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### Remembrance exhibitions in Derry & Raphoe

**Members of Dunnalong Parish Church in Bready gathered on Saturday morning – Armistice Day – for an Act of Remembrance of those who gave their lives for freedom in last century’s two World Wars and in more recent conflicts.**





A two-minute silence was observed and wreaths were laid during a short Service, which was led by Rev Arthur Burns.

This weekend, Dunnalong is one of a number of Church of Ireland parishes in Derry & Raphoe Diocese which held festivals of remembrance. Camus-Juxta-Bann (Macosquin) and Tamlaghtfinlagan (Ballykelly) also hosted exhibitions, holding special church services, and organising Acts of Remembrance.

The three-day festival in Dunnalong includes a display of wartime and Troubles-related memorabilia. Among its most striking exhibits are a S.E.F.F. memorial quilt bearing the

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names of dozens of people (members of the security forces and civilians) who lost their lives in the Troubles, and a 'giant poppy net' comprising 3,000 handcrafted flowers. Two members of Leckpatrick & Dunaanlong MU, Ruby Hamilton and Jean Olphert, mustered the support of colleagues and friends to knit the poppies.

The festival ended yesterday evening with a Special Remembrance Service during which the Bishop of Derry & Raphoe preached.



## People and places

### US Methodist ministers coming to Sligo

**The Rev Dan and Rev Courtney Randall with their children, will move from USA to Sligo in the next couple of weeks.**

Dan will minister in the North Connaught and Longford circuit, and Courtney will be a United Methodist missionary in Ireland, helping their church in Ireland with ministerial and congregational development. "We thank God that their visas have been granted and pray for them as they make

their way to us”, a spokesperson for the Irish Methodist Church said.

## **Irish book on Ignatian Camino already a best seller**

**Journalist Alf McCreary did the honours at the Belfast launch of Brothers in Arms (Messenger Publications) by Brendan McManus SJ, Irish Jesuit, and James Fullam, Dublin taxi driver, on Thursday last.**

The book is already a best seller and in its second print run and all sale proceeds go to the Peter McVerry Trust which works on alleviating homelessness.

Carolanne Henry of Messenger Publications gave a short introduction to the book saying that, for her, its core strength lies in demonstrating clearly and simply how relevant Ignatian spirituality is for people today as they go about everyday life with all its ups and downs.

Five hundred years after St Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, walked from Loyola to Manresa in Spain, the pair set out to retrace his steps on the newly established Ignatian Camino. The book is the story of two pilgrims, one saint, totally unexpected adventures, and finding the freedom to follow the path God has revealed.

Speaking at the launch Alf McCreary said he liked the reflection points at the end of each chapter and said the book gave clear and fresh insights into Ignatian spirituality and its relevance in today’s world.

In a live interview with Pat Coyle of Irish Jesuit Communications, the authors regaled the audience at the launch with just a few of the remarkable stories from their pilgrimage, including being rescued by a group of nuns who spoke no English, had never heard of The Beatles but who could certainly drive a big van which brought the pair safely to their next destination.

Brothers in Arms could be described as part travelogue, part Camino-prep for seasoned and unseasoned pilgrims alike, and part hands-on guide to the basics of Ignatian spirituality.

## **Diocesan School Children encouraged to Walk in the Light**

**Children from schools all over Dublin and Glendalough filled Christ Church Cathedral on Thursday morning (November 9) for the Diocesan Service for Primary and Junior Schools.**

The theme of the service was 'Let There Be Light' and this was reflected throughout with uplifting hymns and powerful, positive messages affirming the light of Christ which banishes darkness. The collection was taken up in aid of Pieta House, which organises the annual 'Darkness into Light' event and works to prevent suicide and self-harm.

Organised by the Diocesan Board of Education, the service was led by the Revd Sean Hanily and the Revd Jane Burns



with Archbishop Michael Jackson presiding. The young students had an opportunity to bring light into the cathedral with glow sticks as they affirmed their commitment to bring the light of Christ into the world around them.

In his address, the Revd Sean Hanily said that we can make a choice every single day to walk in the Light of Christ. However, he said that everyone makes mistakes but explained that God doesn't keep a record of them. During every service there was an opportunity to confess our sins, he added, and God gives an assurance of forgiveness when we walk in the light.

“Every day you have a choice to make: are you going to walk in the Light of Christ or are you going to turn away and walk in the darkness? You have that choice every day and

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my prayer for you is that you may be encouraged to walk in the path of the light," he said.

Prayers were said for all involved in education, including children and their teachers and those in the Department of Education. Before giving the blessing, Archbishop Jackson prayed for children who were caught up in the arena of war. Mindful of the privilege of education he prayed for children who could no longer access education because of war. The Revd Sean Hanily, the Revd Jane Burns, Canon Paul Arbuthnot, Archbishop Michael Jackson and the Revd Edwin Aiken.

Clergy, organisers and invited guests after the Diocesan Schools Service in Christ Church Cathedral.

## **Conference on Irish Protestant minorities in the Republic of Ireland in border areas**

**A group of academics have met for a conference in Dublin to discuss the experience of the Protestant minority in the Republic of Ireland.**

The Dunmanway Discussion Group held the conference on 'Irish Protestant Minority Experiences' at Buswells Hotel, Molesworth Street in Dublin on Wednesday 8 November.

The event was chaired by human rights activist and former Belfast UUP councillor Jeff Dudgeon.



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It examined the experiences of Irish Protestant minorities in the Republic of Ireland in border areas, starting with the Bandon Valley Massacre by the IRA in 1922 and then looking at succeeding decades.

The group's stated aim is to promote truth and reconciliation in respect of the Bandon Valley Massacre. It was formed by descendants of families impacted by the massacre and other concerned individuals came together in 2022 after the Irish Government declined to mark the centenary of the killings.

**A CELEBRATION OF  
LAY MINISTRY  
IN  
CORK, CLOYNE AND ROSS**

**ST FIN BARRE'S CATHEDRAL, CORK**  
**19TH NOVEMBER 2023**  
**7 P.M.**

LICENSING OF TWO NEW READERS  
COMMISSIONING OF FIVE NEW LAY LOCAL MINISTERS  
GIVING THANKS FOR 20 YEARS OF CDYC  
CDYC will lead us in prayers for peace in the world  
COMMISSIONING OF OUR NEW DIOCESAN SECRETARY  
and saying thanks and farewell to our former Diocesan Secretary

Its convenor, Neale Jagoe, currently lives in Ballycastle. His great-grandparents William and Elizabeth fled their home in Dunmanway, west Cork for Belfast after an attempt on their lives by the IRA.

Speakers at the conference included:  
– Prof Brian Walker on 'The

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## Dunmanway Killings'

- Prof Graham Walker on 'North and South: 1945-55'
- Dr Ken Funston on 'Border Protestants and Republican Violence'
- Mr Eoghan Harris on 'An Tost Fada'
- Dr Ellen McWilliams read from her current work 'Resting Places: On Wounds, War and the Irish Revolution'
- Dr David Jameson read from his recent work 'The Tilson Case: Church and State in 1950s Ireland'.

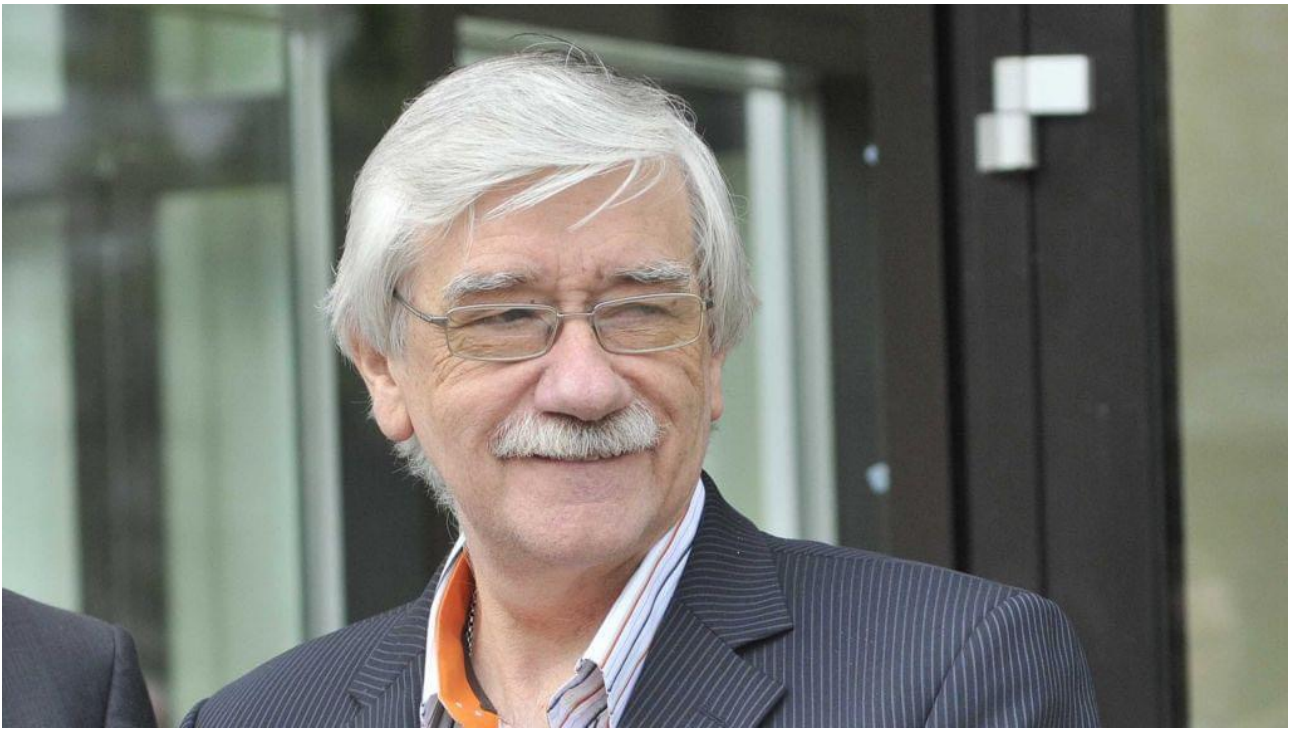
The conference was recorded and can be watched on the Dunmanway Discussion Group channel on Youtube.

## **Ireland beyond 2023 - a new vision of Unionism**

**Belfast South and Dun Laoghaire Methodist Churches welcome public and church folk alike to the conclusion of their Autumn 2023 series of public seminars.**

"Ireland beyond 2023 - a new vision of Unionism" will be presented by Terry Wright on Tuesday, 21 November 2023 @ 7:30pm

Terry is a former teacher and chairperson of the Foyle Constituency Association. He was a strong advocate of the Good Friday Agreement. Since leaving the UUP in 2013, Terry has worked as an independent strategic and policy consultant with the North West Cultural Partnership and other cross-community organisations. He is a member of several Civic and non-politically affiliated Unionist focus



groups, is a regular columnist, blogs frequently and contributes to radio.

Johnston McMaster will once again moderate the series. Good time for discussion. All welcome.

7:30-9:00pm. By Zoom. For login information, please contact: [thinkingaloudseminar@icloud.com](mailto:thinkingaloudseminar@icloud.com)

Photos: Terry Wright, Johnston McMaster lower right



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## News reports

### Lambeth Call on Anglican Identity

**The Lambeth Call on Anglican Identity will be the next theme in the Lambeth Conference ‘Add Your Voice to the Call’ discussion series.**

The Call on Anglican Identity is 1 of 10 Calls discussed by the bishops at the #LambethConference in 2022 and will explore what it means to be Anglican, The Five Marks of Mission, The Instruments’ of Communion, how Anglicans are involved in mission and more.

To learn more about the Call and how you can get involved, visit: [bit.ly/3MwHHjX](https://bit.ly/3MwHHjX)

## In the media

### Windsor Framework: Majority see ‘negative impact on stability’ Unionist opposition to Protocol ‘entrenched’

News Letter - A majority of people still believe that the Protocol is having a negative impact on stability in Northern Ireland, according to a poll for Queen's University. Despite that, the study shows majority support for the post-Brexit trading arrangements across society - but continued opposition from unionists.

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<https://app.newsletter.co.uk/story/windsor-framework-majority-see-negative-impact-on-stability-unionist-opposition-to-protocol-entrenched/content.html>

## **Why does the Irish government invest so much in Northern Ireland?**

BBC News - Irish government spending in Northern Ireland is not being used as a Trojan horse to win support for a united Ireland, the tánaiste (deputy prime minister) has said.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-67344888>

## **Killings in 1922 were removed from history**

Irish Times - Killings in 1922 were removed from history for decades and 'silence was not broken' until Canadian historian published controversial work in 1990s, says Prof Brian Walker

<https://www.irishtimes.com/history/century/2023/11/08/west-cork-killings-should-be-admitted-as-sectarian-says-historian/>

## **Common transfer test: Thousands of children to sit first paper**

BBC Ni - About 14,000 children are due to sit the first paper in the new transfer test in Northern Ireland on Saturday (past).

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-67379630>

## **NRC's new Coleraine campus deemed highly commended at major building awards**

News Letter - The high-quality project will deliver significant social gains in the areas of apprenticeships, business engagement and the voluntary sector

<https://app.newsletter.co.uk/story/nrcs-new-coleraine-campus-deemed-highly-commended-at-major-building-awards/content.html>

## **Special educational needs funding has £65m shortfall - report**

BBC NI - The amount of funding for special educational needs (SEN) in Northern Ireland is £65m - or about 14% - less than what is needed this year.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-67372787>

# **Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books**

## **Music from All Saints**

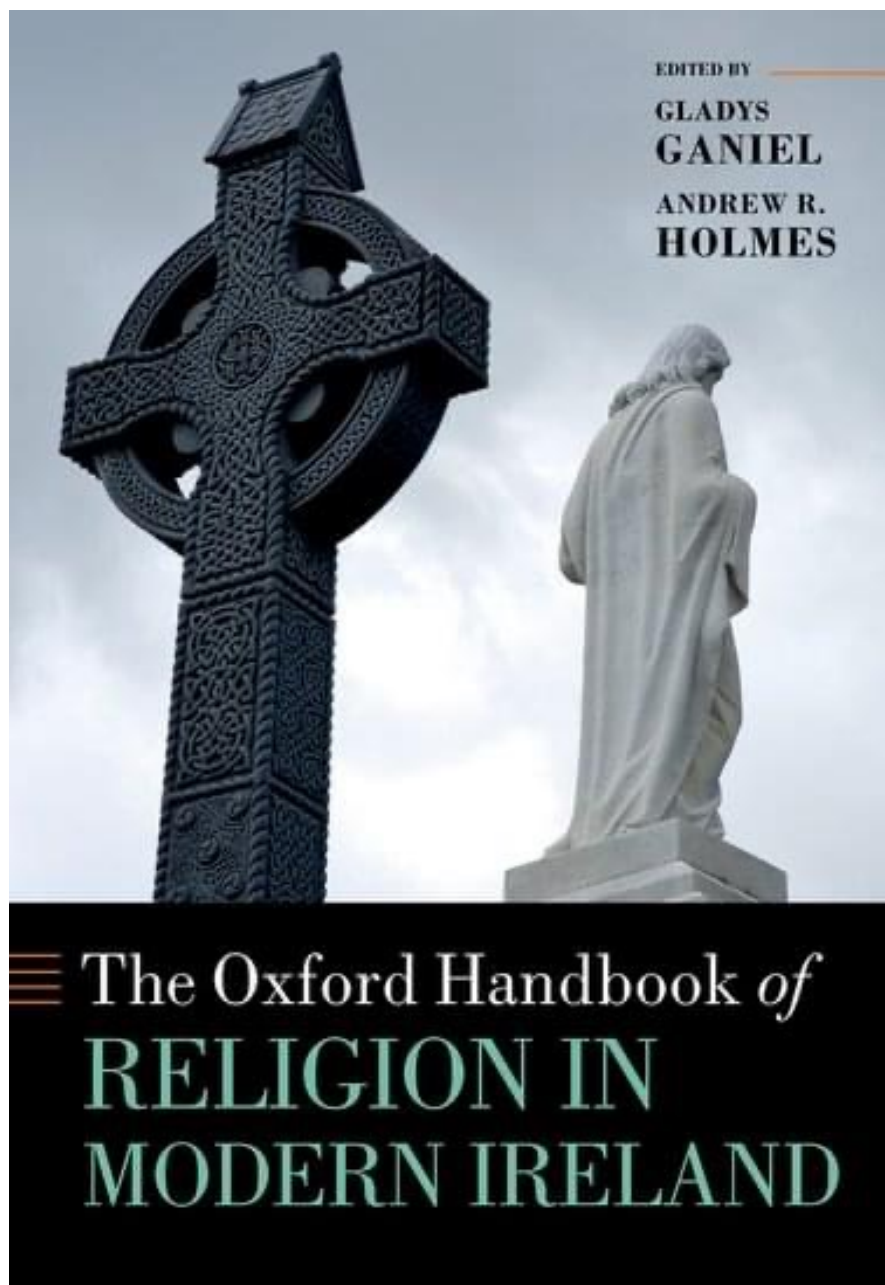
Evensong and Benediction including Stanford in C, Philip Moore's O quam gloriosum, and Henschel's Tantum Ergo. Sumsion's Te Deum in G was sung before the Blessed Sacrament at Benediction as a special thanksgiving on the patronal festival. You can watch the liturgy again here:

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/FIFNWIqp2IY?si=0JoR7zomESAgW8Lv>

Evensong and Benediction yesterdaypm will include Byrd's Fauxbordon canticles, and Schütz's Selig Sind die Toten. It was live-streamed at: [https://www.youtube.com/live/\\_UfiFTKuLSc?si=fEZIShfn8RuHKdK5](https://www.youtube.com/live/_UfiFTKuLSc?si=fEZIShfn8RuHKdK5)

A full music list for November can be found here: <https://asms.uk/worship/music-list/>



## Religion and Literature in 19th Century Ireland

Gladys Daniel tells of a thoughtful lecture by Norman Vance (including a sung hymn!) on Religion and Literature in 19th Century Ireland, based on a chapter in her forthcoming OUP Handbook. With co-editor Andrew Holmes

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Norman Vance - left

<https://global.oup.com/academic/product/the-oxford-handbook-of-religion-in-modern-ireland-9780198868699?cc=gb&lang=en&>

## Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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