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Post Box toppers now have gained a wider circle of influence. Hopefully they will advance the charitable donations to the annual Poppy appeal by the RBL.



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The Parish posted - Harvest is not only about saying thank you for what we received but also about giving and sharing.

“At our recent Children's Harvest Service in Derryvullen North, we remembered the money we had raised over the summer through the Harvest Praise event organised by Florence and the Choir. A total of £2000.00 was raised,

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divided equally between the Air Ambulance NI and CMS (for Rev Andrew & Joanne Quill).

“We were joined at our harvest service by Damien, the Air Ambulance funding lead. He was presented with a cheque and spoke about the work of the charity. There is some



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information here about that work and how we can further support them”.

Here is a thought from Air Ambulance: Have you started your Christmas Shopping yet?

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Did you know you can support Air Ambulance NI at no extra cost to you by signing up to the UK's biggest charity shopping site? **EasyFundraising** will donate a percentage of what you spend to our charity.

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Rathmichael's fantastic Pumpkin Trail

“Wow, what an incredible afternoon we had at Rathmichael Church for our Pumpkin Trail today! We were



thrilled to see so many new and familiar faces coming together to celebrate the harvest season”.

The Church was buzzing with excitement and joy, and

it truly felt like a celebration of community spirit. A huge thank you to everyone who joined us, making it an unforgettable afternoon filled with fun, exploration, and new memories. Your presence and





participation mean the world to us, and we can't wait to host more wonderful events with you all in the future.

Retirement of Principal of Killaghtee N.S.

Best wishes were expressed to Ms. Nuala Dudley on her retirement after many years of service as Principal in Killaghtee N.S.



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The wider Killaghtee National School community gathered in St. Peter's Church of Ireland to mark the retirement of their Principal and colleague Ms. Nuala Dudley.

“We hope retirement is as kind to Ms. Dudley as she was to all of us. We wish her all the happiness and fulfilment that this new chapter brings”.



Castleknock group helped build new home for a family living in poverty in Cambodia

The Revd Colin McConaghie, Rector of the Parish of Castleknock and Mulhuddart with Clonsilla, reflects in



Dublin & Glendalough diocesan web site on the recent parish mission trip to Cambodia.

Fourteen members of the parish travelled to Cambodia to help build a new home for a family living in poverty. Working alongside builders from Habitat for Humanity in Cambodia, their mission was a partnership between Habitat, the parish and the family in Phnom Penh. The parishioners and Habitat were working with Sreymao, a 43 year old factoryworker, in Trapang Anhchanh 4 village in Porsenchey District, Phnom Penh. Habitat for Humanity Ireland.

You can read Rev Colin's reflection on the website here: <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/10/18/from-castleknock-to-cambodia-reflections>



You could travel to support Habitat's work in Kenya, Cambodia or Romania in 2025. Learn more and sign up here: www.habitatireland.org/gv

Letterkenny University Hospital's Harvest Thanksgiving

The Church of Ireland Chaplain at Letterkenny University Hospital, Rev Sean McClafferty, was among



clergy who led a service of Harvest Thanksgiving in LUH's Psychiatry Department.

He was joined by Ms Fiona Noonan - a member of staff in the Department - and the Presbyterian Chaplain, Rev Craig Wilson. There were contributions from staff members and

patients who delivered both bible readings. Rev Wilson read Psalm 67 and Rev McClafferty spoke on 1st Thessalonians and the importance of true thankfulness.



After the service, there were refreshments for everyone who attended and a time of fellowship was enjoyed by all.

‘United in our common faith’ – Athy Union celebrates twinning with Kondoa in Tanzania

Last weekend saw the beginning of a new partnership between the Athy Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Glendalough and the Diocese of Kondoa in Tanzania. Bishop Given Gaula and the Revd Conor O’Reilly formally inaugurated their new twinning relationship on Sunday (October 20) following an African Gospel Evening in St Michael’s Church, Athy, on Saturday.

The Gospel Evening brought participants on a cultural journey of discovery of some aspects of African Christian spirituality through songs and short stories. The evening was a wonderful spirit-filled occasion, the Rector said, adding that it was greatly enhanced by the Bishop of Kondoa who addressed the audience at the end.

The following morning Bishop Gaula preached a thought provoking sermon in which he spoke about his experience of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ to those in his diocese who had not heard it before. The Church in his dioceses is experiencing rapid growth. The Revd Conor O’Reilly stated that “this was greatly encouraging to hear, and is a reminder to us here in an Irish context not to be overly-myopic in assuming that the Christian faith is in



overall decline.”The Revd Conor O'Reilly and Bishop Given Gayla.

After the formal inauguration of their twinned relationship, Revd Conor stated, “I greatly look forward to developing this relationship and to making a pastoral visit to Tanzania in the near future as part of this new relationship.

I was grateful to be formally invited to visit by Bishop Gaula today. May God bless this new venture and may the Holy Spirit guide us as we forge a mutually beneficial relationship between us”.

Archbishop Michael Jackson sent greetings to the parish and welcomed Bishop Gaula to Dublin and Glendalough. “Bishop Gaula is in Athy to mark and to celebrate a parish partnership with three parishes in his own diocese. I am very proud of Athy, Kilberry, Kilkea and Fontstown for enabling this link. It has all the potential to develop



The Gospel Choir in action in St Michael's Church.

understanding within the Anglican Communion and to bring closer together children of God who will meet in circumstances never before possible,”

He said. “My prayers and my good wishes are with you all on this day when you inaugurate this partnership. May you be blessed in it and in the fruitful friendships that it will bring about in safety and in peace.”

Revd Conor thanked all who helped organise the weekend including Serge Adido who organised the Gospel Evening, the gospel choir and Oli who looked after the audio–visual presentation. He thanked all who attended and gave so generously to the parish fundraiser.

“It is wonderful that we have such a diverse congregation in Athy, and this is something we should celebrate and be thankful for. While culturally different,

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we are united in our common faith in Jesus Christ who is the Way, Truth and the Life,” he said.

The Gospel Choir in action in St Michael's Church.

Cathedral Calls



New neighbouring bishop

On Friday Archbishop Stephen Cotterell of York visited the Isle of Man.

During a service of Evensong at Peel Cathedral, he gave the charge to The Rt Revd Patricia Hillas as the new Bishop of Sodor and Man.

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Pray for Bishop Tricia and for God's church on the Isle of Man.

Archbishop Stephen pictured with Bishop Patricia and Nigel Godfrey, the Dean of Peel.

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Have you ever wanted to play Church bells? Well now you can!

St Anne's Church in Shandon is one of the only Churches in the world that let you ring their bells unaccompanied. The Shandon bells have had poems and songs written about them and are the soundtrack of the city.

St. Anne's Church is one of the oldest operational churches in Cork City, hosting regular weekly services. The church and its tower provide a captivating experience that combines the beauty of historic architecture with the enchantment of stained glass windows and ancient texts.

From the top of the Bell Tower, the view is breathtaking. Ascending the winding staircase is not just a physical challenge but a journey through the layers of time, leading to a rewarding panorama of Cork City spread out below. This vantage point offers one of the best opportunities for photography enthusiasts and history buffs alike.



The highlight for many is the chance to engage with the Shandon Bells. This hands-on experience includes a detailed demonstration of the bells' historical and musical significance, allowing visitors to actually ring the bells themselves, creating a resonant connection with Cork's rich heritage.

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Two compositions worth a search on You Tube -

Bible Songs and Six Hymns, Op. 113: No. 4a, A Song of Peace, "There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse" (Tenor, Organ) · John Mark Ainsley/Stephen Cleobury

Also -

British Composers - Elgar, Stanford & Parry

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Tenor Vocals: John Mark Ainsley

Organ: Stephen Cleobury

Composer: Charles Villiers Stanford

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