

Church News Ireland



Image of the day – Glass in the Glens

November 22, 2024

Image for today - Glass in the Glens

News -

Cloughfern parishioner's century

Cookstown schools view Royal Ulster Academy's Art Exhibition

Eglinton Presbyterian 86th Anniversary

Pupils of Bicentenery school at Malahide seek information and resources

Bishop's visit to Letterkenny University Hospital

Archbishop Justin Welby visits Bethlehem

ABC Council's civic reception for All Ireland Mothers' Union

Cathedral Calls -

Clogher Cathedral organ re-dedicated

Birmingham Cathedral - St Philip

Candle procession returns Virgin Mary statue to Notre-Dame cathedral before reopening

Clergy and ministry -

Thanksgiving for Derick Wilson of the Corrymeela Community

Preparing for team work in South Sudan

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books -

Prayers for Holywood

Speaking to the soul -

Short reading and a prayer daily on this site



Image of the day

Glass in the Glens

Detail from a two light window by Curtis, Ward & Hughes (1893) at St. Patrick's Church Glenarm.

News



Cloughfern parishioner's century

One of Cloughfern's longest serving parishioners, Pat Charlton, has celebrated her 100th Birthday.

As well as celebrating with family and friends a highlight



November 22, 2024

was the visit to Jordanstown Care Home of Bishop George Davidson of Connor and Rev Tim Close from her parish. There were many congratulations to Pat, from all the church family in Cloughfern and amongst her cards was one from the King and Queen



Cookstown schools view Royal Ulster Academy's Art Exhibition

A selection of pupils from Years 11-14 at Holy Trinity College and Cookstown High School travelled to the Ulster Museum in Belfast along with students from Cookstown High School.

November 22, 2024

They participated in an art workshop before viewing the Royal Ulster Academy's Art Exhibition.



Eglinton Presbyterian 86th Anniversary

On Sunday past the 86th anniversary of Eglinton Presbyterian Church in Carr's Glen, Belfast was marked.

In 1938 the congregation at Eglinton Street ("If you ever wondered how we got our name...there you have it"), made the courageous decision to leave their existing location and move "up country" to the Ballysillan Road.

Shortly after the move Rev James Houston took the position of minister. Since then, he has had just three successors.

November 22, 2024

“We were privileged to have Dr Bill Boyd and Rev Colin Morrison (Bill & Colin by their preferred titles) join Matthew on Sunday to reflect on their 57 years of combined ministry under varying circumstances and cultural settings.

“Whatever the next 86 years hold for us as a church community, we know that we go “forward together in faith”.



Pupils of Bicentenary school at Malahide seek information and resources

St. Andrew's National School, which is under the patronage of The Church of Ireland at Church of Ireland, United Parishes of Malahide, Portmarnock & St. Doulagh's, is celebrating its Bicentenary this year.

The pupils are researching its history and will be presenting projects. If anyone has any information or resources the

November 22, 2024

school would be very grateful if you were to contact them by email to: olga.hoffman@standrewsns.ie



Bishop's visit to Letterkenny University Hospital

Bishop Andrew Forster of Derry & Raohoe paid a visit to Letterkenny University Hospital this week, to meet patients and staff, and hear about work at the institution.

He was welcomed to the hospital by the Church of Ireland Chaplain, Rev Sean Mc Clafferty, who introduced him to the hospital's Assistant General Manager, Madge Toye Temple.

Ms Toye Temple welcomed the Bishop formally, on behalf of the HSE and management, and briefed him on the current situation at the hospital regarding recruitment, staff



retention, funding, and future planning and the general logistics and working of a hospital that employs 2,500 people.

During his visit, Bishop Andrew talked to staff from several departments and also met members of the chaplaincy team, led by Rev McClafferty, Rev Craig Wilson representing the Presbyterian Church, and Fr Francis Ferry, Fr Shane Gallagher and Ms Kathleen Doherty representing the Roman Catholic Church.

The Bishop was given an update on the ongoing and essential work of chaplaincy at the hospital and heard about the close relationships enjoyed by the chaplaincy team.

November 22, 2024

Afterwards, Rev McClafferty accompanied the Bishop on his rounds. They visited a number of Church of Ireland patients who were delighted to receive an unexpected pastoral visit.

The day also included a visit to the Donegal Hospice to see the outstanding facilities there and concluded with the Bishop being hosted to lunch by the chaplaincy team.

Archbishop Justin Welby visits Bethlehem

Rev Munther Isaac writes on Facebook: On Saturday, Archbishop Justin Welby, accompanied by archbishop Hosam Naum of Jerusalem, visited Bethlehem.

After spending time in the Nativity Church, the delegation visited the Christmas Lutheran Church, and I shared about to the story and meaning of the "Christ in the Rubble" manger and led the delegation into prayer, and we lit candles for the children of Gaza.

The archbishop then met with and listened to the plights and hopes of Palestinian youth, and clergy from Bethlehem. A powerful moment was when we as clergy from Bethlehem prayed for the archbishop and his family and ministry. I then accompanied the delegation to visit the Tent of Nations and the Nassar family, and the Makhroul valley and the Kissiyeh family, as they saw firsthand the impact of the settler movement and annexation on Palestinian lives and the future of Palestinian Christianity.

November 22, 2024

I am grateful for this solidarity visit and continue to call on church leaders to work for an immediate ceasefire and stand in solidarity with Palestinians who lived under apartheid. I emphasized the importance of accountability. Israel acts knowing they are above the law, because the international community has been granting Israel such unlawful immunity, let alone fund their settler colonialism.

These are very challenging and difficult days. Zionists have made their plans clear, and the world - and church leaders - must speak up more than ever.



ABC Council's civic reception for All Ireland Mothers' Union

Armagh Diocesan Mothers' Union has conveyed thanks to the Lord Mayor, Sarah Duffy and Armagh City,



Banbridge & Craigavon Borough Council for the lovely reception they hosted for All Ireland Mothers' Union in the beautiful Palace in Armagh.



It was a wonderful start to the MU's Women's Getaway Weekend in Armagh. "We were all delighted to be part of this and it show-cased Armagh's hospitality in a great way" Armagh Diocesan MU stated.

Cathedral Calls

Clogher Cathedral organ re-dedicated

Organ re-dedicated at service of Friends of Clogher Cathedral

The annual Friends Service and Re-dedication of the organ at St. Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, took place on Sunday afternoon, 17 November.

The service was conducted by the Rector, Revd Olivia Downey with the guest preacher, the Very Revd Stephen Forde, Dean of St. Anne's Cathedral, Belfast. The Cathedral organ was Re-dedicated by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis.

The organist was Mrs Diane Simpson.

The hymns were; "Praise to the Lord," "Be still, for the presence of the Lord," "Through all the changing scenes of life," "In Christ alone my hope is found," "Jesus is Lord."

The Fivemiletown College Scripture Union Choir, in their first public outing, sang several pieces.

The Churchwardens, Ivan Domer (People's Churchwarden) and Nigel Robinson (Rector's Churchwarden) requested the

November 22, 2024

Bishop to re-dedicate the organ, thanking all those who have and are still playing the organ.

Birmingham Cathedral - St Philip



Experience the enchantment of Viennese Christmas at a spectacular concert on Saturday 21st December at 1930.

Join us as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas with a symphonic feast that will leave your heart soaring and your soul filled with joy!

<https://londonconcertante.com/21st-december/>

Looking for a Christmas Market to visit?

Come and explore the Christmas in Cathedral Square Craft Market where you can find



Good food and drinks



Variety of craft products best for Christmas shopping



Live band and Helter Skelter for entertainment

Don't forget to visit us for the **newly conserved Edward Burne-Jones stained glass windows** while you are visiting the market.

The market is open now until 22 December, for more details: <https://christmasincathedralsquare.co.uk/>

Candle procession returns Virgin Mary statue to Notre-Dame cathedral before reopening

A procession of hundreds of people holding candles walked through the streets of Paris to bring a famed statue of the Virgin Mary and child back to Notre-Dame Cathedral on Friday, five years after it was moved to a nearby church after a devastating fire.

Laurent Ulrich, the Paris archbishop, blessed the statue during the march, as people prayed and sung hymns while they carried the statue, its base surrounded by white flowers, past Christmas trees and holiday garlands erected on city streets ahead of the year-end holiday.

"The Virgin stands, stands, although she is filled with pain. We have just accompanied her walk, her return, by reciting the rosary and the joyful mysteries. We remain joyful about everything that happened after this fire. We remain joyful about everything that has been experienced around this cathedral for five years," Ulrich said.

Notre-Dame Cathedral, the Paris landmark built over nearly 200 years starting in the middle of the 12th century, is due to reopen on Dec. 8 with days of festivities after the fire that ravaged it on April 15, 2019.

Though French authorities have said an electrical fault or cigarette may have sparked the conflagration, it remains unclear exactly what caused it.

The facade of the building, which hulks over the Ile de la Cite island in the middle of the Seine river, held, but the damage has required years of work to stabilize and restore the edifice. About 500 workers have been racing to do so.

The official leading the project said in April that the project had cost 550 million euros (\$580.36 million), funded in part by massive donations, including by luxury sector billionaires Francois Henri Pinault and the Arnault family. The cathedral has received so much funding that there will be money left over for further investment in the building.

French President Emmanuel Macron will attend multiple events around the reopening, including its inaugural Mass.

Nearly 40,000 pilgrims and 8,000 scholars have already registered for pilgrimage services at the cathedral, with

November 22, 2024

plans for 14-15 million visitors a year, spokespeople for the cathedral said.

French culture minister Rachida Dati has suggested charging a small fee to see the cathedral to help finance the maintenance of other churches and cathedrals, but for now visiting Notre-Dame cathedral remains free to the public.

Clergy and ministry



Thanksgiving for Derick Wilson of the Corrymeela Community

**The Community
writes - We will be
gathering at the
Corrymeela Centre in**

**Ballycastle on Sunday 24th November at 3.30pm to give
thanks for the life of Derick Wilson.**

We hope many will be able to join us, but space will be limited.

For those who cannot be with us in person, a livestream of the event will be shared on our youtube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/@CorryCentre/streams>

November 22, 2024

For those wanting to gain a sense of why Derick was so integral to Corrymeela's life and practice -- a good place to start is with this address from five years back.

<https://www.corrymeela.org/news/162/reconciliation-and-the-intimacy-of>

Preparing for team work in South Sudan

CMS Ireland - A team of three from St John's Parish Moira are heading out to Ibba, S. Sudan early January 2025 to spend time working alongside Bishop Wilson and his Diocesan staff team.

Linda and Gillian spent a few hours carrying out orientation and planning.

Later the team from Portglenone/Ahoghill who visited Ibba in the summer, joined them for lunch and sharing their experiences.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Prayers for Holywood

Prayers for Holywood is an opportunity to gather with friends from Holywood churches and share in praying for our community.



It is the pleasure of St Philip and St James to host the gathering each November. This month's event will take place in the parish centre, Church Road on Monday 25th November at 8.00pm and will last approximately an hour. Photo Credit: Nick Kane on Unsplash

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

Church News Ireland

The publication of Church News Ireland is overseen by Very Rev Dr Houston McKelvey OBE, QVRM, TD. He may be contacted at houstonmckelvey@mac.com

Church News Ireland

www.churchnewsireland.org

Posted early Monday to Saturday

Please share