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Flying Missionaries - Just stopping at Mundri on the way to Ibba



The Reverend Andrew Quill and his wife Joanne are serving with CMSI.

Joanne had a birthday treat relaxing by the river Nile, Juba with an abandoned half sunken Juba ferry in the background.

The C of I couple were flying back to Ibba with MAF (Missionary Aviation Fellowship) earlier this week. 'Just stopping at Mundri on the way to Ibba'.



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Methodist rep at Eco Church Ireland

ECI Committee Welcomes 2nd Methodist Representative.

Jan Corrie is an accredited local preacher in the Methodist Church, joint contributor to the 'Living Faithfully' eco-articles in the Methodist Newsletter and co-leader of Drumhilla Garden – a therapeutic space where she encourages living lightly on the planet and



promotes the pleasures and benefits of growing your own food.



Annual Student Prizegiving at Maynooth

Dr Michael Shortall, Interim President of SPPU - St Patrick's Pontifical University - pictured speaking to

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students and family members at last week's Annual Student Prize giving ceremony.

Every year in advance of Graduations, the university acknowledges those students who go beyond across its different programmes.

The full list of prize winners is available at sppu.ie/current-students/awards-2024



SOMA team for Uganda in January

Rev Henry Blair and his wife Helen from SOMA who are leading a team to Uganda in January from Letterbreen Methodist church.



Dromore confirmation

Congratulations to the young people who were confirmed by Bishop David McClay in Dromore Cathedral on Sunday.

Four from the cathedral and two from All Saints Tullylish.

Archbishop John Wilson urges everyone to act on assisted suicide

As the assisted suicide bill was published on Tuesday, 12 November, Archbishop John Wilson has urged people to act and raise their voices in opposition to the dangerous proposals.

Archbishop John said the threat is "not just physical but moral and spiritual too. We are duty bound to stand up and challenge this attack on human dignity on all fronts".

The Archbishop of Southwark makes clear that if "we are true followers of Christ, we must do all we can to support and protect the most vulnerable in our society".

In his message, posted on YouTube and other social media channels, the Archbishop highlights the pressure the proposals will put people suffering illnesses or disabilities under. He said: "People are being presented as a problem. As a burden. A statistic. Something we can deal with through ending their life".

Archbishop John asks "where is the dignity in that? Where is the love in that?"

Each person is made in the image and likeness of God. We are called, the Archbishop said, as followers of the Lord Jesus to "care for those who are suffering, not to bring about their death".

Because, "who are we to say a life is not worth living or that someone is better off dead because society values their contribution less than someone else".

This is why, Archbishop John said, "we need to raise our voices to say that is not true". He urges everyone to "speak up", because "if we don't stand up and value the dignity of human life, who will?"

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Right to Life UK have organised an e-action, which enables you to contact your MP and express your opposition to assisted suicide. Please act urgently.

Because as Archbishop John said, "as followers of the Lord Jesus, we must be bold in our efforts to uphold, respect and protect every human life from conception until natural death".

So please show, that "you will not sit idly while the elderly and people with illnesses and disabilities are treated as nothing but a burden to society and their family".

Together, let's be clear all are made in the likeness and image of God. That they are loved.

Watch Archbishop John speaking here:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=c4IGCSz\ Zzw

Cathedral Calls

Cork and Limerick united choirs

On Sunday 17th November, the choir of St Fin Barre's Cathedral travelled to St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick and sang the Sunday services together with their choir.

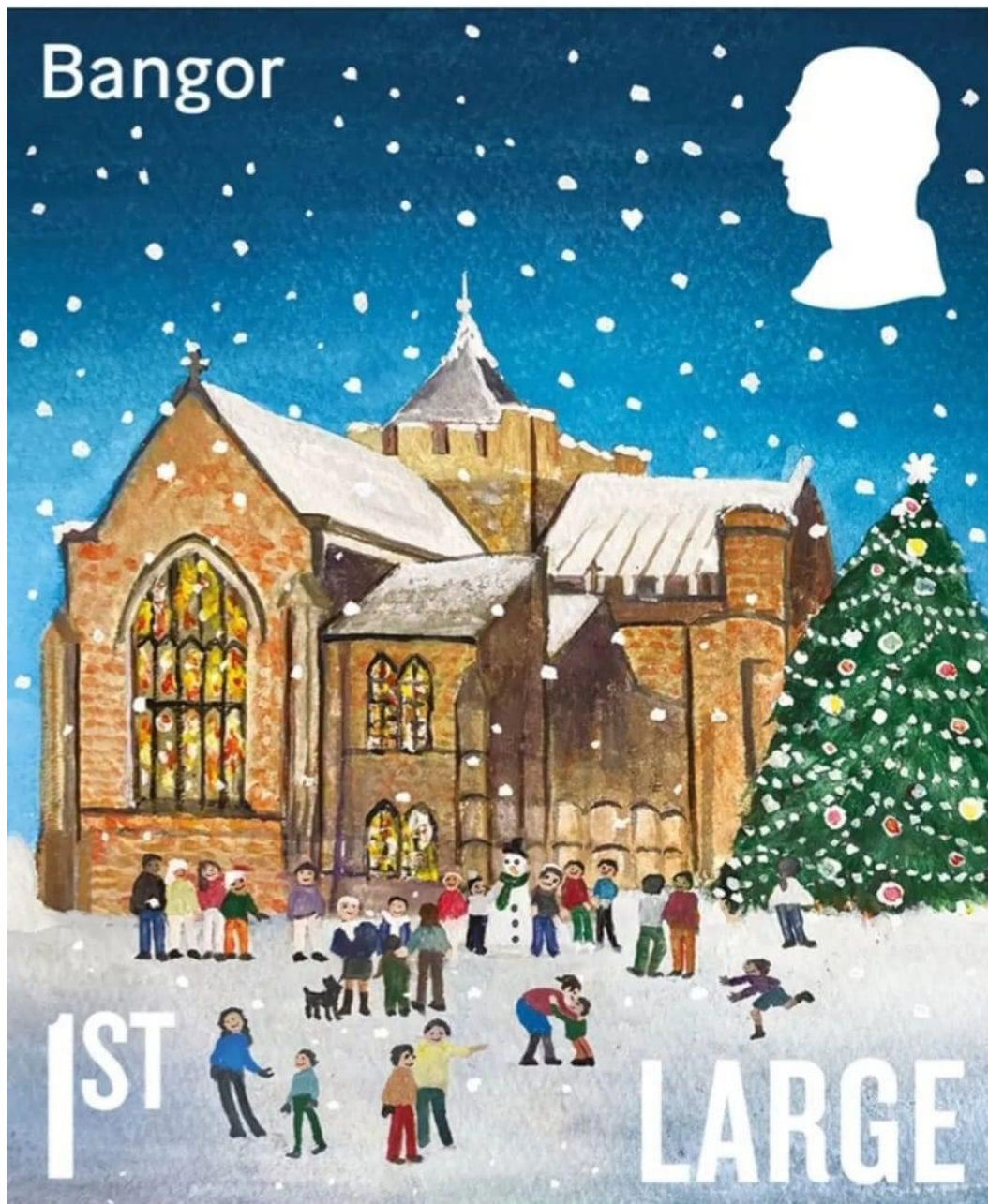
The combined choirs of St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick and St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork, together with the Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, the Right Rev. Michael Burrows, the Dean of Limerick, the Very Rev. Niall Sloane,



and the Dean's Vicar of St Fin Barre's Cathedral, the Rev. Martin Steele. They sang Mozart's Missa brevis in D, with Matthew Breen from Cork at the organ and conducted by Peter Barley of Limerick. Peter Stobart from Cork conducted Bairstow's anthem Let all mortal flesh keep silence.

Evensong was attended by the Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, the Right Rev. Michael Burrows and included Stanford in A and Benjamin Britten's A hymn of St Columba.

The cathedral generously laid on a hot lunch for their visitors, and the Very Rev'd Niall Sloane, Dean of Limerick, welcomed the choir and the Dean's Vicar, the Rev'd Martin Steele, who had also travelled from Cork with the choir.



St Deiniol's Cathedral, Bangor

Bangor Cathedral stands where St Deiniol established his Celtic monastery in the 6th century.

Battered by medieval wars between the princes of Gwynedd and the English kings, the cathedral now celebrates the languages, cultures and landscapes of Wales.

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Every Sunday and on Christmas Day, Welsh and English coexist in worship and prayer.

The stamps, and a range of collectible products, are available to pre-order at www.royalmail.com/christmas2024 and by telephone on 03457 641 641. A Presentation Pack including all five stamps is priced at £10.35.



Belfast Choristers treasure hunt

Belfast choristers had great fun on their cathedral treasure hunt during a break in their rehearsal.

Clergy and ministry

Melbourne's new Anglican priests

Fifteen new priests were ordained at St Paul's Cathedral by Archbishop Philip Freier.

Melbourne's new Anglican priests were urged to embrace their role as messengers of God's love in a fractured world at their ordination this morning.

Fifteen men and women were ordained on November 16, 2024, at St Paul's Cathedral surrounded by friends, family, clergy and parishioners.

The joyful gathering, filled with hymns, scriptural reading, and meditation on the meaning of priesthood preceded the newly ordained priests being sent out as ministers.

Facility to replay service and download service booklet at -

<https://cathedral.org.au/2024/11/13/ordination-of-priests-saturday-16-november/>

Architect of cathedral may have been also the same as St Mark's, Dundela.

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The Walk from The Garden - Opera in Armagh cathedral

Opera Collective Ireland and Newry Chamber Music are set to bring a powerful and moving performance to audiences with **The Walk from the Garden** by Jonathan

Dove, a 50-minute church opera that reimagines the timeless story of Adam and Eve's banishment from the Garden of Eden.

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will direct The Walk from the Garden, with Andrew Synnott conducting. Together, they bring this evocative story to life, combining operatic depth with a modern perspective on humanity's impact on the planet.

📍 St Patrick's (Col) Cathedral, Armagh, BT61 7DY

 17 Thursday 28th November 2024. For more information 

bit.ly/4hOpGMn Buy tickets for the performance at St Patrick's (Col) Cathedral  bit.ly/40tVdNe



Explore beyond the doors of local churches

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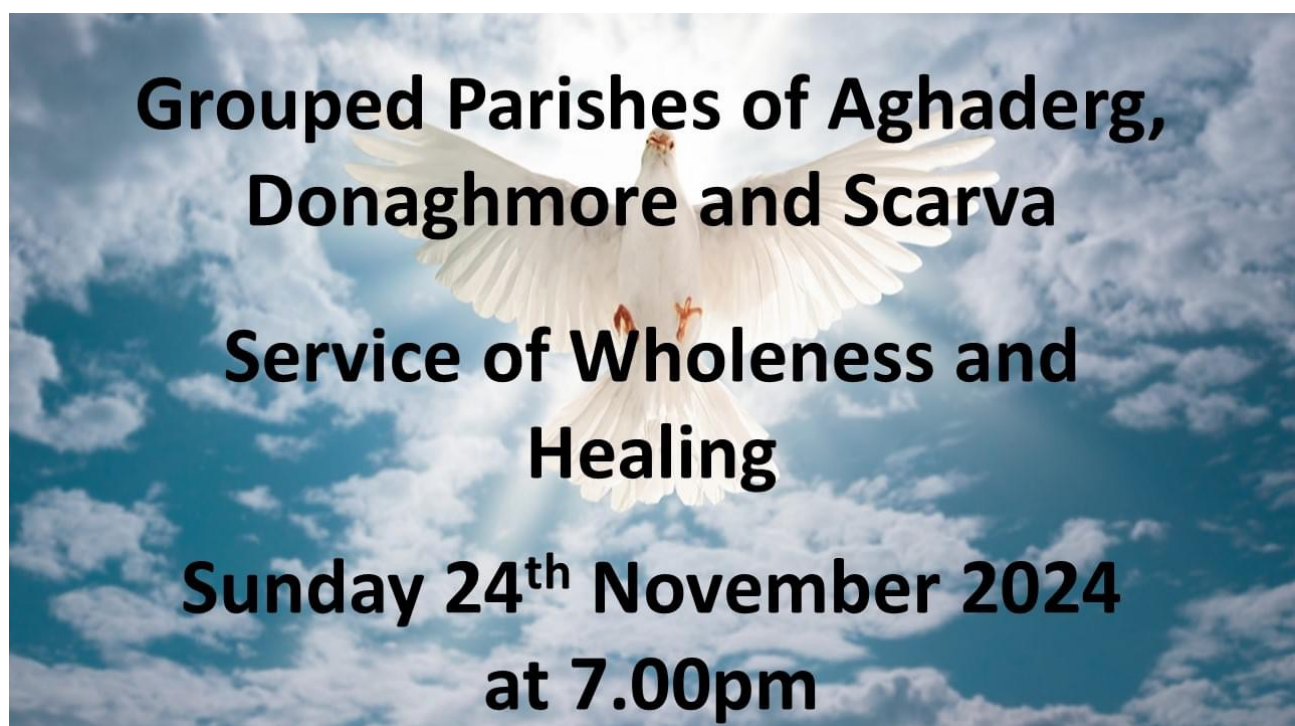
In the media

MPs are divided on assisted dying ahead of next week's vote.

BBC News - A week on Friday, the House of Commons will hold what could prove to be the most consequential vote of this entire parliamentary term.

That is when MPs will hold their first vote in nine years on whether they want to legalise [assisted dying]. The debate on this is increasingly rancorous but one thing both supporters and opponents agree on is that should it pass it would be a social reform on a par with the legalisation of abortion in 1967 or the introduction of same-sex marriage in 2013.

Starmer had hoped to stay out of this issue.



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He - along with other party leaders - has designated it a 'free vote', meaning that MPs will vote how they wish without any instruction or pressure from party whips.

[<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/cpvzxlz1y1ro?xtor=ES-211->

William Nye Archbishop of Canterbury's right-hand man latest facing calls to quit

Daily Telegraph - The Archbishop of Canterbury's right-hand man is facing calls to resign in the wake of a major child abuse scandal in the Church of England.

William Nye, the secretary general to the Archbishops' council and General Synod, joins the growing list of Church



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officials under pressure to quit over their handling of abuse cases.

Calls for him to step down follow the Most Rev Justin Welby's resignation last week for failing to report concerns about the serial abuser John Smyth to the police.

Victims and General Synod members argue that removing the Archbishop is insufficient, insisting true progress



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requires ousting the man they claim has been pulling the strings.

Mr Nye, 58, one of the Church of England's most influential yet little-known figures, became the secretary general in 2015 after serving as principal private secretary to the King and Queen.

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2024/11/19/church-of-england-justin-welby-william-nye-abuse-scandal/>

Diocese in Northern Ireland makes payment to abuse survivors redress scheme

Irish Post - A diocese in Northern Ireland has made a payment to a compensation scheme for survivors of historical abuse at religious and state-run institutions, Fiona Audley reports.

First Minister of Northern Ireland, Michelle O'Neill has confirmed that a contribution has been received from the Diocese of Down and Connor towards the Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) Redress Scheme.

This payment, which follows a contribution from the De La Salle Order in September of this year, relates specifically to homes they managed jointly with the Order.

“We welcome this second payment relating to these homes,” Ms O'Neill said.

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“Following recent commitments from the Good Shepherd Sisters and Barnardo’s it is encouraging to see constructive dialogue with the institutions gaining momentum.”

She added: “While financial compensation can never address the pain suffered by victims and survivors of historical abuse, each contribution represents an acknowledgment of responsibility that is essential to the healing process.”

Over the summer The Good Shepherd Sisters religious order and the Barnardo’s charity each made a payment into the scheme.

Both organisations were found to have systematically failed children in its care by the Hart Report, released in 2017.

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At the time, the Hart Inquiry, led by Sir Anthony Hart, was the largest-scale investigation into the mistreatment of children in the UK.

It examined allegations of abuse at 22 institutions in operation across the North between 1922 and 1995 and found widespread mistreatment among them.

Among those found to have failed the children in their care were the De La Salle Order, Sisters of Nazareth, Good Shepherd Sisters, Sisters of St Louis, Barnardo's and Irish Church Missions.

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In 2019 a compensation scheme was set up for survivors of the institutions that featured in the Report.

The Report also recommended a public apology be made to victims and survivors by the Northern Irish Government, although the collapse of Stormont in the intervening years meant this did not happen until 2022.

Following the payment by the Diocese of Down and Connor, Deputy First Minister, Emma Little-Pengelly, said victims and survivors “continue to live with the lasting impacts of abuse and trauma”, before adding that “holding those responsible to account is vital in their journey towards healing”.

She said: “We appreciate the Diocese of Down and Connor’s contribution, and the De La Salle Order’s continued cooperation.

“Our commitment is to ensure a fair and balanced approach to discussions with all institutions.

“We remain focused on reaching agreements on further contributions and will publish details of all payments once the process has concluded.”

Ms O’Neill and Ms Little-Pengelly also reminded all victims and survivors who have yet to apply to the HIA Redress Board to do so as soon as possible.

The deadline for applications to be made to the redress scheme falls in April 2025. First published 12/11/2024

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