

Church News Ireland



Image of the day – Mourne Country

August 29, 2024

Image of the day



Mourne Country

Many thanks to the Armagh C of I Youth Officer for sharing these photographs. There is no better introduction to the Kingdom of Mourne than the work of the late Eystn Evans, Professor of Geography at Queen's University. He lived in, sketched and water-coloured most aspects of this terrain. His "Mourne Country" is well worth seeking.



News



Pet Service at Manorhamilton C of I Parish Group



August 29, 2024

Some of the Pets with well behaved owners at Sunday afternoons Pet Service. “Thank you to Grace Daly (pic 1 in turquoise) for sharing some of her writings and prayers with us, an inspiration”.



Down & Dromore's Bible Week with Stuart Bell is underway



August 29, 2024

40th anniversary of the ordination of women in Brazil



Bishop Primaz Marinez Bassotto, Bishop Meriglei, Bishop Sarah Mullally and Bishop Magda.

Bishop Sarah Mullally from London joined with women bishops and priests to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the approval of women's ordination in Brazil.

August 29, 2024

“There is great hope for diocesan priesthood in Ireland” – Father Purcell

Commenting on a recent gathering and retreat for young adults that took place on 15 to 18 August, Father Willie Purcell, the director of the National Office for Diocesan Vocations, said, “It was great to be present at the Youth 2000 gathering in Clongowes Wood College SJ, in Clane, Co Kildare, and to join with over 500 young people who are so joyful and enthusiastic about living their faith.”



Father Purcell continued, “It was also encouraging to meet with the 25 men who joined us for our workshop on diocesan priesthood. Taking the risk for Christ and

August 29, 2024

committing to serve Him as a priest is eternally rewarding. There is great hope for diocesan priesthood in Ireland.”

The National Vocations team, which comprises Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan, chair of the Council for Vocations of the Irish Catholic Bishops’ Conference; Father Purcell; and, Reverend Eric Cooney (Deacon), administrator of the National Vocations Office (pictured above), were in attendance at the Youth 2000 summer festival.



**Saturday 31st August
from 10:00 to 12:00**

**Drop in for a chat, bring
the kids, relax - have tea or
coffee and a sausage sandwich
*with our compliments***

August 29, 2024


Call to Action

To find out more about vocations to the diocesan priesthood, email eric.cooney@vocations.ie or visit [HERE](#). For details on the work and activities of Youth 2000, email nationalleader@youth2000.ie, or visit <https://vocations.ie/>

**SPEAK
UP FOR JESUS**

PRAYER, PRAISE & FOOD

WEDNESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
EDGEHILL HOUSE, BELFAST
5:30-8:30PM
STORIES EVERY HOUR

 | **IMYC**
High Methodist Youth and Children's Team

Anglican-Methodist International Coordinating Committee's first meeting

The Anglican-Methodist International Coordinating Committee (AMICC) has held its inaugural meeting in London.

This significant gathering marks a new chapter in the relationship between the Anglican Communion and the World Methodist Council, as both traditions continue to work towards greater unity and cooperation. The meeting focused on deepening our shared mission and reflecting on our common witness to the Gospel in today's world.

For a detailed account of the discussions and outcomes from this important meeting, we invite you to read the full communiqué.

Read the full communiqué here: <https://bit.ly/4cDQrzc>

Hand out blankets instead of heating churches, vicars told

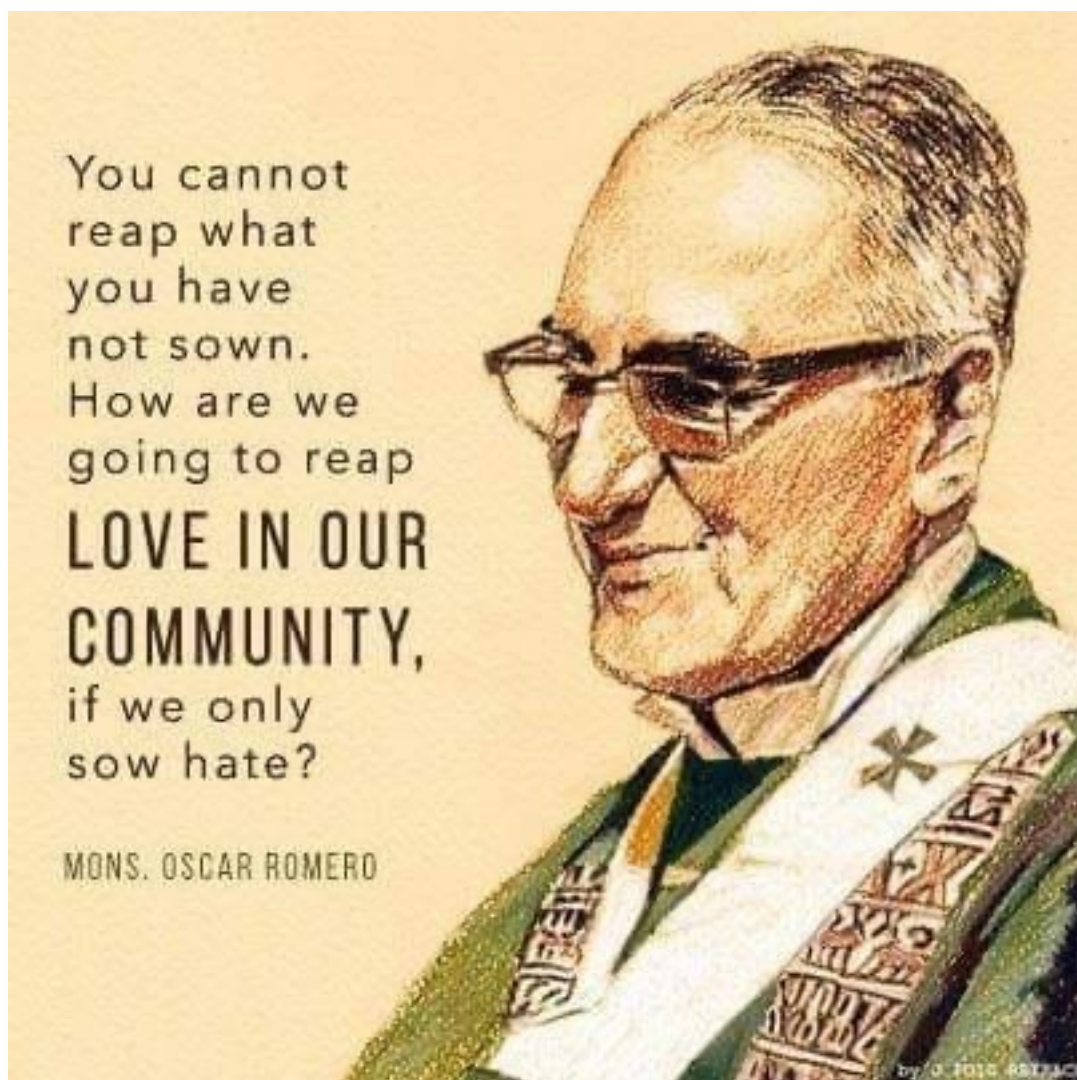
C of E vicars have been told to give parishioners blankets to keep them warm instead of heating up churches.

The Rev Giles Goddard, who has helped to spearhead the Church of England's 2030 Net Zero campaign, says that heating old stone churches is economically "not worth it".

‘You can’t warm up a 13th-century building for an hour and a half a week – it’s just not worth it’

“The mantra now is: heat the people not the space,” said the Rev Goddard, whose own church, St John’s in Waterloo, London, has had a £6 million green transformation. “You can’t warm up a 13th-century building for an hour and a half a week – it’s just not worth it.”

Parishes have been urged to work towards the target of carbon neutrality by removing oil and gas boilers, installing solar panels and divesting out of fossil fuels.



A source told The Telegraph last year that some cathedrals were finding it especially difficult because “they are old buildings and not energy efficient”, with heat pumps struggling to keep large spaces warm.

Justifying his church’s “green” makeover, the Rev Goddard stressed that St John’s was used for activities throughout the week.

“We are used all the time so it’s worth heating the whole space, but this doesn’t apply to places with high roofs and a lot of cold stone that can never be properly heated,” he told The Times.

The Telegraph reported last week one of Britain’s oldest churches has been left in the cold for nearly a year because the CofE wants to install a green heating system. St John the Baptist in Tideswell, Derbyshire, has been without heating since October 2023, when three gas boilers broke during a flood.

Wardens at the Grade I church – known as the Cathedral of the Peak because of its size and splendour – said their applications for new boilers had been rejected and deferred, despite no other options being available.

The C of E has earmarked around £190 million to help reduce carbon emissions. “The aim of the Church of England’s Net Zero programme is to be there to support and advise all. We would encourage any congregations who need advice to contact their diocesan net zero lead for help and support,” a spokesman has said.

Heritage

1712 Revised Edition of the Book of Common Prayer on display in Galway

On display for a limited time at St Nicholas, Galway, is a copy of the 1712 Revised Edition of the Book of Common Prayer

St. Guaire's
Aghadowey
81 Ardreagh Road Aghadowey Coleraine BT51 4DW

Flower Festival

THEME:
"From Eden to Paradise"
Flowers by Lena Rose (aka Mark Allen)

SEPT 8th-10th

Friday 10am-8pm (Opening Service 11am)
Saturday 10am-6pm
Sunday 12pm-5pm
Sunday Services 11am & 6pm

For Group Bookings or Information
Tel: 07725 908 117 or Email: louise crawfordmccafferty@yahoo.com
or robertjohn.wilson@icloud.com

ALL PROCEEDS GOING TOWARDS THE TOWER RESTORATION FUND

EVERYONE WELCOME

August 29, 2024

Due thanks to the Representative Church Body Library and to Dr. Susan Hood for loaning the parish this amazing piece of church history.

Cathedral Calls

Canterbury Cathedral's Free Precincts trial

The Cathedral says - It's been great to welcome so many of you already this first week of our second Free Precincts trial!

Don't forget, until Sunday 8th September 2024, you can enjoy free entry to large parts of Canterbury Cathedral's Precincts from 9am to 9pm Monday to Saturday, and 11.30am to 9pm on Sundays during our second Free Precincts Trial.

It's the perfect chance to discover England's First Cathedral this summer!

Sightseers will only need to pay to enter the Cathedral building and areas including the Cloisters, Herb Garden and Chapter House during standard sightseeing hours.

Find out more at www.canterbury-cathedral.org/free-precincts

It is always free to attend a service of worship or to come into the Cathedral to pray.

Clergy and ministry



Inspiring Angles video : Bishop Paul Colton reflects on 25 years

The Bishop of
Cork, Cloyne
and Ross, the
Rt Revd Dr
Paul Colton,

has given an extended video interview for the Church of Ireland's 'Inspiring Angles' video series, in which he reflects on 25 years since taking up his role.

Bishop Colton talks through his tree-planting pastoral visits to schools around the diocese and the importance of serving people seeking refuge in Ireland as well as people whose families have lived in Ireland for longer....

Watch the video here: <https://vimeo.com/1001964522/2fc608714e>



Passionist first profession

On August 10, Passionists gathered from various houses to celebrate the first profession of Bro Martin Dominic CP at Tobar Mhiuire, Crossgar.

Fr Jim Sweeney CP Provincial and Fr Paul





Francis presented Bro Martin with the Passionist Sign to wear on his habit. Courtesy the Irish Catholic Newspaper

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



Meet the soloist — David Gibson

Hailing from Bangor, David Gibson studied piano at the Royal Northern College of Music before beginning a career in performance, music

August 29, 2024

directing and arranging.

He has performed throughout Europe, from the Royal Albert Hall to the World Saxophone Congress in Portugal. David is Music Minister at Christ Church Cockfosters, London combining his passion for music with his Christian faith, and he has also worked with New Irish Arts, Getty Music, All Souls Orchestra, Music Ministry UK, Joyful Noise and West End Has Faith to share the Christian message of hope through music and the arts.

Tickets: <https://www.waterfront.co.uk/what-s-on/new-irish-arts-30th-birthday/>

Hear the Charles Wood Singers on BBC Radio 3

It has only been 2 weeks since the end of the 31st Charles Wood Festival and Summer School and if you're missing it, don't worry!

You have another chance to hear the Charles Wood Singers on BBC Radio 3 at 3pm.

Recorded during the Charles Festival Week in St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, tune in to hear Choral Evensong with David Hill directing and Philip Scriven on the organ. Music includes:

Introit: O hearken thou (Elgar)
Responses: Dibble (after Stanford)
Canticles: Wood in E flat No 2

August 29, 2024

Anthem: Coronation Gloria (Stanford)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0022460>



Choral Evensong at St Philip and St James' Church, Hollywood

The service begins at 5.30pm and includes:

Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis:

Stanford in Bb and

Anthem Non nobis Domine: Roger Quilter

Why not try out The Sanctuary Singers

If you are free on Thursday evenings, why not try out our choir. No auditions!

We sing the greatest sacred music from the last 400 years. Feel free to come to a rehearsal as an observer and see what you think. Singing is good for you!

www.thesanctuarysingers.org

August 29, 2024

Explore the latest Cashel Diocesan Magazine

This edition features the Bishop's letter on changes in schools, insights from the 2023 Church of Ireland Census, a spotlight on the historic Red Book of Ossory, highlights from summer activities, and an interview with a rising Fleadh star. Don't miss out!

Subscribe for the magazine: <https://cashel.anglican.org/diocesanmagazine/>



Kildress Brownies
invite you to

An evening with
Paula McIntyre


Girlguiding
1st Kildress Brownies

Including fork supper; performances by
Sollus School of Highland Dance Cookstown;
members of Matt Boyd Memorial Pipe Band
& more...

Tuesday 3rd September 2024
at Royal Hotel Cookstown
Adults - £18
Under 11's - £12
Proceeds going towards:
Kildress Brownies trip to London...

> BOOK NOW

Or contact:
Helen McCullough - 078 5320 3077



St. John's Church
THE ROCK, NEWCASTLE
INVITES YOU TO
**An Evening of
Inspiring and
Uplifting Songs**
with **Kerygma Choir**
Friday 4th October at 7.00pm

TICKETS £10

Tickets available from members of the
Select Vestry or by texting 07774 565914

Poem for today

Death of a Naturalist

by **Seamus Heaney**

All year the flax-dam festered in the heart
Of the townland; green and heavy headed
Flax had rotted there, weighted down by huge sods.

August 29, 2024

Daily it sweltered in the punishing sun.
Bubbles gargled delicately, bluebottles
Wove a strong gauze of sound around the smell.
There were dragonflies, spotted butterflies,
But best of all was the warm thick slobber
Of frogspawn that grew like clotted water
In the shade of the banks. Here, every spring
I would fill jampotfuls of the jellied
Specks to range on window sills at home,
On shelves at school, and wait and watch until
The fattening dots burst, into nimble
Swimming tadpoles. Miss Walls would tell us how
The daddy frog was called a bullfrog
And how he croaked and how the mammy frog
Laid hundreds of little eggs and this was
Frogspawn. You could tell the weather by frogs too
For they were yellow in the sun and brown
In rain.

Then one hot day when fields were rank
With cowdung in the grass the angry frogs
Invaded the flax-dam; I ducked through hedges
To a coarse croaking that I had not heard
Before. The air was thick with a bass chorus.
Right down the dam gross bellied frogs were cocked
On sods; their loose necks pulsed like sails. Some hopped:
The slap and plop were obscene threats. Some sat
Poised like mud grenades, their blunt heads farting.
I sickened, turned, and ran. The great slime kings
Were gathered there for vengeance and I knew
That if I dipped my hand the spawn would clutch it.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

Church News Ireland

The publication of Church News Ireland is overseen by Very Rev Dr Houston McKelvey OBE, QVRM, TD. He may be contacted at houstonmckelvey@mac.com

Church News Ireland

www.churchnewsireland.org

