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Glenarm Castle by Gaz Drone

Glenarm Castle is a beautiful and historic estate located on the Antrim Coast in Northern Ireland. It is one of the oldest continuously inhabited castles in Ireland, with a rich history dating back to the 17th century.

The castle is surrounded by stunning grounds, including a walled garden, woodland walks, and a lake. Visitors can explore the castle and its grounds, and learn about the history of the McDonnell family, who have owned the estate for over 400 years.

The castle is also home to a number of events throughout the year, including the Glenarm Festival of Music and the Highland Games. Glenarm Castle is a popular tourist destination and a must-see for anyone visiting Northern Ireland.

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Annual Civic Harvest Festival at St Anne's Church, Shandon

St Anne's Church, Shandon held its annual Civic Harvest Service on Sunday 27th October as part of the Cork Jazz Festival.



This was the 15th year of the annual event and the church was delighted to welcome back **Carrigtwohill Gospel Choir** and also the **Dutch Brass Band Lamarotte**.

Reflecting on the service, the **Rev. Meghan Farr** said, “It was wonderful to celebrate 15 years of hosting this much loved service at St Anne’s Shandon.

Having Bishop Colton there to preach and to recognize his 25 years as Bishop of the Diocese made it all the more special! We were also delighted to welcome many guests including the Lord Mayor Cllr. Dan Boyle, Senator Jerry Buttimer, and Fiona Collins, Chair of the Cork Jazz committee”.

All produce was donated to Cork Penny Dinners.

1st Waringstown BB 85th anniversary parade and church service

The autumn sun shone and the crowds came out for the 1st Waringstown BB 85th anniversary parade and church service on Sunday afternoon.

Present and past members took part in the parade from the Presbyterian Church to Holy Trinity Church of Ireland for an anniversary service.

Anchor Boys from 1st Waringstown BB at the company's 85th anniversary included Daniel, Arthur, Thomas and Harry.

Cobh and Glanmire Union Table Quiz raises over €2,500

On Tuesday, 15th October, Cobh and Glanmire Union of Parishes hosted its first Table Quiz Fundraiser at the Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa in Little Island.

Over 110 people attended, filling 27 tables, competing over 8 rounds of 10 questions each on subjects such as geography, music, a picture round, and general knowledge. Parishioner and Select Vestry Member Tony Stockley helped devise the questions, and also served as Quiz Master. In the end, the top 4 teams earned prizes. There was also a raffle, with prizes consisting of wine and spirits, gift vouchers, a chocolate bouquet, and other gift items.

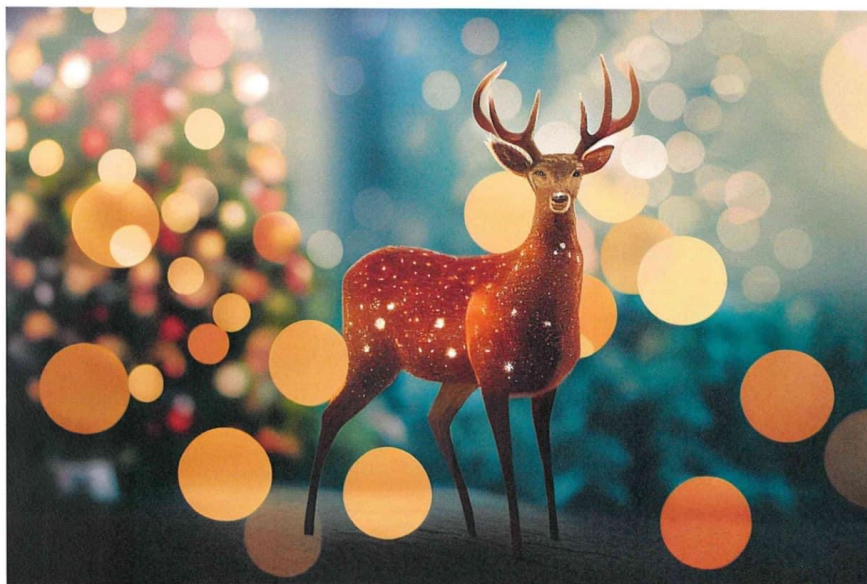
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The rector, Rev. Elise Hanley says, “The energy in the room was incredible, and it was great to see that so many people would still come out in bad weather for fellowship and a good cause!

Folks seemed to have great fun. It was also so lovely that Dean Susan Green and members of Cloyne Union bought a table, and I know that members from Mallow Union and possibly other parishes took part. It is great that we can all support each other’s efforts”.

Hillhall Presbyterian Church
**Christmas Winter Wonderland
Afternoon Tea**

Saturday 30th November 1.30p.m. - 4p.m.
Minimum donation £12.50 per person



in aid of **Cancer Fund for Children** 
and Church Funds

EVERYONE WELCOME

There will also be stalls to purchase special Christmas gifts!

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The event raised over €2,500 and the parish is grateful for everyone's support at both the Table Quiz, and the recently successful Autumn Fayre and Sale. They would also like to thank all of their generous sponsors, including The Radisson Blu Hotel & Spa (who donated both the space and raffle prizes), Ryan's Supervalu, Monkey Maze Glanmire, The Barn Gastropub, Fitzpatrick's Glounthaune, Hillside Nurseries, Care Plus Little Island, Centra Little Island, Pinocchio's Toys & Gifts and Shirley's Beauty Clinic, Glanmire.



KILDARTON PARISH CHURCH
LIGHTEN OUR DARKNESS
CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2024

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER - 10AM TO 9PM
OPENING SERVICE AT 7PM

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER - 10AM TO 6PM
CHILDREN'S MORNING FROM 10AM TO 1PM
MUSIC FROM 2PM TO 5PM

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER - 2PM TO 8PM
CLOSING SERVICE AT 6PM

TEAS & COFFEES DAILY, SOUP LUNCHES ON FRIDAY & SATURDAY
PROCEEDS IN AID OF TRIPLE A AND CHURCH FUNDS



Cathedral Calls

Chelmsford Cathedral Choristers and Cathedral Young Singers at Civic Act of Remembrance



Chelmsford Cathedral was proud to be part of the city's Remembrance Sunday Service and Parade on Sunday 10th November at the Duke Street War Memorial.

This year's event saw hundreds of Chelmsford residents, veterans, members of the Royal British Legion and community group representatives come together to remember and honour brave military personnel of past and present.

The Cathedral Choristers and Cathedral Young Singers were honoured to represent the Cathedral at the Civic Act of Remembrance. The service was led by the interim Dean, the Very Revd Paul Kennington, and attended by the Bishop, the Right Revd Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani.

Find out more on their website at - <https://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/news/chelmsford-cathedral-joins-the-citys-remembrance-sunday-service-and-parade>

Children's Ministry Leaders training in Kildare cathedral

Children's Ministry Leaders training was organised in the cathedral, as part of the 'Light of the World' Advent programme for churches across Kildare.

#lightoftheworld #lightofkildare

Tuatha article on St Canice's Cathedral and Round Tower

Tuatha was certainly impressed by Kilkenny's beautiful Cathedral and Round Tower!

"Prominently positioned over the medieval city of Kilkenny, St Canice's Cathedral and Round Tower is at the centre of the story of the city."

You can read the article in full here:

<https://www.tuatha.ie/st-canices-cathedral-and-round-tower/>

Clergy and ministry

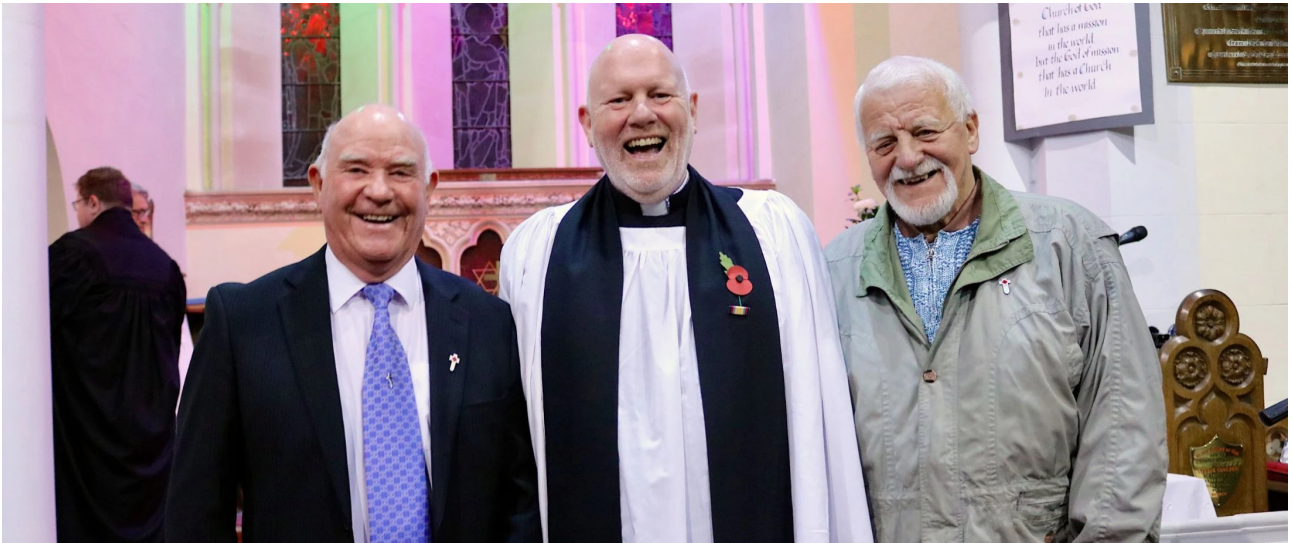
Vicar welcomed to Ballywalter Parish

Revd Adrian Green has received a warm welcome on his return to the Diocese of Down and Dromore.

Adrian is a former Anglican Chaplain in Ibiza and has exchanged the clear waters of the Mediterranean for the

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picturesque coastline of the Ards peninsula to become
Incumbent of Ballywalter Parish



Bishop David instituted Adrian, who will be known as Vicar, on Monday 11 November and Revd Bill Boyce, Rector of Dromore (Clogher Diocese), gave the address. Bill has also recently returned from warmer climes after over three years of ministry as Vicar of St Andrew's Church, Puerto Pollensa, Majorca. Adrian and Bill were colleagues in the Diocese in Europe.

Brian, The Lord Dunleath and his wife, Lady Vibeke Dunleath, also attended. Lord Dunleath is Patron of the Parish.

Revd Adrian Green

Born in Belfast, Adrian grew up in Finaghy before leaving to join the Royal Navy. He also worked for several pharmaceutical companies prior to training at Trinity Theological College in Bristol.

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After ordination Adrian served as curate at Willowfield and then led Mount Merrion Parish Church on the Cregagh estate. For the last three years he has been the Anglican chaplain for the islands of Ibiza and Formentera.

Adrian is married to Linda and they have five children and six grandchildren. They are excited about the opportunity of serving the people of Ballywalter.

He says, "We are looking forward to building upon all that has already been established here in making the church a place where individuals and families can belong and find purpose and meaning. Our desire is for Holy Trinity Church to be known as a place where everyone can encounter the miraculous power of what God's Holy Spirit can do for us, as together we seek to live life in all its fullness."

First Church of Ireland Pioneer Ministry Gathering

A conference to build more momentum for Pioneer Ministry is coming up very soon. The Revd Scott Evans comments -

"The very first Church of Ireland Pioneer Ministry Gathering will happen on 22nd and 23rd November in the Cavan Crystal Hotel. This is an invite-only training gathering for all those leaders appointed by their Bishops to facilitate Pioneer Ministry in their diocese.

We're at maximum capacity and have leaders coming from across the Church of Ireland, so it will be a great opportunity

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for the Pioneer leadership team to clarify vision, train, network together, and learn cooperatively. It will also be a great occasion to understand how the leadership team can equip and support each diocese and assist them as they create and roll out the bishops' plan for Pioneer Ministry in their setting.



MEET THE PIONEERS

NEVIN &
LORRAINE
ANDERSON



Parish:
Magheralin Parish
Diocese:
Down & Dromore

It's going to be a unique time as this will be the first occasion where leaders from across the Church of Ireland will be come together as a Pioneer Ministry community, so please be praying for the event.”

Commission on Ministry's annual Advent Retreat this weekend

The Church's Ministry of Healing is holding this year's Advent Retreat, at the request of the Commission on Ministry.

The Pilgrim's Path in the World: Journeying with God in Advent will run from the evening of Friday 15 November to lunchtime Sunday 17 November in Mount St Anne's retreat

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centre, Co. Laois. The retreat will be led by Revd Canon Alistair Graham, with CMH:I facilitating creative responses to Alistair's sessions through a series of art stations.

The Commission on Ministry has been running this annual retreat for years and it is always a richly inspiring and gently restorative weekend. If you are anxious, lonely, overwhelmed, tired, or just seeking time away from your everyday routine to listen to God's voice and to rest in His presence, then the retreat is for you. Places are limited and are on a first come, first served basis, so do get in touch at hello@ministryofhealing.ie to find out more and book a place.

Alistair's chosen topics for the sessions this year are wonderful – “reading the map” and “the scent of roses” are just two of the beautiful titles. Many people know Alistair from his parish ministry in Mullingar, in the Diocese of Meath and Kildare, and work with a youth initiative on climate change, ‘Lighten Our Darkness By Numbers’. For those who don't, his prayerful and gentle retreat will be a transformative experience that shouldn't be missed.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

New Irish Youth Orchestra 2025

New Irish Youth Orchestra is back for 2025 - a unique weekend for instrumental players in P7-U6 to develop

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their musicianship, make new friends and learn more about God.

21-23 February 2025 | Ganaway Activity Centre

Find out more and register for an audition at the link below [<https://www.newirisharts.com/youth-orchestra>]

St Ann's Recital this Sunday

On Sunday, 17th November, at 12:45 pm, Aileen Cahill and Conor Shiel will perform a programme for piano and clarinet.

Martinu - Sonatina for Clarinet and Piano Yue Song - Nocturne for Piano Mozart - Sarastro's Aria from The Magic Flute for Bass Clarinet Jane O'Leary - Palette of Preludes for Piano Poulenc - Sonata for Clarinet and Piano For more information please visit <https://www.stannsrecitals.com/events/aileen-cahill-1>

Find Peace this Advent with CMHI's online retreats 'My Dwelling Place'


Join the Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland for a special Advent online series designed to help people slow down, reflect and feel truly at home in God's presence.

The retreats take place on two Mondays: November 25 and December 16 – from 11.30am – 1.00pm.

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In these mini-retreats, participants will explore what it means to find a “dwelling place” in their hearts and lives — where they feel at ease, accepted, and truly belong. Facilitators Lydia Monds and Carol Casey, along with guest speakers, will share reflections, scriptures and art to guide participants into a space of rest and prayer.

This series of retreats is aimed especially at people who find the build up to Christmas difficult, for whatever reason, and who might enjoy a quiet time to rest in their true belonging with God.



The Armed Man

A Mass for Peace by Sir Karl Jenkins performed
in celebration of the composer's 80th Birthday

**Armagh City
Choir**

Conductor: Michael Harris
Orchestra Leader: Philip Walton
Soloist: Anastasia Bevan

St. Patrick's Church of Ireland
Cathedral, Armagh.

Saturday 23rd November
At 7.30pm

Tickets £20

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To reserve a spot, visit www.ministryofhealing.ie to get an Eventbrite link. There is no charge but participants are invited to make a donation to support CMHI's work. Early booking is encouraged, as handouts will be mailed out on November 19 to those registered by then.

If you're seeking quiet time and a deeper connection this Advent, CMHI would love to welcome you.

Questions? Contact Lydia at lydia@ministryofhealing.ie.

Launch of two historical books

Two historical books will also be launched next Thursday (21st) in the former Church of Ireland College of Education Chapel in Rathmines.

The Churchwardens' Accounts of the Parishes of St Bride, St Michael Le Pole and St Stephen, Dublin, 1663-1702 and The Latin Lives of St Laurence of Dublin.

In the media

Simon Harris says politicians 'have to press reset on relationship with farmers' -The Journal

Political leaders visited the National Council of the Irish Farmers' Association in Dublin ahead of the general election.

There needs to be a reset in the relationship between Irish politicians and farmers, Taoiseach Simon Harris has said.

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Speaking during a visit to the National Council of the Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) in Dublin, Harris said politicians talk about farming in a way they would not about any other part of the Irish economy.

He also said that the farming community requires support to help the sector to meet ambitious environmental targets.

The agriculture sector was the largest single source of greenhouse gas emissions last year, making up 34.3% of Ireland's emissions.

And though agriculture emissions fell by 4.6% in 2023 when compared to 2022, that represents only a 2.9% fall in emissions since 2018.

<https://www.thejournal.ie/simon-harris-says-politicians-have-to-press-reset-on-relationship-with-farmers-ifa-6540662-Nov2024/>

Appeal for pre-loved toys to support Belfast families at Christmas - Belfast Telegraph

Once again, the council has partnered with East Belfast Mission to lead the project. Pre-loved toys collected at recycling centres will either be sold affordably or distributed to families most in need.

East Belfast Mission will coordinate with other charity partners to ensure the donations reach those in greatest need.

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Councillor Ruth Brooks, Chair of the People and Communities Committee, said: “The pre-loved toy appeal is a fantastic initiative that brings people together to support families across our city.” Details of centres here - [\[https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/appeal-for-pre-loved-toys-to-support-belfast-families-at-christmas/a1546432374.html\]](https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/appeal-for-pre-loved-toys-to-support-belfast-families-at-christmas/a1546432374.html)

Kick bishops out of Lords so they can focus on Church crisis, Commons told - Daily Telegraph

An SNP MP has said bishops should be removed from the House of Lords so they can focus on fixing their own crisis in the Church of England.

Pete Wishart, the MP for Perth and Kinross-shire, suggested members of the clergy would be better off dealing with the row behind the Archbishop of Canterbury’s resignation than attempting to “run our country”.

He was among roughly 40 MPs to back an unsuccessful attempt in the Commons on Tuesday to remove the 26 bishops from the upper chamber, claiming they had a “whole range” of other issues to concern themselves with.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/politics/2024/11/12/bishops-justin-welby-house-of-lords/>

Easier for students to come out as gay than Christian - Christian Post

In schools across Northern Ireland, students are finding it more challenging to reveal their Christian faith than their

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sexual orientation, according to testimony provided during an ongoing inquiry into Relationship and Sexuality Education (RSE) at Stormont.

David Smyth, a representative of the Evangelical Alliance Northern Ireland, told the Education Committee that some young people find it “much more difficult now to come out as an Evangelical Christian in school than it is to come out as LGBT,” according to the BBC.



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Smyth's comments came as part of a discussion on the content and delivery of RSE in Northern Irish schools.

[<https://www.christianpost.com/news/easier-for-students-to-come-out-as-gay-than-christian.html>](https://

Catholic priests urged to demand access to personal information on them held by the church - Irish Independent

The Association of Catholic Priests (ACP) has said it is unhappy about the way Irish priests' personal data is being processed by church authorities and has told clergy they should demand to see the files bishops hold on them.

At its AGM in Athlone, members of the priests' group heard Fr Tim Hazelwood explain their rights and protections under data protection legislation, one of which is that they are entitled to a copy of their own personal file.

“You have the right to be informed about any personal data that is held on you and the purpose for which it is used,” he said.

The Co Cork parish priest said the ACP was concerned because priests are not being told about the retention of files in diocesan offices and religious orders, nor are they aware of their right to access that data.

[<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/catholic-priests-urged-to-demand-access-to-personal-information-on-them-held-by-the-church/a823407033.html>]

Harassed and called paedophiles: Librarians share trauma of being targeted by anti-LGBT+ groups - The Journal

Librarians have reported feeling “intense” stress and trauma after being targeted by campaigners who disagree with libraries stocking LGBTQIA material and programming inclusive events, according to a new report.

Several libraries around Ireland have been targeted because they supply LGBTQIA-related reading material or hold drag story events where drag queens or kings (usually men dressed as women or women dressed as men) read age-appropriate stories to children.

In some cases, reading material was burned by protesters and staff were threatened. In July 2023, Cork City Library was forced to close amid fears for employees’ safety due to an anti-LGBTQIA protest.

A number of people have been charged in relation to such incidents in Ireland. The campaign is part of an international trend where libraries in various countries have been targeted.

[\[https://www.thejournal.ie/impact-of-anti-lgbt-protests-on-librarians-in-ireland-6539068-Nov2024/\]](https://www.thejournal.ie/impact-of-anti-lgbt-protests-on-librarians-in-ireland-6539068-Nov2024/)

IRA’s bomb murder of retired RUC reservist and his wife among 14 cases to be probed by new Troubles legacy body - News Letter

Along with 13 other cases, the 1990 murder by car bomb of James and Ellen Sefton is to be examined by the

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Independent Commission for Reconciliation and Information Recovery (ICRIR).

The commission was created by the Conservative government's controversial Legacy Act, which halted scores of civil cases and inquests into Troubles deaths.

Bereaved families, victims and certain public authorities can instead request the ICRIR carry out an investigation.

<https://app.newsletter.co.uk/story/iras-bomb-murder-of-retired-ruc-reservist-and-his-wife-among-14-cases-to-be-probed-by-new-troubles-legacy-body/content.html>

Current schools' estate strategy unsustainable, warns watchdog report - Belfast Telegraph



The All Ireland Mothers' Union President and
Trustee Board warmly invite you to

**The Big
Hymn Sing**

Praise will be led by the Clare Chorale
Address by The Most Rev'd. J.F. McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh

Date: Saturday 16th November 2024
Time: 2pm
Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Church, Ballymena

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The condition of Northern Ireland's schools' estate is deteriorating and the current strategy for managing it is unsustainable, an Audit Office report has warned.

The report said a new approach is required from Stormont's Department of Education to make better use of limited funding for maintenance and capital investment.

Comptroller and Auditor General Dorinnia Carville's said her findings suggested the department “does not have a full understanding” of the true condition of the schools' estate.

There are more than 1,100 schools in Northern Ireland — with a total estimated capital value of £4.6bn. In 2023-24, the department recorded a total capital expenditure of £276.4m across the estate, and a spend of £28.4m on maintenance.

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Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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