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Image of the day – Belfast TradFest

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Belfast TradFest

The summer school came to a memorable end with the tutor/student performance



in the stunning surroundings of Belfast Cathedral.

From the sound of the Highland bagpipes opening the concert to witnessing musicians and dancers from all walks of life come together to showcase their week's learning, this



annual closing event of the summer school was a remarkable way to end to a busy week of traditional music, song and dance.

Photos by Julie Ann Rouquette & @claireloughshots.



Mothers' UNION
Christian care for families
Diocese of Derry & Raphoe

Mary Sumner Day

Friday 9th August 2024

Meet at Christ Church Hall, Buncrana at 2pm for an opening session and refreshments, followed by an option to walk part of the *Amazing Grace Trail*.

We look forward to welcoming you, celebrating our founder and sharing the riches of God's amazing grace.

Today in Buncrana MU's Amazing Grace Trail

Mothers Union in Derry & Raphoe - We would be delighted to have you join with us at the Mary Sumner Day Prayer Walk which this year has a focus on 'Amazing Grace'. Come, bring a friend.

This is a very special and enjoyable day in our annual calendar. We will have a chance to celebrate our founder, share a time of prayer together, spend time appreciating

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God's creation on the beautiful Lough Swilly shorefront and enjoy fellowship during refreshments.

We plan to meet at Christ Church Hall, Buncrana at 2pm for an opening session and refreshments. This will be followed by an option of walking part of the Amazing Grace Trail which is approximately a five-minute walk from the hall.

There is limited on-street parking in the vicinity of the hall. However, there is drop-off available and free parking on



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Shore Road at Swan Park, ideally between the On the Go Coffee and Festival Play Area.

Kilbride's Cars and Coffee aids Hospice Community Nurse team

Following on from the successful Cars and Coffee morning held at Kilbride Presbyterian church on Saturday 22nd June members were delighted to present a cheque to the NI Hospice for £2570.

This money will help the service greatly, especially the "Specialist Community Nurse" team .

Pictured representing the Hospice are Julie Martin Community outreach fundraiser, Northern Ireland Hospice/ Northern Ireland Children's Hospice and Laura Johnston.

Laura is part of the Specialist Community Nurse team who

have been working with and caring for Ted Turkington, a member of Kilbride Presbyterian. Ted wanted to give something back to the hospice in



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appreciation of their care. Dave Hoy and Ted got together to organise a Cars and coffee morning which saw over 50 cars and 20 motorcycles and a wee grey Fergie turn out to support the fundraiser . “We would like to thank all who attended or help to make the day such a success. Keep Saturday 21st June 2025 in your diary for a repeat event”.

Women's Tractor Pull 2024 for Ballinamallard Community Hub project

Ballinamallard and Trillick Methodist churches write - we have gathered together a mighty team of women to pull a tractor from Irvinestown to Ballinamallard on Saturday 14th September 2024 to raise some vital funds to complete Phase 1 of the Ballinamallard Community Hub project.

The vision of The Hub is to provide a space for the local community to meet, eat, work or avail of practical support; in the form of counselling, dementia support, poverty assistance, and much more.

Any support for our fundraising for this cause would be very much appreciated. If you are able and wish to support our teams, please donate.
Thank you very much!

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Northern Ireland immigration riots: Presbyterian Church slams violence but says 'lack of social needs to be addressed'

The Presbyterian Church has strongly condemned violence which followed recent anti-immigration protests, while adding that lack of social housing, jobs and community development "do need to be addressed", Philip Bradfield reports in the News Letter, 7th August 2024.

In a statement entitled "There is no right to riot", the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) noted that more anti-

immigrant protests are apparently being planned for the coming days.

PCI's Clerk of the General Assembly Rev Trevor Gribben, said: "As a Church we want to add our voice to those in wider civic society who are calling for an end to the protests and the violence that has been directed at members of our community; people of all faiths and none, who have come to these shores, often to find a new life that is free from the

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August

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very fear and intimidation they have come face-to-face with in recent days.

“As a society, it is important to acknowledge that there are wider issues that do need to be addressed if all of our communities are to prosper.

The lack of social housing and the underinvestment in jobs and community development in many areas must be faced up to. And the crisis in our health and social care services, which affect the day to day lives of so many people, has to be tackled.

However, while lawful protest about such matters can be legitimate, much of what we have seen in recent days has been neither legitimate nor lawful.



Neither has it in fact been protest – but rather we have witnessed racist, hate-filled, wanton violence and destruction that has no place in civilised society.

This cannot be excused or justified, only universally condemned as there is no right to intimidate and incite hatred, and certainly no right to riot”.

He added: “As tensions run high, I would appeal to everyone, those who are planning further street protests and those encouraging direct counter protests, to think again. This is a time to de-escalate the tension in our community, and not heighten it.

Seeking the peace and prosperity of the city sometimes means setting aside our right to protest, or counter-protest, for the common good. This is surely such a time.”

Mr Gribben concluded: “We should not demonise those who live amongst us just because they are new to our community, or because they are different from us. Nor should we demonise people who wish to raise genuine concerns in legitimate and lawful ways. Jesus Christ reminds us that our neighbours are not just those who look like us, or think like us, but includes those who are different from us and from whom we differ. His calling to love all of those neighbours as we love ourselves, is a calling all of us need to hear and respond to.”

Leave flag alone: Taoiseach tells protesters

The Taoiseach has criticised people who “hijacked” the Irish flag while standing alongside loyalist “paramilitary actors” in Belfast and shouting racist abuse, Cate McCurry reports in the Belfast Telegraph

Violent scenes erupted following an anti-immigration protest in Belfast on Saturday.

Protesters waving both the Union flag and the Irish tricolour took part in the protest at the front of Belfast City Hall.

A number of people also carried the “Coolock Says No” banner, which has been used at protests outside a former Crown Paints factory earmarked to house asylum seekers.

The Belfast Telegraph previously reported how Dublin far right activists were hosted in a Sandy Row bar on Saturday

by a UDA man who was arrested in connection with the sectarian murders of five Catholics.

Speaking at Government Buildings on Wednesday, Simon Harris said that those who took part in the protest while holding the Irish flag and banner should “leave our flag alone” and “leave the name Coolock alone”.

“Anybody who travels from really anywhere and thinks they should take the Irish flag with them and stand alongside potentially paramilitary actors in Northern Ireland, shouting racist abuse, threatening people, and indeed, being at the very least in proximity to buildings that were set on fire, is the exact opposite of what the definition of patriotism would be,” Mr Harris said.

“They are people who bring shame to their community. They're not, can I say this, reflective of the Coolock community, and how dare they hijack our flag and the name Coolock, when really what they are is people who are agitating and advocating racism, division, and we should call it out.

“Let me just say this as well because Northern Ireland is a very special place, full of very many people who have committed themselves to peace and to inclusion.

“Belfast is a very proud city that has worked so hard across the community to promote peace and inclusion. What I must say is, in the face of the thuggery that we saw from some, what we also saw was an incredible gathering of people to talk about welcome and inclusion and the true values of Belfast and of the island of Ireland as well.

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“What we also saw was, I think unity of purpose from across the political leadership in Northern Ireland.

“If you intend to travel from our jurisdiction to commit a crime in another jurisdiction, you too will meet the full rigours of the law. Leave our flag alone. Leave the name Coolock alone, and those racist, horrific scenes that we've seen in recent days should be called out for exactly what they are.”

Cathedral Calls

Munster Mix at St. Fachtna's Cathedral

Munster Mix is the second of the three acts for the Summer Concert in St. Fachtna's Cathedral on Tuesday 13th August at 8pm.

Munster Mix is a mixed acapella chorus, established in 2018 by Cherry Hartshorn and Graham Sutton.

Based in West Cork, they rehearse in Bandon, and from those early beginnings have grown and enjoyed considerable success in competitions in New Ross Co



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Wexford, overseas in Calpe Spain, and most recently became national champions with gold medals for Irish Association of Barbershop Singers.

They are thrilled to be invited to the summer festival concert in Rosscarbery, bringing you a mixture of Popular, jazz, musical theatre and American songbook repertoire under their director Cherry Hartshorn, and hope to give you all an evening to remember.

This concert is a fundraiser for Rosscarbery Playground development and repairs to the spire of St. Fachtna's Cathedral. No tickets required, just come early. There will an opportunity to make a donation to our good causes on the night. Tea/coffee served afterwards with an opportunity to meet the artists.

Meet the St Peter's Music Summer Singing Course 2024 Staff

“We are thrilled to be working this week at St Dominic's with such a passionate and skilled team of music staff on our Summer Singing Course”



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Above from L-R:
Matthew Reeve,
Catherine Weir,
James McConnell,
Rebecca Morris and
Hannah McCann

Catch our very own
Artistic Director, Dónal
Doherty (right) in
action next Monday
night at the Charles
Wood Festival of
Music and Summer
School Armagh!



COME AND SING GLORIA

Sing along to an eclectic mix of Glorias, featuring works by Vivaldi, Handel, Rutter, and Chilcott. Led by the talented Artistic Director of the City of Derry International Choir Festival, and supported by Gaudeamus Choir

Monday 12th August. St Mark's Parish Church, Armagh.
7:30 PM. £10

www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/events

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Diocese of Armagh

Big Hymn Sing

in

Brackaville Parish Church

Friday 9th August 2024

7pm

Service Conducted by: Revd. Canon Matthew Hagan MBE



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Lunch Time Recitals

WEDNESDAYS IN AUGUST
1.10-1.50PM

GUESTS

7th – Jack Wilson (Organ)
14th – Paul Berry & Gillian McCutcheon – 'Music for two clarinets'
21st – David Chancellor (Piano)
28th – Louis Fields (Organ)

Admission Free



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Monday 12th August

Workshop One :10am - 11 am - **15 places**
Workshop Two : 11:30 - 12:30pm - **15 places**
Workshop Three : 2pm - 3pm - **8 places**
Workshop Four : 3:30pm - 4:30pm - **10 places**

Tuesday 13th August

Workshop One :10am - 11 am - **13 places**
Workshop Two : 11:30 - 12:30pm - **3 places**
Workshop Three : 2pm - 3pm - **7 places**
Workshop Four : 3:30pm - 4:30pm - **15places**

Wednesday 14th August

Workshop One :10am - 11 am - **15 places**
Workshop Two : 11:30 - 12:30pm - **fully booked**
Workshop Three : 2pm - 3pm - **13 places**
Workshop Four : 3:30pm - 4:30pm - **15 places**

Clergy and ministry

Limerick mourns loss of much-loved priest

Limerick has lost one of its best known, much-loved, and dedicated priests with the passing of Canon Frank O'Connor, following a brave battle with illness, Bishop Brendan Leahy has stated.

Fr O'Connor passed away on Thursday August 1 having suffered motor neurone disease.

Just a few days short of his 71st birthday, Fr O'Connor was one of Limerick's most recognisable priests who, in his many years of service was president of St Munchin's College and also ministered in the Reparation Convent, Monaleen parish, and St John's Cathedral parish.

Fr Frank was also hugely involved in other pastoral areas across the diocese, including in areas such liturgy, diocesan advisors, ecumenism, the Clergy Benevolent Fund, and the Priests' Council.

Bishop Leahy said "all our hearts are heavy following the news of Canon Frank's passing as he was such an integral and much-loved part of the community of clergy of Limerick and, indeed, the wide Limerick community."

Poem for today



London, 1802

By William Wordsworth

Milton! thou shouldn't be living at this hour:
England hath need of thee: she is a fen
Of stagnant waters: altar, sword, and pen,
Fireside, the heroic wealth of hall and bower,
Have forfeited their ancient English dower
Of inward happiness. We are selfish men;
Oh! raise us up, return to us again;
And give us manners, virtue, freedom, power.
Thy soul was like a Star, and dwelt apart:
Thou hadst a voice whose sound was like the sea:
Pure as the naked heavens, majestic, free,
So didst thou travel on life's common way,
In cheerful godliness; and yet thy heart
The lowliest duties on herself did lay.

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Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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