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Image of the day – Canterbury knights

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Canterbury knights

Oh what a knight at Canterbury

Canterbury Cathedral invited people to Lego Brick masterclasses to help create an army of Lego brick knights. They did. The cathedral had a massive display of knights

St Edmundsbury has its own Lego cathedral...

Chester Cathedral has a fund whereby for every 1.00 pound contributed a brick is added to the cathedral's education

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trust fund to continue fantastic work with schools across Cheshire and beyond.

Closer to home St Mark's Dundela are having a two day Lego event -



LEGO Exhibition

SATURDAY 4TH NOV 2023:

10AM - 5PM

SUNDAY 5TH NOV 2023

11.30AM - 4PM



Entrance by donation

Proceeds to parish *New Spring* initiative

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People and places



North Belfast Youth Choir in dreamland

The North Belfast Youth Choir were in dreamland on Tuesday evening after their performance in the Mansion House London when they met the acclaimed, Oscar nominated local actor, Ciaran Hinds who came back stage.

Ciaran's lovely words of praise and encouragement were greatly appreciated. Here he is pictured with the choir, choral director Dónal Doherty and music teachers.

Irish Language initiatives

Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise has announced that Canon David Oxley will celebrate An Chomaoineach Naofa/Service of Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel

**MOSSLEY PARISH
CHURCH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
NEWTOWNABBEY**

Christmas

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SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER
10AM - 1PM

Various Stalls - Handmade Goods - Baked Goods
Gifts- Tombola - Gift Hampers
Festive Tea Room - Free Kids Activities
Entry : Adults £1 (Includes Raffle Entry) - Kids FREE

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£2.50
Includes A Present

**EVENT ADDRESS: 60 Manse Road, Newtownabbey
BT36 6XR**

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of St Patrick's cathedral every first Saturday of the month, beginning on Saturday, 4 November 2023, at 11.05 am.

To have a regular Service in Irish, in St Patrick's cathedral, is a great benefit to all the people of Dublin and surrounding areas, who wish to worship in Irish. The Cumann is grateful to Dean William Morton for his support and enthusiasm, and to Canon Oxley for his generous commitment. Le fíorbhuíochas don mbeirt acu.

WEDNESDAY 01/11 2023

RUTH MCGINLEY

Transience | Intimate Moments at the Piano

Location: Christ Church (Derry-Londonderry)
Time: 13:10
Ticket price: Free

@ccderry.concert.series

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The Cumann has also announced the availability of the new edition of An Chomaoineach Naofa/Holy Communion bilingual book, which has been out of print for some time. This new edition has been typeset by the Revd Alan Ruffli and amended to bring it in line with the conditions of the



Gavin Taylor, an Irish Methodist Mission Associate, is serving with EMI in Uganda. He has shared a number of updates since moving to Uganda, you can read them on the World Mission Partnership news page: irishmethodist.org/world-mission-news

Liturgical Advisory Committee. The Patron, of the Cumann, the Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, has written an introduction to the book, and he received first copies of the new edition at the Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe Clergy Conference. It retails at €20 a copy, including postage. Orders can be placed with Dr Rita Kelly (gaeleaglais22@gmail.com). There is a generous discount on multiple numbers in an order.

Newsbriefs

Moving to Exeter

Rev Linda Cronin, rector of Glenavy Parish in Connor diocese, is moving to a new position in the Diocese of Exeter.

Linda's appointment was announced on Sunday October 29 by the Rt Rev Jackie Searle, Acting Bishop of Exeter, Patrons and Representatives of the Benefice of Dawlish with Holcombe, Cofton and Starcross, known as the Dawlish Coast Mission Community.

Linda will take up the role of team rector. She has been rector of Glenavy since February 2020.

Limerick Cathedral Community Awards

The Dean of Limerick, the Very Revd Niall J. Sloane, has announced the 2023 Cathedral Community Awards

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Scheme. The Awards Scheme, which was established in 2018, hopes to highlight the ‘unsung heroes’ of Limerick and will awarded in February 2024. Nomination forms are available from the Cathedral Office until the closing date of 30 November 2023.

Renewing links with Hong Kong and DUFEM

The Revd Canon Maurice Elliott and Dr Kerry Houston have visited Hong Kong to attend celebrations to mark the 180th Anniversary of the Foundation of Sheng Kung Hui (Holy Catholic Church) in Hong Kong) and the 25th Anniversary of the Inauguration of the Province of HKSKH in the Anglican Communion. Dublin University Far Eastern University Mission has been supporting educational exchange programmes between Hong Kong and Ireland and is re-establishing links after the Covid pandemic.

Archbishop at Rotunda

On Friday evening the Archbishop of Dublin will attend the Bartholomew Mosse Memorial Lecture and Charter Day Dinner at The Rotunda Hospital.

Dublin and Glendalough launch Diocese of Jerusalem Appeal

“The deepening situation of distress and disintegration of human life and of human dignity in Israel and Gaza deserves our response” – Archbishop of Dublin



The United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough have launched an appeal to support the Diocese of Jerusalem in its efforts to deal with the impact of the current war. The Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem is home to about 7,000 Anglicans. It is also responsible for more than 30 institutions, including hospitals, schools, clinics and rehabilitation centres which welcome all people regardless of their faith or background. These include Al–Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza.

The United Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough began supporting Al–Ahli Hospital in 2014 when the people of the diocese raised over €120,000 during Advent to fund the installation of solar panels and the upgrading of on–call facilities for staff. The relationship between the two dioceses has deepened since 2016 when a formal link was established which has seen pilgrimages and joint clergy

retreats taking place. The link has been coordinated by the Dublin and Glendalough Council for Mission.

Commenting on the appeal, Archbishop Michael Jackson said: “For almost three weeks now we have watched in horror as war has raged in the Holy Land once again resulting in the deaths of thousands of innocent people both in Israel and in Gaza. Violence has also spread to other areas.

“But while the world has been watching, our partners in the Diocese of Jerusalem have been continuing their ministry of Christian outreach. The Anglican diocese, through its many institutions, both medical and educational, serves people from all faith backgrounds.”

Chairman of the Council for Mission, the Revd Rob Clements has urged people in parishes throughout the dioceses to support the appeal. “In recent years we have developed a close friendship with the Diocese of Jerusalem. It is right that we stand alongside them at this terrible time. We cannot shy away from acting. Alongside your prayer and advocacy, this appeal is a concrete way in which we can respond to those affected by the conflict in Gaza,” he stated.

An explosion at Al–Ahli Arab Hospital in Gaza city on Tuesday October 17, killed and wounded hundreds of people who had sought safety in the grounds. Despite damage to the building, the hospital staff are determined to continue their work treating the ill and the injured in very difficult conditions, not to mention the threat to their own lives.

Other diocesan institutions such as the Princess Basma Centre on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem provide vital outreach and services. The Princess Basma Centre is an inclusive school and rehabilitation centre for children with disabilities, many of whom travel from Gaza. It had been due to open a new centre in Al–Ahli Hospital next month. This centre will be a crucial support for the newly maimed children in need of physical therapy but also for psychological support for the children of Gaza who will suffer from post traumatic stress disorder.

The funds raised by Dublin and Glendalough will go to support the Diocese of Jerusalem and its institutions in dealing with the fall out of the conflict in whatever way is needed.

Tributes to Maud Kells OBE

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), Right Reverend Dr Sam Mawhinney, has said that he was saddened to hear the news of the death of the former missionary Maud Kells, who died last week (26 October) after a short illness at the age of 84.

Miss Kells, who was from Cookstown, attended Molesworth Presbyterian Church in the town and as a young woman trained as a nurse in Belfast before beginning a life long association with the people of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Going against the wishes of her family, following a clear call from God to go, in 1968 she began to train nurses in different hospitals and health centres in the central African county. Later on, she became a missionary



with WEC International, the international mission agency, Worldwide Evangelisation for Christ.

For nearly 50 years she worked tirelessly and relatively unknown, outside of WEC and her congregation, until 2015. It was in the January of that year she came to national prominence after being shot one night by bandits in the village of

Mulita, in the north east of the country. At the time she was 75.

Speaking about her, Dr Mawhinney said, “I was saddened to hear of the death of Maud Kells and would like to offer my condolences to her family and friends, both here in Ireland and the DRC, where she served God so faithfully and for so long. She was certainly part of a great generation of Christian women who demonstrated their love for Christ as they helped and supported others in need overseas.”

As a young doctor in the 1990s, before he began his studies to become a minister, Dr Mawhinney also spent time working in Africa, only to the east of the DRC in Kenya.

“While I did not know Maud personally, her reputation definitely preceded her, especially the way in which she spoke of the events of that night – even going back when she was well enough.

“While my time as a missionary doctor in a hospital outside Nairobi was relatively short, it was an experience that I will never forget. In paying tribute to Maud today, and her selfless and tireless gospel-inspired work, having followed so faithfully the call from God over so many years, I also want to commend all those who are called by God to His service overseas, especially our own Global Mission Workers in PCI.

“The Apostle Paul tells us in his Letter to the Ephesians, ‘For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them’ (Ephesians 2:10). Maud was a humble and true example of that,” Dr Mawhinney said.

Prior to the attempt on her life, in the New Year’s Honours List of 2015, she was appointed an Officer of the British Empire (OBE) for ‘services to people in the Democratic Republic of Congo’ by the late Queen. That same year, she was named Belfast Telegraph ‘Women of the Year.’ Having won the overall title, she was also named ‘Inspiring Woman of the Year’. In 2019 she published her autobiography ‘An open door – A true story of courage in Congo.’



Grant Robinson paid this tribute to Miss Kells -

As a "son" of Moneymore, I can remember Maud Kells being invited into Moneymore Primary School possibly 35 years ago to talk to us about her work as a Missionary in the Dominican Republic of Congo.

Fast forward 20 odd years and I saw first hand a brief glimpse of what life was like for Maud a couple of miles over the border in Zambia. I travelled to the border check point of the Congo with friends, once during these three trips and to be honest once was more than enough.

Guarded with armed guards with automatic rifles and machine guns, we didn't hang around too long but it was more than that. It was eery, and for me had a very dark heavy feeling about it. The feeling amongst local Zambian

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people was that the Congo was deeply Satanic and that particular day I honestly thought I could feel and touch it.

Maud was invited to speak to us in Muckamore Presbyterian Church a number of years ago and what a story she provided. Even returning to her beloved DRC after being shot at the age of 75 in 2015. Just a few months later came the announcement of Maud being awarded the O.B.E. for her incredible Missionary work for WEC International and while I'm sure she felt it such an honour to receive her special award from Her Majesty the Queen today she is receiving her most important award from the King of Kings.

Well done thy Good and Faithful Servant.

In the media



Vatican News - 'Church must listen to everyone'

"Everyone has to feel that this Synod is for them and it's about them and it's a hope for them" Bishop Brendan Leahy

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reflects on the task ahead as Synod 2023 concludes in Rome



BBC - The Troubles

Memorial for RUC officer killed in Republic of Ireland



Church Times - Cancel the “unsustainable debt burdens”

Church leaders in the UK have supported demands that the Government cancel the “unsustainable debt burdens” on low-income countries in Africa to prevent more communities’ falling into poverty

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UN Watch - Moral Catastrophe

The U.N. failed to condemn Hamas after vote fell short of the two-thirds majority required.

UN General Assembly ADOPTS resolution on “protection of civilians and upholding legal and humanitarian obligations” on the ongoing Gaza crisis. FOR: 120. AGAINST: 14. ABSTAIN: 45.

Michael Kelly - By my count, Ireland was one of only nine EU states that backed this motion. Two thirds of EU member states either voted ‘no’ or abstained.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

2023 Jonathan Swift Festival

You are invited by St Patrick's Cathedral community to join them for the 2023 Jonathan Swift Festival at Saint Patrick's Cathedral between 25th-30th November.

They comment, "Dive into the captivating world of words and music and immerse yourself in a literary journey celebrating the legacy of the legendary Jonathan Swift, the mastermind behind Gulliver's Travels and a treasure trove of timeless tales!

"Highlights include tours, story reading and choral music performances. Plan your Swift experience today".

The Jonathan Swift Festival promises a captivating celebration of literature, wit, and culture inspired by the renowned Irish author. Expect a diverse range of activities and experiences that such as thought-provoking discussions, lively debates, captivating performances and immersive tours. The festival will offer opportunities to explore Swift's multifaceted legacy, engage with contemporary interpretations of his work, and enjoy various forms of entertainment that pay homage to his enduring influence. Stay tuned for the exciting details as the festival's program takes shape, promising something for everyone who appreciates the enduring brilliance of Jonathan Swift.

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[<https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/event/jonathan-swift-festival/>]

Children's ministry - Keep creating windows

<https://www.facebook.com/churchofirelandchildrensministry>

<https://cfm.ireland.anglican.org/autumn-newsletter-2023/>

Union Theological College BA (Hons) Theology Open Days

“Registration is now open for our BA (Hons) Theology Open Days”.

The first Open Evening will be on Thursday 23rd November 2023, from 5.00-7.00pm.

Register your attendance by emailing admin@union.ac.uk.

Poem for today

Lines Written in Kensington Gardens by Matthew Arnold

In this lone, open glade I lie,
Screen'd by deep boughs on either hand;
And at its end, to stay the eye,
Those black-crown'd, red-boled pine-trees stand!

Birds here make song, each bird has his,



Across the girdling city's hum.
How green under the boughs it is!
How thick the tremulous sheep-cries come!

Sometimes a child will cross the glade
To take his nurse his broken toy;
Sometimes a thrush flit overhead
Deep in her unknown day's employ.

Here at my feet what wonders pass,
What endless, active life is here!
What blowing daisies, fragrant grass!
An air-stirr'd forest, fresh and clear.

Scarce fresher is the mountain-sod
Where the tired angler lies, stretch'd out,
And, eased of basket and of rod,
Counts his day's spoil, the spotted trout.

In the huge world, which roars hard by,

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Be others happy if they can!
But in my helpless cradle I
Was breathed on by the rural Pan.

I, on men's impious uproar hurl'd,
Think often, as I hear them rave,
That peace has left the upper world
And now keeps only in the grave.

Yet here is peace for ever new!
When I who watch them am away,
Still all things in this glade go through
The changes of their quiet day.

Then to their happy rest they pass!
The flowers upclose, the birds are fed,
The night comes down upon the grass,
The child sleeps warmly in his bed.

Calm soul of all things! make it mine
To feel, amid the city's jar,
That there abides a peace of thine,
Man did not make, and cannot mar.

The will to neither strive nor cry,
The power to feel with others give!
Calm, calm me more! nor let me die
Before I have begun to live.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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