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Image of the day – a Kerry windmill

Blennerville Windmill is a historic landmark located in Blennerville, near Tralee in County Kerry, Ireland.

It is the largest working windmill in Ireland and one of the largest of its kind in Europe. Built in 1800, the windmill was originally used for grinding grain for both local and export purposes.

Key Features:

Structure: It is a five-story, tapering tower mill with a traditional design featuring a rotating cap and sails.

Restoration: After falling into disrepair in the 19th century, the windmill was restored in the 1980s and opened to the public as a heritage and educational center.

Function: The windmill is fully operational and can grind flour using traditional methods, showcasing how wind power was historically harnessed.


 please note the windmill remains closed to visitors until the end of March

Photo courtesy Luiseix Luis De Morais

News

Ulster Organists and Choirmasters AGM

The Ulster Society of Organists and Choirmasters AGM took place on Saturday in East Belfast.

USOC thanked



Canon John Auchmuty, Rector of St Columba's Knock for his welcome and the use of the church. Thanks also were expressed to Dr Joe McKee

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MBE, Organist and Choral Director of St Columba's, for demonstrating the Norman & Beard (1902) organ, and to his cantors for their programme, assisted by Tristan Ruscher.

The principal officers were re-elected as follows:

President- Matthew Owens

President-elect- Alf Casement

Secretary- Michael Tregenna

Treasurer- Dr Mark McKinty

Membership Secretary- Dr Peter Livingston

Watch out for details of the 2025 programme of events and for the launch of USOC's redesigned website.

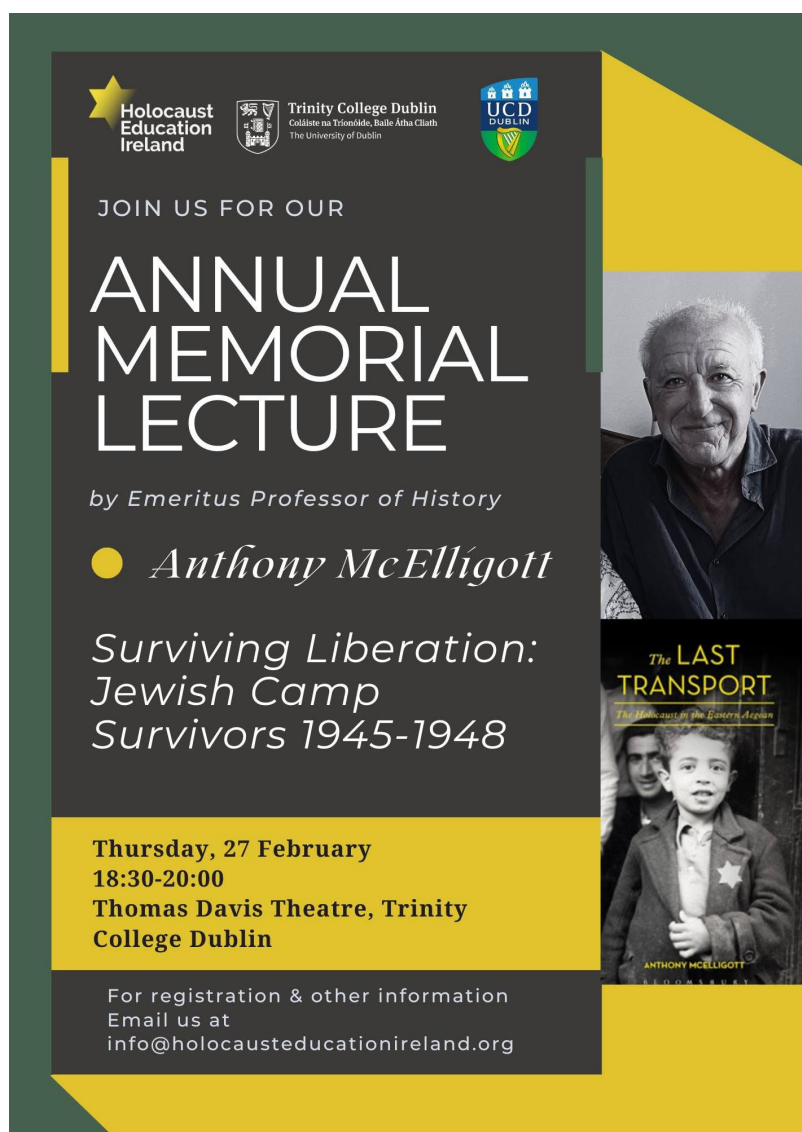


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Host the Eco-Congregation Ireland Climate Justice Candle in 2025

If you and your congregation would you like to host the Eco-Congregation Ireland Climate Justice Candle please drop a line to info@ecocongregationireland.com and they will arrange to get the candle to you!

Learn more about their candle project on their website here <https://tinyurl.com/6chprfw6> and read stories of how other faith communities used the candle in worship and awareness raising.



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JOIN US FOR OUR

ANNUAL MEMORIAL LECTURE

by Emeritus Professor of History

● *Anthony McElligott*

*Surviving Liberation:
Jewish Camp
Survivors 1945-1948*

Thursday, 27 February
18:30-20:00
Thomas Davis Theatre, Trinity
College Dublin

For registration & other information
Email us at
info@holocausteducationireland.org

The LAST TRANSPORT
The Holocaust in the Eastern Region

ANTHONY MCELLIGOTT

Holocaust Memorial Annual Memorial Lecture

The Annual Memorial Lecture is. On 27 February 27 February and is presented by Emeritus Professor Anthony McElligott.

This year's talk will explore the lesser-known struggles of

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Jewish camp survivors after 1945. Beyond the horrors of the Holocaust, Professor McElligott will delve into the uncertainty and immense challenges survivors faced as they sought to rebuild their lives in the aftermath.



Date: 27 February



Time: 6:30PM - 8:00PM



Registration: <https://forms.gle/57ozAtqEBo4on11x7>

Salvation Army trains baristas

Chris Jones, a 51-year-old from Llandeilo, is one of the first to successfully graduate from the Barista training course, run by The Salvation Army in Carmarthen.

The six week training course covers everything from making coffee to customer service and food safety.

Despite facing challenges like severe epilepsy and learning difficulties, Chris's determination and hard work have paid off. He now works part time at Sally Ann's Café, where he brings joy to customers with his friendly service and delicious coffee.

Employment Plus is now helping Chris to find a role in one of the big High Street coffee shops.

Read more about Chris's incredible journey to become a barista: <https://brnw.ch/21wPORa>

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Cathedral Calls

On TV Britain's Great Cathedrals: To the Glory of God

Thursday Channel 5, 9pm

Reverend Pat Allerton (a presenter who made his name as “the Portable Priest” by taking his sermons to the streets during Covid) celebrates six cathedrals in this new series, perhaps inspired by the recent resurrection of Notre-Dame.

Allerton begins with St Paul's, Canterbury and Salisbury,



The Homeless Jesus Sculpture by Timothy Schmalz at Christ Church Cathedral.

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ticking off the salient features of each, while also peeking at a few areas usually closed to the public.

The triforium at St Paul's includes the scale model of the cathedral that persuaded Charles II to loosen the purse strings, while Canterbury's belltower balcony demonstrates the union of engineering expertise and faith that made its architecture possible. The most striking moment comes with the sight of Salisbury, free of scaffolding for the first time in nearly four decades.



MU annual Enrolment Service in St Eunan's Raphoe

Raphoe Mothers' Union held their annual Enrolment Service, in St Eunan's Cathedral. Twelve of their members braved the chilly temperatures outside to be present for the service.

It being the Sunday after Epiphany, and the Baptism of our Lord, the members of the congregation renewed their

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baptism vows – a lovely way to mark the beginning of the year and make a fresh start in 2025.

St Macartin's Cathedral proudly presents: The Longest Yarn

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New member Evy Devenney was enrolled and officers Ger West, Gladys Barnett and Sylvia Allen-Hamilton were reaffirmed in their roles. The Dean of Raphoe, Very Rev Liz Fitzgerald (as a Diocesan member), reminded the women in church of her own family's long association with MU and spoke of her huge appreciation for the work and value of Mothers' Union in our church.



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Lunchtime Concerts

January/February 2025, 1.15pm

Tuesday 21st January

John O'Shea (guitar) and Peter Barley (piano)

Concierto de Aranjuez - Rodrigo

Tuesday 4th February

Emma English (soprano) and Sarah-Ellen Murphy (mezzo-soprano)

Tuesday 11th February

Hyewon Chan (piano)

Tuesday 25th February

Alona Kliuchka (cello) and Irina Dernova (piano)

For details on all of the musical events held in Saint Mary's Cathedral please log onto www.saintmaryscathedral.ie

Admission to the concerts is free (with a retiring collection)

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Church, school and cathedral



The Taney Parish Primary School group with the Archbishop.

On Thursday 17th October 2024 the Diocesan Schools' Service was held in Christ Church Cathedral - Rachel Fraser, Principal Taney Parish National School and The Revd Jane Burns, Curate Assistant Taney Parish write.

It was a wonderful opportunity for school children, their teachers and clergy to participate in an uplifting Harvest

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themed service with Archbishop Michael Jackson and Dean Dermot Dunne.

The service was organised by Rev Sean Hanily, Rev Jane Burns, Mrs Christine Richardson and Emma Fawcett. Rev Natasha Quinn–Thomas provided us with a thought–provoking interactive address. A sense of God’s grace, joyfulness and excitement were present throughout the service as the children led readings and prayers. There was a deep awareness of the presence of the Kingdom of Heaven as the children raised the roof of a packed Cathedral with their beautiful singing.



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THE EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Music & Readings by Candlelight
All Welcome
Sunday 19th January 2025, 7pm
www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org

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The following piece was written by the staff and pupils from Taney Parish Primary School who attended on the day:

“Eight pupils from 6th class in Taney Parish Primary School travelled into Christ Church Cathedral on the Luas to take part in the Diocesan Schools’ Service.

“As soon as we entered the Cathedral, we spotted friends and colleagues from other schools, and as we made our way to our seats, we stopped to chat with them. It was lovely to make the connections between friends from hockey clubs, guides and other activities and link them to their schools.

“We were excited to see the Archbishop who welcomed all to the Cathedral and of course we know Rev. Jane Burns very well from assemblies in our school. The pupils enjoyed listening to the sermon which talked about different seasons of our lives and how we will grow and change.

“The Archdeacon of Glendalough, Ross Styles, spoke about native Irish trees and how they are an amazing eco–system that we must protect. He suggested we send him seeds from native Irish trees which he would plant and grow and return to us as saplings. We think this very symbolic action would link our schools with trees that will grow just as we do and just as our schools do.

“After the service we had a chance to explore the crypt and learn of the rich and varied history of Christ Church Cathedral which was fascinating, especially seeing the mummified rat and cat – definitely an artifact that captured our imagination. We really enjoyed the opportunity to take

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part in this special occasion in the life of our school and our diocese.”

As the children left the Cathedral after the service, many took the opportunity to chat with the Archbishop and the Clergy in the sunshine. Photos were taken and laughter and joy filled the air around the labyrinth. There was a sense that as we all departed, we had experienced God’s presence together as schools and parishes from our united dioceses’.

Clergy and ministry

Pioneer Ministry Commissioning at St Mary’s, Crumlin

Shane Maguire was commissioned as a Pioneer Minister for Dublin and Glendalough by the Archbishop on Saturday January 11 2025 in St Mary’s Church, Crumlin, at 4pm.

Shane was selected by the Archbishop as a Pioneer Minister in Dublin and Glendalough and began his official Church of Ireland training as a Pioneer Minister in September 2024. He is leading a new Pioneer Ministry initiative in Crumlin.

This journey began with Shane, who lives in Crumlin, meeting and praying with the Revd Ruth Noble of St Mary’s Church, Crumlin, and looking at different ways of how they could partner and work together.



Shane Maguire (left front), and the Revd Ruth Noble with the Archbishop of Dublin

Together they agreed to share the use of St Mary's, and to find ways that Shane could get involved with the parish and reach out to those with little or no connection to church.

The new Pioneer Ministry initiative, is officially part of Pioneer Ministry in the Church of Ireland and generously part funded by the Representative Body and is called "Local Church". "For more on Pioneer Ministry in the Church of Ireland see video on Church of Ireland website.

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Friday 14th March 2025 at 19:45

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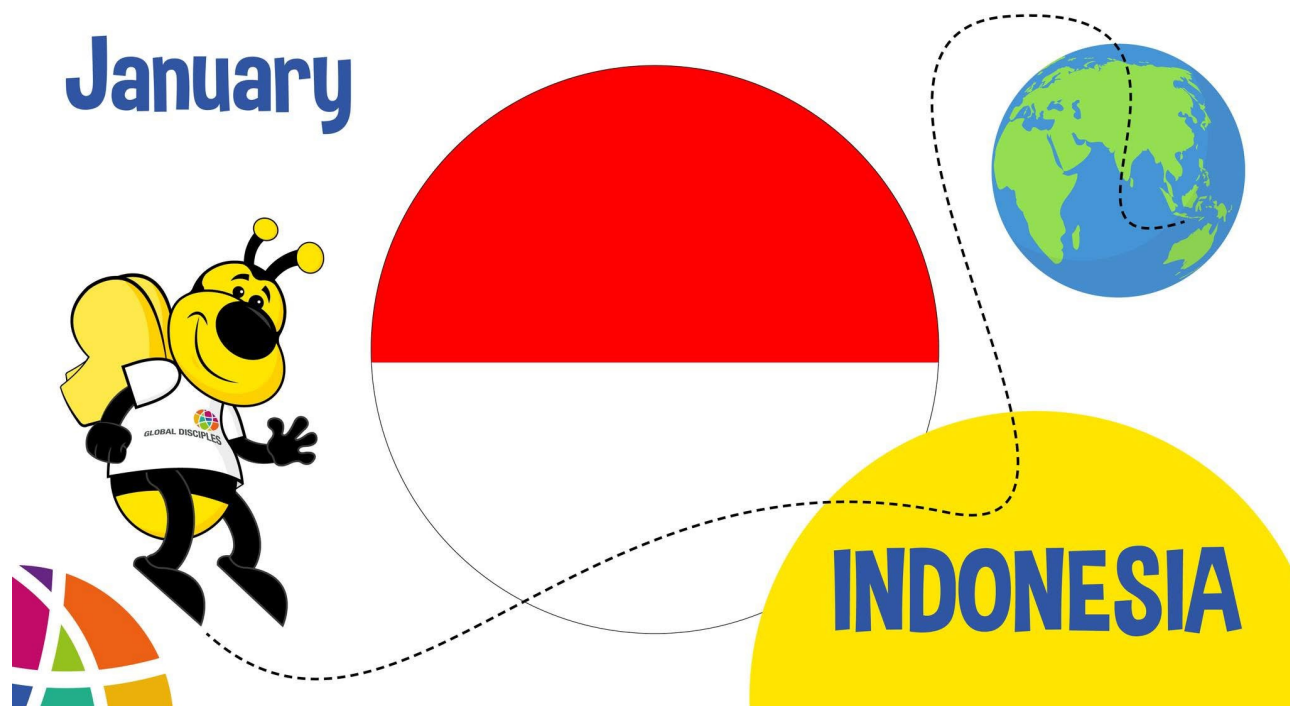
Admission £14.00



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*Tickets can be purchased via the QR code above,
or at www.antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/events*

January



PCI children's ministry - New Blaze Calendar - Indonesia

This month sees the start of our new Blaze prayer calendar, encouraging children, families and other members of the congregation to pray for countries where PCI has friends and partners around the world.

This month we are praying for the nation of Indonesia 🇮🇩.


Did you know...

🐝 Indonesia, officially the Republic of Indonesia, is an island nation in Southeast Asia, consisting of over 17,000 islands.

🐝 Indonesia lies along the equator, and its climate tends to be relatively even year-round, with two seasons — a wet

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season and a dry season—with no extremes of summer or winter.

 Most of Indonesia's landmass is highly unstable, making it a site of numerous volcanoes and frequent earthquakes.

This week's prayer:

Indonesia has 130 active volcanoes and so many of the people who live there are in danger of volcanic eruptions and tsunamis. Pray for any anxiety children and their families may feel about the situation and keep them safe.



JUNIOR MEETING

Parents and Young People (from toddlers to young teens) are always welcome to join us for Junior Meeting

Churchtown Meeting 11am - 2nd Sunday each month
Monkstown Meeting 10.30am - 3rd Sunday each month
Rathfarnham Meeting 10.30am - 4th Sunday each month



In the media

Los Angeles churches response

The Los Angeles Times reported that at least 11 churches, temples, synagogues, and mosques have been totally destroyed in the series of fires ravaging the area.

Church sources - Already known to have been destroyed is St Mark's Episcopal Church and School in Altadena, which was burned to the ground on Wednesday. The school had 325 students. At least 40 members of the congregation had lost their homes, the Rector, the Revd Carri Grindon, said.

On Saturday, however, the ordination of Michael Mischler as priest went ahead in St John's Cathedral. Mrs Grindon said: "In the midst of our devastating losses, a little joy crept in. Because our St Mark's banner was lost in the fire, a new one was created for the occasion, and, before the closing procession, Bishop Taylor called us all forward to stand with him as he blessed the banner. The tenderness and the resilience of our beautiful Church was palpable."

Other churches have been offering sanctuary to communities driven from their homes, for respite or as gathering spaces for church groups. All Saints', Pasadena, housed more than 180 people overnight.

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Pasadena Jewish Temple and Centre has been burnt down, but its Torah scrolls were saved. “There’s absolutely nothing except for a few walls and the empty space,” the centre’s director, Melissa Levy, said.

St Matthew’s, in Pacific Palisades, another area where blazes have been raging for days, has been badly damaged and its school has been destroyed. The diocese is working on a plan to find a temporary home for the 334 students there.

The school and church believe that at least 75 per cent of their members have lost their homes in the Palisades fire.

In Pacific Palisades, Corpus Christi RC Church was destroyed, but Fr Andrew Hedstrom later posted on X: “Happy to announce that a captain with the LAFD found the tabernacle, Eucharist and all, intact and unscathed in the ruins of the parish.”

“God’s will has nothing to do with this fire,” Bishop Taylor said. “God’s will is urgently desiring that people come together and devote themselves to each other’s healing.”

The general secretary of the World Council of Churches, the Revd Professor Jerry Pillay, sent a message of condolence to Los Angeles: “Amid feelings of helplessness, we assure you that you are not alone. May you draw strength from God and from all who are praying for you, and for those working tirelessly to respond and to stem the devastation. May strength and peace be given to you during this time and as you recover from this disaster.”

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