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A joyous celebration of Christ Church Cathedral and its community took place on Friday evening (June 28).

A wide range of individuals and groups associated with the many facets of the life of the Dublin cathedral were drawn together for a wonderful concert given by the Cathedral Choir, joined later by the cathedral's Community Chorus. The concert was followed by a reception outside on the labyrinth.

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The concert featured music ranging from Psalm 67 to 'Danny Boy' and from Charles Villiers Stanford's 'Three Motets' to CHH Parry's 'Hear My Words' concluding with a rousing encore of the Hallelujah Chorus.



The event was the brainchild of Christ Church's Director of Music Tom Little who conducted the choirs. Organist James Short accompanied the music and the programme was supported by Tomos Watkins who conducts the Community Chorus.

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The audience was welcomed by Dean Dermot Dunne who noted that they needed no welcome as they were all part of the cathedral community. “Your presence here makes this building come alive and you support the cathedral’s mission to be a place of welcome and worship,” he said.



He paid tribute to Tom Little for his work in developing the Cathedral Choir and bringing it out into the wider community. He also praised the Community Chorus, which draws its membership of about 100 people from right across the city

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of Dublin. He paid tribute to the team at the cathedral, headed up by CEO Susanne Reid

Later in the evening, Archbishop Michael Jackson



congratulated the choir on a wonderful performance. He also congratulated the Dean who recently celebrated 40 years in ordained ministry. He said the Dean's time in the cathedral had enabled it to be a place of joy and worship.

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Church elder's 96th Birthday and 199th Park Run



Happy 96th Birthday to Grace, one of the church elders at St John's Newtonbreda.

On Saturday Grace completed her 199th Park Run, earning a well deserved rest on a new park bench in her honour! Well done, Grace!

“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith” (Hebrews 12:1-2)



Leading from the front at Summer Madness

The Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev George Davison, and the Bishop of Down and Connor, Bishop Alan McGuckian, led a Summer Madness workshop on Sunday on the topic of 'Leading from the Front.'



Later that evening, Bishop Davison turned his hand to sizzling sausages when he and other clergy were the

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chefs at the Connor Sub Camp Bishop's Barbecue with 120 young people and a number of invited guests enjoying the meats and salads.



Craigyhill Methodists walk to Slemish for Christian Aid

Christian Aid supporters Bob Loade (1st left) and Allan McCullough (2nd left) on a walk they organised from Ballyboley Forest near Ballyclare to Slemish Mountain near Broughshane in County Antrim.

The walk was part of their '70k in May' sponsored walking challenge, and it raised £1,560 for the Christian Aid Week appeal.

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However, the Larne lads are fighting more than poverty. Both men had serious cancers last year.

They were joined on the walk by members of Craighill Methodist Church (part of Larne Methodist Circuit).

They held a short outdoor prayer service on Slemish before retracing their footsteps. 🙏

Slemish is believed to have been the first Irish home of the enslaved Saint Patrick. Tradition has it that Patrick was captured and brought to Slemish to work as a shepherd and it was there that he turned to prayer and found God. Thanks to all those who joined Bob and Allan on the walk and to everyone who sponsored them so generously.

Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2024

“That they may come here on pilgrimage” is the theme of the Derry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes and was the focus of Bishop Donal’s homily at the Opening Mass where pilgrims gathered in the Chapel of Saints Cosmos and Damien.



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In his homily, the bishop invited the pilgrims to ask “why have you come to Lourdes?”

He encouraged reflection on the nature of pilgrimage - away from our normal routine, opens up new horizons and new questions.

Bishop Donal invited the pilgrims to accept this pilgrimage as a gift and so to take time to listen for the Lord’s voice, not to be afraid of the silence at the Grotto, enter into the liturgies of the penitential service, stations of the cross, anointing of the sick and the processions, savouring the spirit of the place, not to be afraid of tears!

“Bernadette journeyed not because she had chosen a path but for some mysterious reason she was chosen ... you are here because God has something to give you this time, this year. Listen out to discover what it is.”

Salvation Army Belfast partners in School Uniform Project

ROC - Northern Ireland’s School Uniform Project - is back this summer and The Citadel on the Dublin Road is partnering with the scheme. Can you help them?

To help us support families, we need good quality uniform items and PE kits for nursery, primary and post-primary schools in areas across greater Belfast!

SCHOOL UNIFORM PROJECT

ALEXANDRA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

80 York Road, Belfast
BT15 3HF

DONATION DATES:

- Alexandra Presbyterian Church**
Sundays 12noon-1pm
26th-28th June 5:30-7:30 & 15th-19th July 9:30-12:30
- Challenge Training Studios**
During opening hours
- DUP Office**
During opening hours
- Grove Housing Association**
During opening hours
- North Belfast Orange Memorial Hall**
When open
- Salvation Army**
Monday and Wednesday Mornings 9.30-12noon, Tuesday evenings the 4th & 18th 7-8pm, Sundays 10-12noon
- Seaview Presbyterian Church**
Friday & Sunday morning during service
- Second Time Around (46 Parkmount Street)**
During opening hours
- St Paul's & St Barnabas Church**
Sunday mornings during service
- The McDonald Centre**
During opening hours

COLLECTION DATES:

Date
25th & 26th July

Time
3pm-7pm

We have a selection of new and good quality pre-loved uniform items for local nursery, primary and post-primary schools!

ROC NORTH BELFAST

ALEXANDRA Presbyterian CHURCH IN IRELAND

Items include: school branded jumpers, ties, blazers, coats as well as generic items including shirts, skirts, trousers, shoes and bags.

Do your little ones no longer need their nursery uniforms?

Teens taken a growth spurt?

Please donate your items at your local donation points!

Randalstown is a Tidy place

A group of Tidy Randalstown volunteers was in Belfast recently for the Ireland's Best Kept Towns Awards.

“Great news! We not only won our category, Best Kept Small Town, we've also been named overall winner, the Best Kept Town in all of Ireland!! Well done to all our hardworking volunteers, our supportive, businesses and

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community,
and thanks
also to
Antrim and
Newtown-
abbey
Borough
Council for
all they do.

Celebrations tonight”.

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Scaled-down installation planned for Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe

“With gratitude to all involved, I have decided to begin this ministry in a new way,” [Episcopal Church Presiding Bishop-elect] Rowe said.

“With a simple service at the Church Center that will include everyone via livestream, we can care for God’s creation by

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reducing our collective carbon footprint. I have great respect and admiration for the ministry of Washington National Cathedral. My seating will take place in the following months, and I am grateful to Dean Hollerith and the cathedral staff as we plan for that event.” Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Pope says he wants to visit Turkey for Council of Nicaea anniversary

Pope Francis said on Friday he wanted to visit Turkey next year to celebrate the anniversary of the first council of the Christian Church.

"It's a trip that I desire to go on, with all my heart," the pontiff told a delegation of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople in Istanbul, a Vatican statement said.

The early centuries of Christianity were marked by lively debate about how Jesus could be both God and man, and the Church decided on the issue at the First Council of Nicaea - now known as Iznik - in 325.

Earlier in May, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, who is based in Istanbul, said Francis was planning to visit the city before heading to Iznik.

The Pope's travel agenda for this year includes a September trip to Asia and Oceania, the longest of his 11-year papacy, with stops in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Timor-Leste and Singapore. At the end of September he is expected in Brussels and Luxembourg for a 4-day trip.

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Cathedral Calls



60th anniversary at Armagh Cathedral

On St Peter's Day, the Reverend Canon Dr Michael Kennedy officiated at the Eucharist in the Lady Chapel in Armagh Cathedral.

He thus marked the 60th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

Congratulations and prayerful best wishes were extended from the Dean and Chapter and his friends associated with the Hill of Armagh.

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Clergy



University Chaplain's Anniversary

On the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, members of the Catholic Chaplaincy wished their Chaplain, Fr Dominic, every blessing as he celebrated the tenth anniversary of his ordination to priesthood.

The students often comment on Fr Dominic's listening ear, wise counsel and good humour. "We are immensely grateful to him for his fatherly love and generous service of our chaplaincy community at Queen's.

“We are blessed to have you, Fr Dominic! Ad multos annos!”

Bishop Paul hits 40 not out

Bishop Paul Colton messaged on Sunday past -

“Today, on this 40th anniversary of my ordination as a Deacon, I give thanks to God, thank my family, and express gratitude to everyone who've I met along the way.

“Remembering also those who were ordained with me that day, some still faithfully serving, others who have gone to their heavenly reward.

“The Ordination of Deacons was in Saint Anne's Cathedral - Belfast Cathedral and I was ordained to serve in the Church of Ireland Diocese of Connor as curate in St Paul's Lisburn. I was 24, so now you know my age.”

New team member on Fivemiletown Methodist circuit



Rev Jackie Whittle was welcomed into her role in Fivemiletown circuit...

...and since there have been wonderful comments about how ell she has settled in and the impact already made.



Sr Rosa visits home parish after her first profession in New York

Ballymoney and Derrykeighan Catholics Parish were delighted to welcome Sr Rosa Goretta Immaculata McKinley to Mass in Ballymoney on Monday morning.



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Sr Rosa is a graduate of the Queen's University of Belfast where she was integral to the Chaplaincy.

Originally from Loughguile, she has recently made her first profession as a Sister of Life based in New York.

Loughguile has made its mark on Christian ministry. It also produced and nurtured a Queen's University graduate who was ordained, became in time Professor of Scholastic Philosophy, and was consecrated as bishop and who later

CHRIST CHURCH, LIMAVADY

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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returned to Down and Connor before being elevated to Armagh, namely Archbishop Mahal Daly.

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Speaking to the soul

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