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Image of the day – West Winds Wellie Boot Project

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## West Winds Wellie Boot Project

**The man in charge says - “Around 3 years ago, launching our new church family West Winds Community Church, in Newtownards, a Wellie Boot Project was initiated with many local people coming down to the fence outside the shop putting wellie boots on the fence with colourful reminders of loved ones.**

“Next Monday, 8th July, 7-9pm, we are setting aside some time for people to gather again at this memorial to replant the boots with renewed colour and to add more colour to the feature.

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“If you have a boot that you would like to add, please come down next week.

“Message the church page or Stephen Doherty for more info.”

## News



## Seven Schools achieve Schools of Sanctuary Awards

**This year, 7 schools in the 5 Urban Villages areas of Belfast and Derry/Londonderry have achieved their awards as Schools of Sanctuary (SoS).**

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This week Holy Rosary Nursery School, Taughmonagh Primary School, Rosetta primary school and Ravenscroft nursery, Belfast received their School of Sanctuary award. Two weeks ago, the winning schools in Derry received their awards.

Read the full news article: <https://ow.ly/jhJf50SaTNU>

## **Derry & Raphoe do it dry at Summer Madness**

**The rain held off for Derry & Raphoe Youth's annual barbecue at the Summer Madness festival, which took place in Portglenone again this year.**



The event is Ireland's largest Christian youth festival and the Derry and Raphoe team of leaders looked after around 20 young people, from seven different churches in the Diocese.

This year's theme is 'Living Life on Purpose', with a strong signal to young people that what they choose to do with their lives matters, and that there's no better choice they can make than to choose Jesus Christ.

The festival takes place over five days – from Friday until Tuesday – and there's a huge variety of activities to keep youthful minds occupied. These include seminars, workshops, sports, games and gigs, and the highlight each day is the worship session in the Big Top, which draws hundreds to sing and pray together.

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Derry & Raphoe Youth barbecue saw the Diocesan Youth Officer, Claire Hinchliff, step up to the plate – well, the grill, actually – and she was ably assisted by Pauline Beadle who took care of the vegetarian options on the menu. The chairman of D.R.Y., Rev Peter Ferguson, was there to lend a hand, literally, while no diocesan barbecue would be complete without a visit by C.I.Y.D.'s National Youth Officer, Simon Henry, who duly obliged by dropping in, just in time for lunch.

## **Irish Methodists visit Magu, Tanzani**

**This summer, a group of Irish Methodists is travelling to Tanzania.**

Led by William Donaghy, the team will travel from Finaghy and Sligo to Magu. The Methodist Church in Magu is at the

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## William Donaghy, in Magu

centre of the local community, a powerful example of Christian witness with some inspirational stories to tell.

This visit is just the latest chapter in a long-standing relationship between Finaghy and Tanzania. With the help of Rev Moses Kaimanyi and his wife Elizabeth (from the Methodist Church Kenya), the relationship has been such a blessing for all those involved.

## Derry pilgrimage to Lourdes - day two

**A long day on pilgrimage! Today the diocesan group of pilgrims began their day with the celebration of Mass focussing on the call of Saint Bernadette.**

Reminding the pilgrims of the pending visit of relics of the humble saint to the diocese this coming October, Bishop Donal preached about the call of God being given to the



lowliest and most unexpected people in the eyes of the world and yet are the ones who respond most generously to that call.

Following the group photograph and morning prayer with the youth participants, the diocesan programme continued with the way of the Cross, led by Bishop Donal on the high way and Fr Colm guiding the meditations in the sanctuary.



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The afternoon culminated with participation in the Eucharistic Procession in which the bishop, priests and some young people played important roles.

After dinner, the pilgrims gathered at Chapelle Notre Dame for the penitential service and individual confessions thanks to the generosity of the diocesan clergy and some Irish Dominican friars.

## Cathedral Calls

### Organ for Chapel of Unity at Belfast Cathedral

**Patricia McKinley-Hutchinson (nee Beattie) and her brother Ian Beattie were present at the dedication of the "Beattie Organ" which has been installed in the Chapel of Unity at Belfast Cathedral.**

The organ was originally built for the new church of St George's, Tufnell Park, in London. It was then moved to Armagh and finally to Bessbrook, from where it was transported to Belfast Cathedral.

After Choral Evensong on Sunday 30 June, the Dean, Stephen Forde, dedicated the refurbished chamber organ to the memory of Patricia and Ian's late father George A Beattie, who had been a pupil of Captain CJ Brennan in the 1920s.



Mr Beattie was appointed organist at Sinclair Seamen Memorial Church at the age of 16. He went on to be organist and choir master at Ulsterville Presbyterian Church, until the outbreak of war in 1939. From 1946, when he was resident manager of the Laharna Hotel in Larne, Mr Beattie was for many years organist and choir master at St Cedma's Parish Church in Larne.

Following the dedication, Belfast Cathedral Organist Jack Wilson and Assistant Organist, Stephen Hamill gave a recital to demonstrate the range and tonal qualities of the refurbished instrument.

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Also present was Alistair McCartney, who undertook the refurbishment project, with assistance from Stephen Hamill, and cathedral organ scholars Daragh Magee and Finn Sloan.

The dedication and recital was followed by refreshments, which allowed those from Larne, and members of the cathedral choir and congregation to enjoy one another's company.

Prior to becoming Dean of Belfast Very Rev Stephen Forde was rector of Larne

## **A horse on a pilgrimage calls at Canterbury**

**Last week Canterbury had a special (and unexpected) visitor.**

Jacob the horse (aged 14 years) came to visit the Cathedral with





Flora and Daisy - a stop on their long pilgrimage from Manchester to Rome!

Jacob enjoyed some tasty grass in the Precincts and received a blessing from Canon Emma, before continuing on his travels.

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## Clergy

### Sister Nuala Kelly honoured by The University of Ulster



**The University of Ulster - “We are delighted to recognise Sister Nuala Kelly for her outstanding commitment to serving the community and its most vulnerable members, regardless of their situation, history, or religious beliefs.”**

“Sister Nuala was instrumental in transforming St. Louise’s College on the Falls Road, Belfast, helping families who had not experienced educational opportunities to reach their full potential. Since leaving formal teaching, she has dedicated her time to supporting homeless charities in Ireland and the UK, championing the power of gospel values in caring for marginalised communities.”

This year’s honourees include former President of Ireland Mary Robinson, County Down born comedian and

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broadcaster Patrick Kielty, Glamour's Global Editorial Director for the Americas Samantha Barry and renowned artist, author, and activist Oliver Jeffers, who is honoured during a year of celebrations marking 175 years of the Belfast School of Art at Ulster University.



## Retirement of Dean of Trim

**Dean Paul Bogle had announced his retirement as Dean of St Patrick's Trim and rector of the parishes of Trim and Athboy.**

His ministry is greatly appreciated, both in his parishes and in the dioceses both of whom wished Paul and his wife Jane a long and happy retirement.



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## Ordination of Revd. Luke Pratt

**On Sunday, 30th June, Revd. Luke Pratt was ordained as a Priest in the Church of Ireland by Rt. Revd. Ferran Glenfield, the Bishop of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh at a service in St. Columba's Church, Drumcliffe.**

Revd. Luke Pratt is currently serving as Curate to the Bishop in the Drumcliffe Group of Parishes.



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**Join Professor  
Alister McGrath  
for a C.S. Lewis**

## Day Conference and the Launch of Belfast School of Theology

**Faith, Theology & Apologetics: Learning from C. S. Lewis - Day Conference**

Date: Friday, 13th September 2024



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Time: 9.30am - 3.30pm

Location: Belfast School of Theology + Online

Cost: £45 (Early Bird) // £55 (Full Day) // £25 (Online)

Register: <https://www.bst.ac.uk>

Join Prof. Alister McGrath, former Oxford professor and renowned theologian, for an enriching day exploring C.S. Lewis' impact on faith, theology, and apologetics. Expect stimulating lectures, interactive discussions, and networking opportunities. Worship led by Jonathan Rea and New Irish Arts.

Lunch Provided.

Limited Spaces.

## **Belfast School of Theology Launch - Evening Event @ Orangefield**

Date: Friday, 13th September 2024

Time: 7.30pm

Location: Orangefield Presbyterian Church + Online

Cost: Free (Registration Required)

Register: <https://www.bst.ac.uk>

Celebrate the launch of Belfast School of Theology with an inaugural lecture by Prof. Alister McGrath on the role of theology today. Enjoy worship led by Jonathan Rea and New Irish Arts, a networking reception, and learn about the school's vision.

Open to all.

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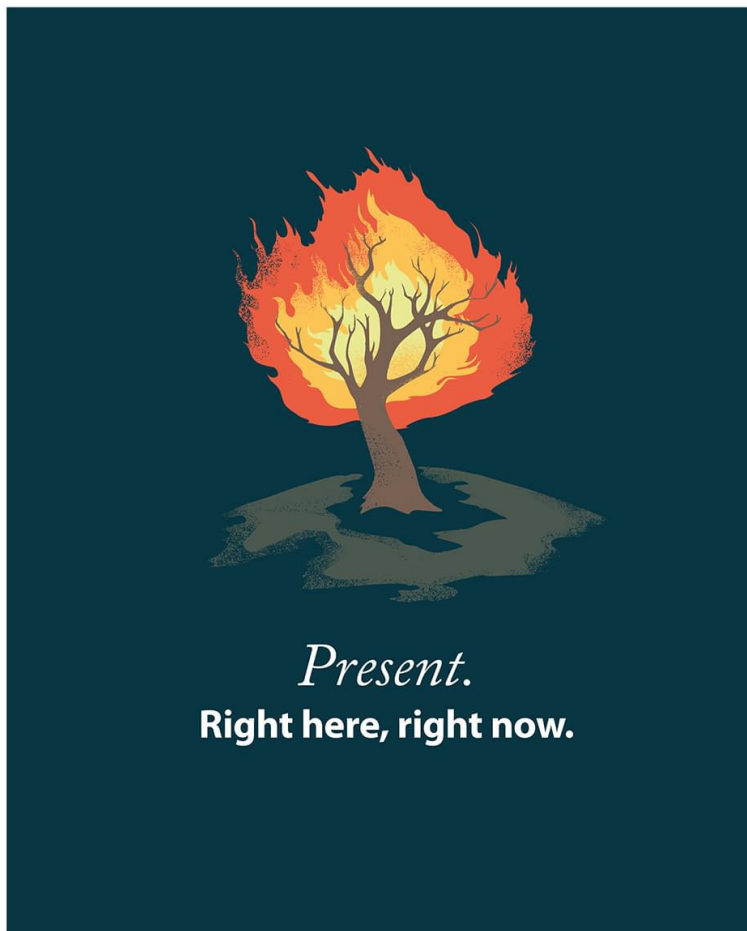
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## The faces behind the voices!

### St John's Parish, Falls Road Morning Service on BBC Radio Ulster

“Thank you so much to all the readers, singers and musicians involved in our broadcast Mass recording that was aired as Morning Service on BBC Radio Ulster

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yesterday. You did St John's Proud. In case you missed it, you can listen back to it on the link below."

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/m0020p68>

## Speaking to the soul

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