to find ways of recognising the pain of the present

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and the past, and actually building a future rather than building something that destroys people.”

Mr McKeown also stated on the show that he would like to speak to those behind the bonfire to find “a better way forward” and that those who wish to burn effigies or other hate crime items to think again.

Apex Housing Association, which owns the land that the bonfire is being built on, told the BBC that it “not authorised the current activity” by the builders who forced entry onto the site.

Furthermore, Apex stated that no contractors were willing to help due to “health and safety concerns”.

Belfast Telegraph

Actions of minority should not be used to tarnish an entire city

The Bishop of Derry put it succinctly yesterday when he said that Derry as a proud city does not want to wake up this morning “feeling embarrassed” about sectarian displays on nationalist bonfires.

While I understand what Bishop McKeown was saying, the actions of a small minority should not be used to tarnish an entire city.

The focus of all citizens in the city should be for the betterment of lives here, especially for those in deprived working-class communities.

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The Bogside bonfire in Derry, built by young people, does little to move that noble cause forward.

Alternative entertainment exists nowadays, in the shape of Féile Derry which this year started on August 10 and will finish tomorrow.

Like its upmarket cousin, Féile an Phobail, it is supposed to divert young people away from bonfires to more family-friendly, safe and fun activities — and is successful at doing that in many respects. Unfortunately, such events don't manage to capture the entire target market and there are some young people, and adults, who remain supportive of the pyre.

The reason the Bogside bonfire draws considerable attention is firstly because it is one of few nationalist pyres remaining in the city; secondly, it is right in the heart of a busy tourist area, overlooked by the historic walls so is much more visible than others; thirdly, it often contains overtly sectarian material.

It should be said that some Protestant bonfires in the city do not garner the same media attention despite containing similarly offensive material.

While there is a temptation in some quarters to paint Derry, a majority nationalist city, as being openly hostile to unionists, like all parts of Northern Ireland, there are those who seek to divide in both communities.

The Bogside was right at the heart of the Troubles in Derry where 13 people were killed on Bloody Sunday.

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The area has seen progress with, for example, development of the Museum of Free Derry.

Meenan Square, on the other hand, is emblematic of the lack of investment in Derry.

It is a derelict eyesore, which was supposed to be regenerated years ago.

Given the Bog has that long-standing tradition of republicanism, nationalism and socialism, there are those who feel disenfranchised by the current political system.

Speaking of the bonfire builders, one source in the community said: “They believe they should have the same rights to have the traditional bonfire on

August 15 without being criticised, demonised especially by those groups, political groups and churches that for generations organised the August bonfires for their own objectives.”

Many may not want to admit it, but another source on the ground said these sectarian displays are part of the “tit-for-tat” society we still live in.

And it is perhaps naïve to think that sectarianism can be completely eradicated.

Rather than throwing money at projects which keep people divided, it's time NI started addressing underlying issues that will make a real difference: an integrated education system; a police service that is truly reflective of both communities; a government which has regional equality at

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the heart of its programme for government; and moving to a place where all 'peace walls' are removed.

Poem for today



Begin

By Brendan Kennelly

Begin again to the summoning birds
to the sight of the light at the window,
begin to the roar of morning traffic
all along Pembroke Road.
Every beginning is a promise
born in light and dying in dark
determination and exaltation of springtime
flowering the way to work.
Begin to the pageant of queuing girls
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal

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bridges linking the past and future
old friends passing though with us still.
Begin to the loneliness that cannot end
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,
begin to wonder at unknown faces
at crying birds in the sudden rain
at branches stark in the willing sunlight
at seagulls foraging for bread
at couples sharing a sunny secret
alone together while making good.
Though we live in a world that dreams of ending
that always seems about to give in
something that will not acknowledge conclusion
insists that we forever begin.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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