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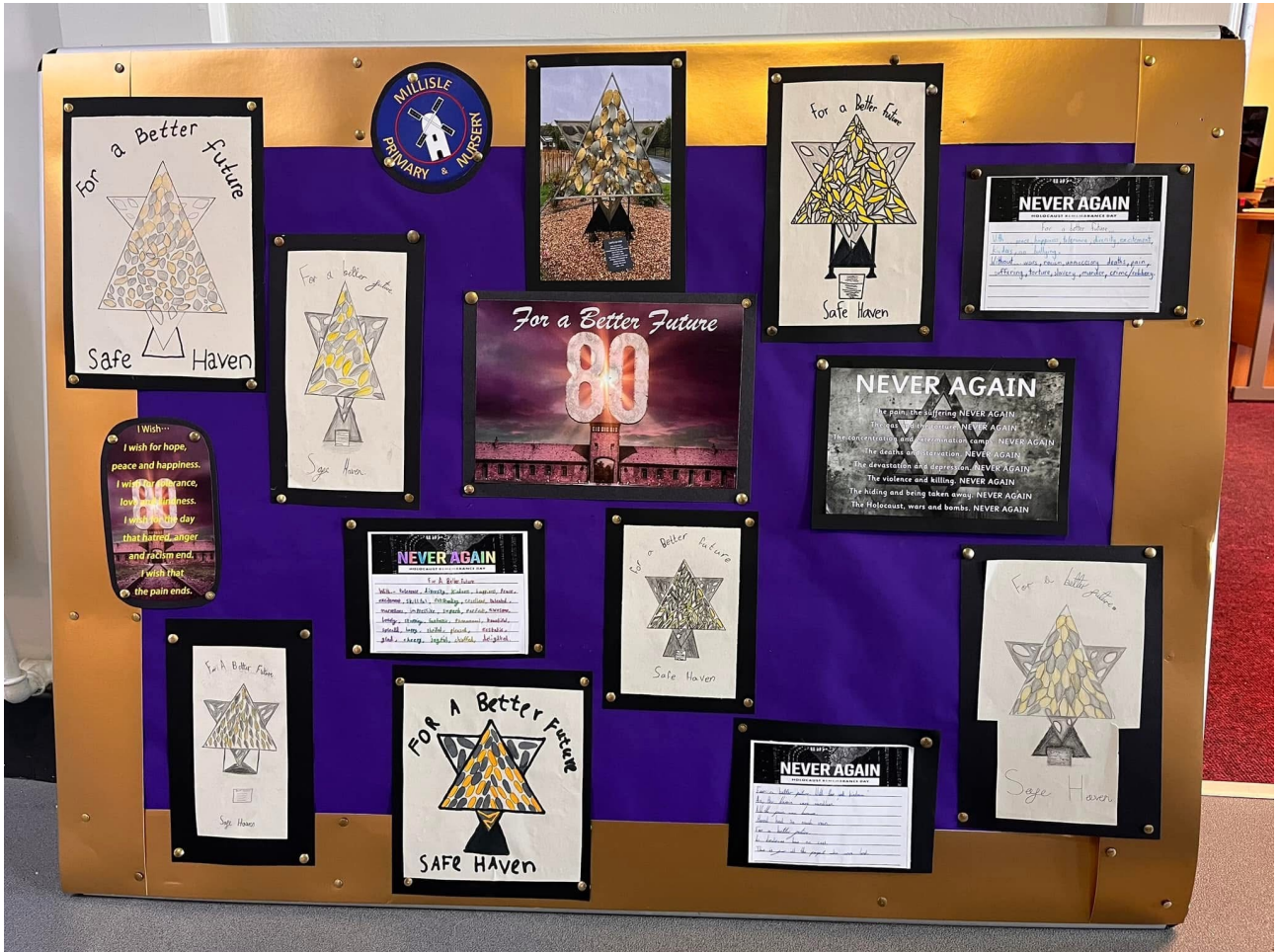
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Short reading and a prayer daily on this site

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# Image of the day

## Millisle Primary highlights village role in Kindertransport



**On Wednesday night at Bangor Castle, Millisle P.S. pupils represented the village at the Ards and North Down Borough Council annual Holocaust**





## Memorial event.

Anastazia spoke of the role their village played in the Kindertransport and how important this is to her personally because of her own Jewish heritage. Myles and Caelyn, of Northern Irish and Polish decent, spoke of the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and how

**MILLISLE**  
**REMEMBERS**  
Friday 24th January 2025  
9:30 - 11:30am  
@Millisle Community Hub  
10am Lu Lawrence tells the story of her father Ziggy Shipper.  
10:30am Contributions from Millisle PS Pupils  
10:45am Holocaust Survivor Film  
Millisle Community Assosication in partnership with Ards and North Down Borough Council



the Holocaust is an important part of history both in Poland and in their home village of Millisle.

Today, Friday, their village will gather for a Holocaust Memorial event at the Millisle Community Hub.

Members of the local community

are warmly invited to attend.

P7 pupils of Millisle P.S. learn all about the Holocaust and the vital role their school played in the Kindertransport. Also this week, the pupils have been lending a practical hand, ensuring their Holocaust Memorial is always well maintained.

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# Join the #WeRemember campaign of International Holocaust Remembrance Day

With International Holocaust Remembrance Day quickly approaching on January 27, join the #WeRemember campaign - WJC's long-standing initiative to combat Holocaust denial and distortion and to reaffirm our shared commitment to educating against hatred and bigotry.

“This year we will also be marking the 80th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. The voices of Holocaust survivors, whose testimonies remain irreplaceable, must be amplified now more than ever as their numbers sadly dwindle.

“The urgency of our mission cannot be overstated. Amid rising antisemitism and hatred globally in the wake of October 7th, our collective actions must send a clear and powerful message: Remembrance is resistance. Holocaust education is our tool for fostering understanding,



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The campaign for International Holocaust Remembrance Day

1. Write the words "We Remember" on a sheet of paper
2. Take a picture holding the sign
3. Post your photo to social media with the hashtag #WeRemember

Join us to ensure that the Holocaust is **never forgotten**.



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distinguishing between good and evil, and standing firm against intolerance and violence.

“Help ensure that the memory of the Holocaust remains a vivid and enduring part of our collective conscience. Together, we can extend the reach of the #WeRemember campaign farther than ever before.”

[www.holocaustremembrance.day](http://www.holocaustremembrance.day)

## News

### Waterside walks for Week of Prayer

**Members of the four main churches in the Waterside joined together for an inter-denominational event on Wednesday evening as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.**

Each church held a service of prayer, hymn-singing and Scripture reading, exploring four themes agreed by the clergy in partnership: ‘God the Creator’, ‘Jesus as Redeemer’, ‘Holy Spirit, Breath of God’ and ‘Church as Community’.

The participants met first at St Columb’s Chapel, where - after a welcome from Fr Michael Canny - worship began with a rendition of How Great Thou Art, tying in with the first theme of the evening.

From there the group walked in procession to Clooney Hall Methodist Church, where the minister, Rev Peter Morris,



From there the group walked in procession to Clooney Hall Methodist Church, where the minister, Rev Peter Morris, preached the only sermon of the evening - one inspired by the Nicene Creed - during which he invited those present to ask themselves whether their lives had been transformed - “really transformed” - by having encountered Jesus Christ?





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Next, the participants filed across two busy roads on their way to Ebrington Presbyterian Church, where worship was led by Rev Paul Linkens.

The evening ended following another short procession to All Saints' Clooney, where Rev Canon David McBeth introduced the congregation to the Curate, Rev Mel Niblock, who was taking part in the Waterside event for the first time. Worship over, the different church members enjoyed supper together before making their way home.

## Ballycastle blessing for new survey vessel

**On Wednesday the Rector of Ballycastle joined Assembly Minister Muir MLA, the family, friends and ex-colleagues of the late Joe Breen OBE, at Belfast Marina in the Abercorn Basin.**

The focus was the renaming of the Department's new survey vessel to the 'Joe Breen' in



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memory of Joe.

The Rector carried out a blessing of the Vessel .



## Education

### Methody and Maghera in Romania

It's been a busy few days in Romania with lots of fun, laughter, tears and hugs.

Monday was a challenging day for pupils in which they visited a home for adults with severe additional



needs who were abandoned by their families. Our pupils dealt with this situation with such maturity, demonstrating empathy and patience. The afternoon was spent at an elderly care home in which the pupils sang, danced and brought a smile to the residents.

Tuesday the pupils visited two schools, Dacia and Jibert in the morning and an after school club in Rupea. It was a fun filled day with singing, dancing, face painting, nail painting, bubbles and football.

The pupils are all in good spirits, embracing this opportunity and demonstrating they are made to lead.



## **BRA discover shared Belfast history**

**On Friday 17th January, a group of LVI historians from Belfast Royal Academy went to Clifton Street Cemetery and Clifton House, home of the Belfast Charitable Society and Poor House, founded in 1752.**

The trip was organised by The Shared Heritage of Clifton Street Project and funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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The students were taken on an hour-long tour of Clifton Street Cemetery. This gave a fascinating insight into the social and political history of Belfast in the 18th and 19th centuries. We saw and heard about graves belonging to rich and important figures such as the social activist and campaigner, Mary Ann McCracken, United Irishman, William Drennan, and Marcus Ward, a 19th century businessman whose company was the first to produce Christmas cards.

We also listened to horrific tales of “body snatchers” and in contrast saw a mass grave where 8,000 victims of the Irish Famine were buried. Following the tour, we participated in a workshop back in Clifton House where the historical value of such cemeteries was discussed, and historical sources on our local history were presented. It was so interesting to find out about the amazing wealth of history which is so close to our school.

## Cathedral Calls



### Lady Daisy and friend at St Flannans

St Flannans Cathedral Killaloe, reports - Lady Daisy our doggie Ambassador brought big brother Bosco to Wednesday service. Sure we had to take a photo!

## Bring your own cathedral guide

**St Molua's Men@10 group recently visited Down Cathedral and the St Patrick Centre in Downpatrick, Co. Down.**

One of their own parishioners, Very Revd Henry Hull, formerly Dean at the Cathedral, provided an interesting and informative overview of the history of the Cathedral site and the reordering of the building's interior in more recent years.

“Grateful thanks to Henry, and to the welcoming teams at both the Cathedral and the Centre, for a very enjoyable outing.”



## Bring your own Sexton with sermon

**Belfast Cathedral - “Great to have Sam Porter, Methodist Local Preacher and cathedral Lead Sexton as our Sunday morning preacher in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity”.**

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## **Clothed in Glory at Ely**

### **Vestments and embroidery exhibition at Ely Cathedral**

Taking place  
in the  
beautiful  
surroundings

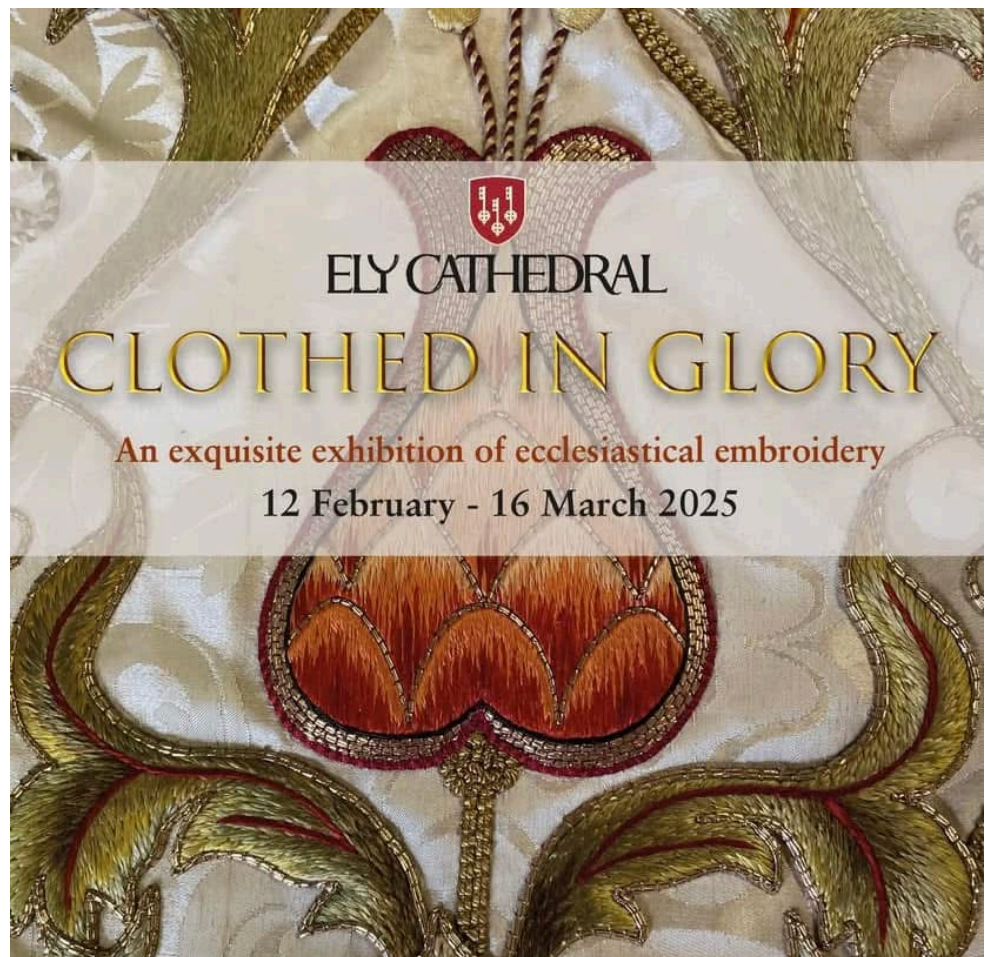
of the Lady Chapel, this is an exhibition of exquisite embroidery from 1876 to the 1960s, from the archives of the Community of the Sisters of the Church.

Showcasing a wide variety of embroidery techniques and styles of ecclesiastical vestments, each piece on display has been created with an imaginative use of textiles from silk damasks to dress fabrics.

The exhibition runs from 12 February - 16 March.  
Entry is included with a Cathedral visitor ticket or pass:  
See website in bio for more information.

For more details, see:

[https://www.instagram.com/p/DEnAacqCo\\_G/](https://www.instagram.com/p/DEnAacqCo_G/)



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# Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



**THE CHURCH,  
THE FAR  
RIGHT,  
AND THE  
CLAIM TO  
CHRISTIANITY**

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**Faith in Europe briefing**  
Tuesday 18 February 2025, 14:00 UTC  
via Zoom

How can we understand the ways in which the Far Right in Europe and elsewhere in the world claims an adherence to Christianity?

The briefing will be followed by opportunities for discussion.

**Free to attend.**

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<https://ctbi.org.uk/event/the-church-the-far-right-and-the-claim-to-christianity/>



## MCI New Transformation stories coming soon

Throughout this Connexional year the Methodist Church in Ireland has been releasing short videos sharing inspiring stories of lives changed by God's transforming work, both within Ireland and beyond.

→ Catch up now:

[irishmethodist.org/transformation-video-stories](http://irishmethodist.org/transformation-video-stories)



## ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK

Celebrants

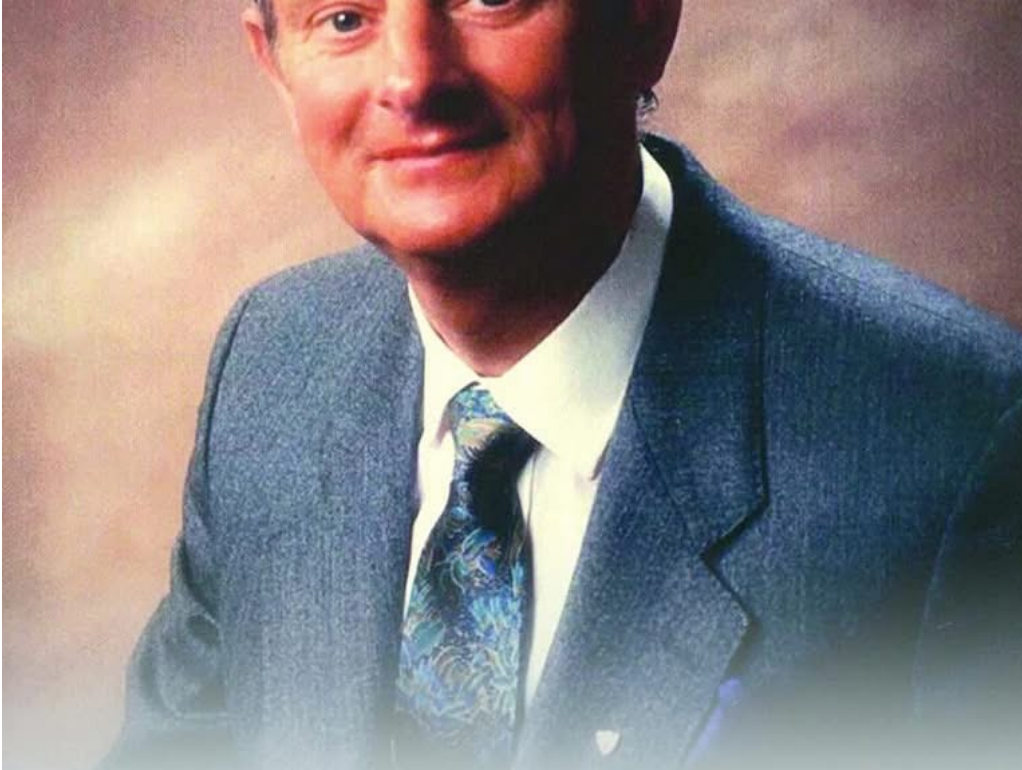
Father James Grace & Dean Richard Marsh  
with

St Flannan's RC Choir

7pm Friday  
24th January, 2024

St Flannan's RC Church  
The Green, Killaloe





**Dr Tom McGinley**  
Founder of the Foyle Hospice

Wed 29 January 2025 at 7.15pm  
St Columb's Hall, Orchard St, Derry BT48 6EG

**FREE ENTRY**

The new book is written by Dr Keith Munro  
£15 per copy (cash only, please).

## **REMINDER - Book launch celebrating the legacy of Dr Tom McGinley**

Dr Tom McGinley, founder of Foyle Hospice revolutionised care for those with terminal illnesses across the city and left an indelible mark on thousands of lives.

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Dr Keith Munro has written a book on the legacy of Dr McGinley which will be launched Wednesday 29th January 2025. You will be most welcome at St Columb's Hall 7.15PM

*Save the Date*

JOIN US and JOIN IN  
*All Ireland Mothers' Union*  
*Annual Getaway 2025*

Friday 3rd October  
Saturday 4th October

Four Seasons Hotel & Leisure Club,  
Coolshannagh, Monaghan, H18 Y220



*Guest Speaker*

*Ish Lennox,*  
*Faith & Church Relations Manager*  
*at Mary Summer House*

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