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Each day until Remembrance Sunday CNI hopes to carry a scene of Remembrance

People and places



Display of hand-crafted poppies at Kilbride church

A stunning display of hand-crafted poppies has turned the interior of Kilbride Parish Church into a sea of red ahead of Remembrance Sunday.



The 900 individual poppies have been knit or crocheted. The project was the idea of parishioner Fiona Charlton, who in September proposed a special poppy display for Remembrance Sunday and enlisted the help of parishioners and friends to knit or crochet enough poppies for a fitting display.

In response, an amazing 900 poppies were crafted, far exceeding Fiona's expectations.

Fiona and other parishioners and friends then had the immense task of arranging them into a wonderful display throughout the church.

Artistic arrangements adorn windowsills, pews, pillars and even the pulpit, and Fiona would like to pass on her sincere

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thanks to everyone who has helped with this Remembrance Sunday project.

The display can be seen in Kilbride Parish Church before or after each service on November 5 and on Remembrance Sunday, November 12. The church will also be open this Thursday, November 2, from 1pm until 3pm for anyone who would like to come and see the display. Photos - David Holmes

Down & Dromore youth weekend in Kilbroney



Sixty-three young people from the diocese are just back from a fantastic weekend in the Kilbroney Centre with DDYC.

Diocesan Youth Officer, Josh Thornbury, with the help of a wonderful team of leaders, presented a weekend that was a mix of faith building and fun, looking at what the Bible says about our identity and how Jesus changes everything when it comes to that.

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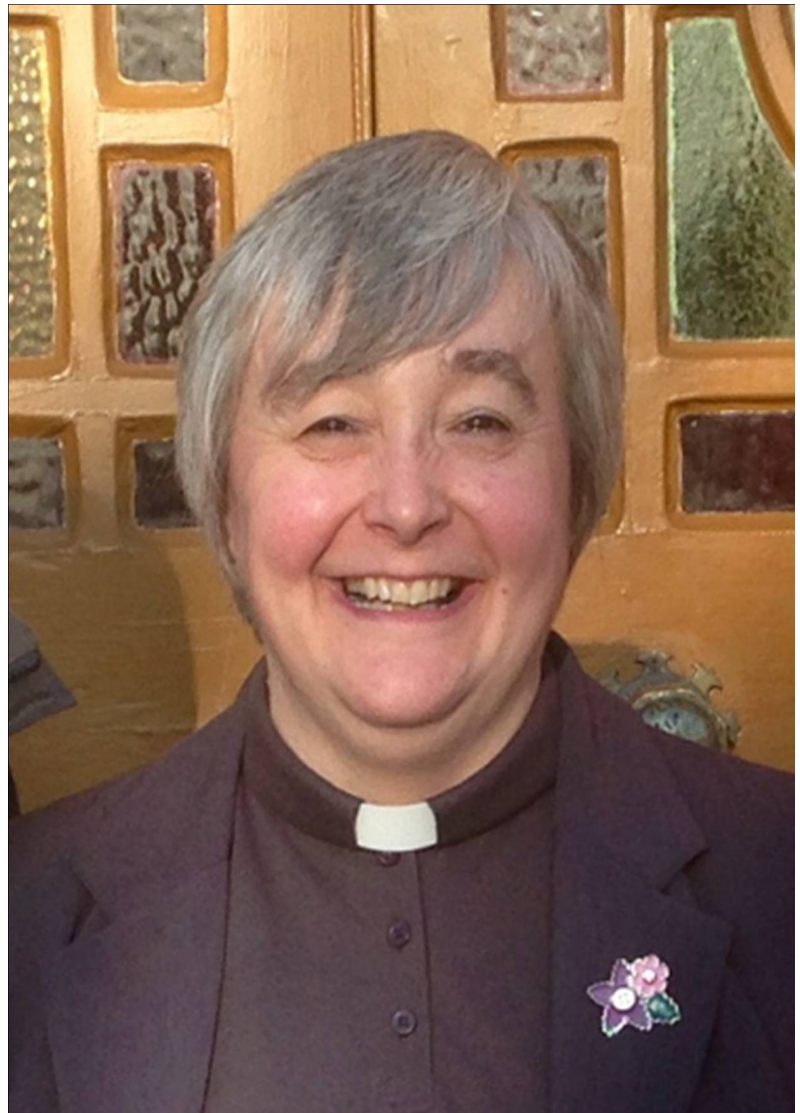
These couple of days away are part of the diocese's objective to support the faith of young people and their families. "We want to grow young people in their faith through Bible study, devotions, worship and fellowship but we also aim to teach and develop leadership skills, encourage teamwork, build self-esteem, regard for others and friendship."

That's where the activity programme comes in and that despite the weather, the young people did manage to get out into the forest and complete some challenges!

Farewell to Rev Fran Grasham

Rev Fran Grasham, priest-in-charge of Geashill and Killeigh, will be moving to Sunderland at the end of this year.

"We will be sorry to lose her from the diocese, where her past ministry has included being part of the ministry team in Kildare and





Professor Mark Sheridan QVRM DL, on behalf of HM Lord Lieutenant has planted the first cross in the RBLNI Garden of Remembrance

Newbridge Group of parishes, as well as having been part time Church of Ireland chaplain to the Irish Defence Forces.

“Her move follows the appointment of her husband Steve to an exciting new opportunity with the Church Army, in England. Steve is currently the Youth Coordinator for the Republic of Ireland, for the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD)”.

Bishop Pat Storey said, “We are sorry to be losing Fran from her post in Geashill and Killeigh. She has had an effective

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ministry in Meath and Kildare, even though she has faced recent health issues. We wish both Fran and Steve every blessing as they move to Sunderland.”

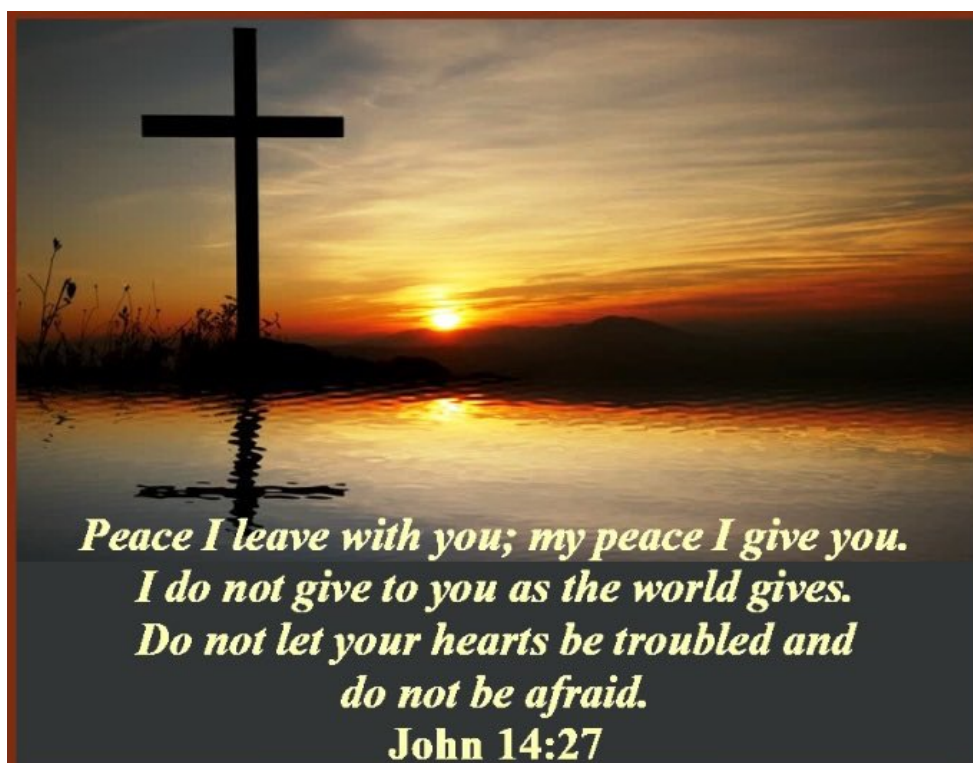
Bangor Foodbank and Community Support

If you, personally, or your workplace are able to help us with our ‘reverse advent calendar’ it’d be greatly appreciated.

All items go into our food hampers being distributed in December.

If you are in a position to help with all the items then brilliant, if you can only manage a few then that’s brilliant too.

Please have all items to us by end of November. Thank you



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Former Methodist College Belfast pupil Carrie Bell is currently exhibiting her work at the Royal Ulster Academy Exhibition in the Ulster Museum until January.

New Canons for St Canice's Cathedral in Kilkenny.

The Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, the Right Reverend Adrian Wilkinson, has announced that he has appointed two new members of the Chapter of St Canice's Cathedral.

The Revd Victor Fitzpatrick is to be the next Prebendary of Killamery. He has been rector of the Clonenagh Group of

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Parishes, centred on Mountrath, Co. Laois, since August 2018, having previously ser

ved as rector of the Kilcooley Union with Fertagh Group of Parishes since 2013. Victor is from Bayside, Co. Dublin, and studied Philosophy at the Milltown Institute, and Theology in St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Victor was ordained in 2004 and is a member of the General Synod. He has been Secretary of the Ossory and Leighlin Clerical Society since 2014 and serves on the Diocesan Board of Education.

The Revd Máirt Hanley is to be the next Prebendary of Aghour. He is a native of Ballyhack in Co Wexford. Having been ordained in 2003 and served in various parishes in Co Kerry, he returned to Cashel, Ferns and Ossory to become rector of Baltinglass in 2015. In 2018 Máirt was a founding member of the community of Brendan the Navigator (Cumann Breandán Naofa) and has a great interest in pilgrimage and church history. He is an enthusiastic musician and

In the media

United response by Derry bishops on Greysteel anniversary

Prior to a service and a commemoration event, Breaking News Ireland reported



A cross community prayer service will take place at the memorial to the shooting in Greysteel village.

The atrocity came just days after a Provisional IRA bomb killed nine people at a fish shop on the Shankill Road in Belfast, and was regarded as a retaliatory attack by loyalists.

One of the IRA bombers was also killed in the blast.

Catholic **Bishop of Derry Donal McKeown** said the commemorations at Greysteel will be “tinged with sadness and tears but etched with hope”.

“Remembering is important, but I think we want to ensure that we don’t spend all our time being being stuck in the past,” he told the BBC.

“It’s how we remember makes all the difference, and I know this community, and so many communities all round



Northern Ireland, have found ways of remembering the past with compassion, not in any way denying the terrible things that happened, the awful effects of hatred, and I hope that we can remember these people who died with love.

“I hope we can remember the past with a graciousness and forgiveness.”

Church of Ireland **Bishop of Derry and Raphoe Andrew Forster** said he believes the horror of that week created a momentum for change.

“It was a time whenever we thought this couldn’t get any worse,” he said.

“There was a massive sense of fear, there was a huge sense of despair and in some way there came a movement out of that week where people said ‘this can’t go on’.

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“People had been living with the reality of violence that was going on, but for scale of it and the absolute hatred and horror of that week, I think it made normal people think ‘this can’t go on’, and there was a momentum in the change that needed to happen.

“It’s hugely important that we remember them (weeks like that) because we remember those who are left behind and our hearts go out to them, but we also remember that we can never go back to that.”

Kenny Donaldson, director of the victims group South East Fermanagh Foundation (SEFF), said the murders sent shockwaves near and far.

“Those who committed that atrocity will claim that it was revenge for the Shankill attack one week earlier. The truth is that the murders were motivated by sectarian hatred,” he said.

“SEFF representatives will be present on Monday night to show solidarity with all those impacted. Greysteel was wrong and without justification, just as the Shankill bomb was and all other innocents who perished over that horrific week in our history but also those others murdered before Shankill and after Greysteel.”

[<https://www.breakingnews.ie/ireland/services-set-to-mark-30th-anniversary-of-the-killing-of-eight-at-greysteel-1545653.html>]

‘Such evil could not break spirits’: Greysteel reflects on night eight died in bar attack 30 years ago

Belfast Telegraph - Memorial service remembers those lost in loyalist 'trick or treat' shooting in Rising Sun pub

[<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/such-evil-could-not-break-spirits-greysteel-reflects-on-night-eight-died-in-bar-attack-30-years-ago/a1499251341.html>]

Memorial Mass for victims of Greysteel massacre on 30-year anniversary

Belfast Live - Seven people were shot dead on October 30, 1993 and an eighth victim died later in one the Troubles' most notorious atrocities

[<https://www.belfastlive.co.uk/news/memorial-mass-victims-greysteel-massacre-27998539?utm>

Brian Rowan - Quote after Shankill bomb anniversary

This week 30 years ago, we were taken to the very edge. In the dark of conflict, it's hard to see light, yet it was there. Within a year, the ceasefires represented the long beginnings of peace.

Hard to believe, but it happened.

Let that be our message, our hope for others

"The radical nature of Christianity is not the prerogative of a few specific vocations, but the call to build a community that lives and bears witness to a different way of understanding the relationship between the daughters and sons of God, one that embodies the truth of love, one that is based on gift and gratuitousness." - Instrumentum Laboris no. 26

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



Faith in Later Life

Faith in Later Life, which has recently become a Body in Association of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (CTBI), has launched a 'very simple but potentially life giving campaign' that runs from November 2023 until March 2024, in recognition that winter loneliness is dangerous, especially for older people.

The 'Love My Neighbour' campaign encourages individuals and churches to get intentional about loving their older neighbours this winter by praying for them, connecting with

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them, inviting them to things at church, and generally building relationships.

Starting in November, Faith in Later Life's website will include ideas and resources to help you pray for and bless your older neighbours.

Please go to the Faith in Later Life website to find out more.
<https://faithinlaterlife.org/love-my-neighbour/>

C of E webinar on children and youth ministry

By adapting the range of groups and activities on offer for children and young people, St John's Leyland saw a real transformation.

Join our upcoming webinar to learn more about prioritising and adapting in children and youth ministry.

Sign up at <http://cofe.io/P&AWebinar>.

Heritage

Rare treasures from God's own county

York Minster unveils a new exhibition showcasing rare treasures from God's own county.

A silver gilt chalice with a 32-carat diamond gifted by a circus horsewoman and a rare seventeenth-century cup



crafted by a female silversmith – just some of the treasures that tell the story of Yorkshire’s turbulent past that have gone on display in a new exhibition at York Minster.

Treasures: Yorkshire’s People and Parishes feature precious and rare objects which have survived the turbulent, religious, political and social history of England’s largest county.

The exhibition opened on Saturday (21 October) and offers a fascinating glimpse into Yorkshire life, the history of York Minster and how historic collections are formed.

Kirsty Mitchell, Curator at York Minster, said:

“The parish collections in York Minster’s care are important, beautiful and can be quite quirky. They hold so many

fascinating stories, we're thrilled to be able to celebrate Yorkshire and the Northern Province in this exhibition."

Visitors can see a silver gilt chalice set with a 32-carat diamond presented to York Minster by Lily Forepaugh, a celebrated circus equestrienne, and the dramatic damage to the pages of a fourteenth-century cartulary, alleged to have been caused by the impact of a cannonball.

Selected by York Minster's Collections Team, other treasures from the cathedral's historic collection of more than 300,000 pieces include a Communion cup and cover, the Mercier chalice, set with an amethyst ring: a powerful symbol of friendship and reunion, and a book gifted by King James I.

A pair of seventeenth-century enamelled brass candlesticks, the only other pair of its kind resides in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, are decorated with flowers and scrolling foliage on a background of black and white champleve enamel and there are ornate gilded altar panels and a rare seventeenth-century cup crafted by a female silversmith that belongs to Selby Abbey.

The objects are proudly local, but tell national and global stories, offering insight into the role of art and generous gift-giving in local communities. The exhibition describes the crucial role of women in shaping, using, and creating the collections as owners, publishers, patrons, and makers. A selection of books belonging to Yorkshire woman Margaret Hoby, considered to be the first English diarist, will be on rotation demonstrating this vital legacy.

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Treasures: Yorkshire's People and Parishes will be on display in the cathedral's Treasury until February 2025,

The exhibition will open during normal visiting times and entry is included with a standard admission ticket.

[\[https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/rare-treasures-from-gods-own-county/\]](https://www.englishcathedrals.co.uk/latest-news/rare-treasures-from-gods-own-county/)

Poem for today

The Fascination of What's Difficult By William Butler Yeats

The fascination of what's difficult
Has dried the sap out of my veins, and rent
Spontaneous joy and natural content
Out of my heart. There's something ails our colt
That must, as if it had not holy blood
Nor on Olympus leaped from cloud to cloud,
Shiver under the lash, strain, sweat and jolt
As though it dragged road metal. My curse on plays
That have to be set up in fifty ways,
On the day's war with every knave and dolt,
Theatre business, management of men.
I swear before the dawn comes round again
I'll find the stable and pull out the bolt.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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