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Last Saturday , the Brigid's Worlds Conference came to Brigid's home!

Kildare churches and community were delighted to welcome so



many renowned, global Brigidine scholars to her ancient ecclesiastical site.

The tour was led by Mario Corrigan and the team in the Kildare Town Heritage Centre. It took place at the culmination of the Brigid's Worlds conference, which formed part of the Brigid 1500 celebrations.

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The Great Glengormley Get-Together

Carnmoney Parish was one of the churches staffing a stall at the Great Glengormley Get-Together in Lillian Bland Park at which different groups and businesses in



the community advertised their services to members of the public.

Children's Liturgy re-starts with making own cross

Children's Liturgy re-started at the 12 noon Mass at St John's Church on the Falls Road.

The children did a great job making their own crosses while reflecting on Jesus' words from the Sunday Gospel - If you want to be a follower of mine, renounce yourself and take up your cross.

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Big Hymn Sing by Mothers' Union Dublin & Glendalough

Members of Mothers' Union Dublin & Glendalough branches from all over Dublin and Glendalough filled St

Maelruains, Tallaght Parish - Church of Ireland with joyful singing for their Diocesan Festival Service on Sunday September 15.





The annual service took the form of a 'Big Hymn Sing' to raise funds for Mums in May. Mums in May is a Mothers' Union All Ireland grant scheme which helps fund new and



ongoing diocesan projects. Every three years there is a major fundraising drive for the scheme.

The service featured 12 hymns which were chosen and introduced by different branches around the dioceses. Each had special meaning to those who chose it and all were sung with great energy accompanied by the organist of St Maelruain's. You can more about it on website at : <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/09/16/dg-mothers-union-start-new>

Drumnavaddy Centenary Mass of Thanksgiving

Archbishop Eamon Martin was pictured outside Drumnavaddy Church in Down diocese, surrounded by the congregation who attended the Centenary Mass of

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Thanksgiving on Sunday, August 18.

Drumnavaddy
Church
sacristan, Mrs
Rosaleen
Johnston
helped
Archbishop
Martin cut the
Centenary
cake with Fr
Andrew
McMahon PP.



Council grant enables major work at St Nicholas Collegiate Church, Galway

**The scaffolding is beginning to come down in the South
Transept.**

The exposed stone has transformed the space. Come see
for yourself.

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Interior and exterior works are nearing completion and we can't wait to reveal what's behind the scaffolding.

“Thanks to a very generous grant from the Community Monuments Fund we are able to ensure our historic building is ready for another 700 years.

“We are able to undertake these works thanks to a grant from the Community Monuments Fund @galwaycitycouncil”

Cathedral Calls



Annual Organ Scholarship Awards Service in Belfast



On Sunday afternoon in Belfast Cathedral a Choral Evensong included celebration of the talented scholars from the Dioceses of Down & Dromore and Connor Organ Scholarship Programme.

This annual Organ Scholarship Awards presentation acknowledges those who are starting, those who have completed the programme and those in progress.

The cathedral choir and music department promised they too were pulling out all the stops for this service of Evensong.

Congratulations were conveyed to those who successfully completed the scheme and who were tutored by St



Codetta said they had a wonderful evening in St Anne's Cathedral celebrating 100 years of BBC broadcasting in Northern Ireland with Ulster Orchestra.

Columba's Knock Parish Organist and Choral Director, Dr. Joe McKee.

Prayerful good wishes were made to all those who have just commenced their studies and those continuing their studies.

Among those receiving their Organ Scholarship award was Clare Kelly who is the assistant organist at St Patrick's Church, Jordanstown.

Clergy and ministry



Irish bishop addresses Eucharistic Congress of Catholic Bishops of England and Wales

Bishop Alan McGuckian of Down and Connor spent the weekend in Birmingham attending Adoremus, the Eucharistic Congress for the Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

Bishop Alan gave the keynote address speaking to over 1,000 people from each of the dioceses.

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Bishop Alan commented it was both a joy and privilege to attend and give the keynote address. (Images from CBCEW.)



New Assistant Secretary in the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton, has announced the appointment of a new Assistant Secretary in the Diocese.

Dr Chris Ashley, has been appointed as Assistant Secretary and he will also have responsibility for Safeguarding and Education Administration.

Chris said: “I am very pleased to join the team at St Nicholas House supporting the ministry and mission of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross”.



Prior to moving to Cork in early 2024, Chris served as Administrative Chaplain at New York-Presbyterian Hospital in Manhattan. In addition to his work for the diocese, Chris has begun training in Supervisory Clinical Pastoral Education with the Rev. Dr. Daniel Nuzum at Cork University Hospital.

Chris holds a PhD in Systematic Theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York, an MDiv from Harvard Divinity School, and a BA in Literature from Yale University.

A Chicago native, Chris lives in Glounthaune with his spouse, the Rev. Elise Hanley, Rector of Cobh & Glanmire; their two miniature Schnauzers; and four cats. He enjoys choral singing, aikido, and endurance sports.

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Small group meetings of Wexford Presbyterian Church Plant

The folk at WPCP posted - Are you looking for something different? Something to do and somewhere to go once a week.

Starting on the 26th of September at 7:30pm, we are starting a series of small group meetings in Wexford town.

A chance to meet up with other people, enjoy some tea and coffee and some nice food. An opportunity to ask questions, pray and learn from God's Word.

You won't be asked to do anything and you don't have to bring anything.

If you would like to attend, just message the Wexford Presbyterian Church Plant page on Facebook and we'll give you all the details and answer any questions you may have.

Derry Diocesan Ministry of Healing services

The Derry Diocesan Ministry of Healing has two upcoming services of healing that parishioners may be interested in attending:

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29th September 6pm Christ Church, Castledawson
20th October 3pm St. Canice's, Eglinton

For further information please contact Revd Paul Lyons of Macosquin Parish.



‘The Art of Giving’, Diocese of Manchester

This week, Bishop Matthew held the launch for his new book, ‘The Art of Giving’, at Bolton Parish Church.

He also preached on the topic of giving at St Peter's Halliwell, sharing his own experiences as a Christian leader and biblical stories of the Church of Antioch which faced their own cost of living crisis yet continued to give.

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Watch the sermon back at the link below (starting from 12:30) 📌

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t4ZdVO6AMw>

Perspective

Words in season by John Wesley

Throughout his entire life in the 18th century uttered forth memorable remarks. Here are some examples.

1. Be ye ready to distribute to every one, according to his necessity. (Sermon 28: Eighth Discourse on the Sermon on the Mount, 1747)

2. Wickedly, devilishly false is that common objection, 'They are poor only because they are idle.... Find them work.... They will then earn and eat their own bread.'
(First sentence: 8 Feb 1753 Journal; second sentence is from Thoughts on the Present Scarcity of Provisions 1773)

3. How many are there in this Christian country that toil, and labour, and sweat... but struggle with weariness and hunger together? Is it not worse for one, after a hard days labour, to come back to a poor, cold, dirty, uncomfortable lodging, and to find there not even the food which is needful to repair his wasted strength?
(Sermon 47: Heaviness Through Temptation 1754/1760)

4. Beware of that common, but accursed, way of making children parrots Regard not how much, but how well, to what good purpose, they read.... The end of education....[is

to] help us discover every false judgement of our minds, and to subdue every wrong passion in our hearts... [and] to understand as much as we are able .’

(Lessons for Children 1746)

5. ‘Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as you ever can.’

(Attributed to Wesley but source unknown. Possibly written after his death as a summary of his teaching).

6. Though we cannot think alike, may we not love alike? May we not be of one heart, though we are not of one opinion?

(Sermon 39: On a Catholic Spirit 1749/50)

7. May not women as well as men bear an honourable part.....yield not to the vile bondage any longer. You, as well as men, are rational creatures. You, like them, were made in the image of God.’

(Sermon 98: On Visiting the Sick 1786)

8. In seeking happiness from riches, you are only striving to drink out of empty cups. And let them be painted and gilded ever so finely, they are empty still’

(Sermon 126: Danger of Increasing Riches 1790)

9. Let none serve you but by his own act and deed, by his own voluntary action. Away with all whips, all chains, all compulsion!.... Do with everyone else as you would he should do to you..

(Thoughts on Slavery 1774)

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10. War: What farther proof of do we need of the utter degeneracy of all nations from the plainest principles of reason and virtue? Of the absolute want, both of common sense and common humanity, which runs through the whole race of mankind?

(The Doctrine of Original Sin according to Scripture, Reason and Experience 1757)

11.I look upon the whole world as my parish
(Letter written to John Clayton March 1739)

12.Lead us beyond an exclusive concern for the well-being of other human beings to the broader concern for the well-being of the birds in our backyards, the fish in our rivers, and every living creature on the face of the earth.

(Sermon 60: The General Deliverance 1781)

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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