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St Jude's Parish Church, Belfast - "The way to stay cool after school! We're here on Wednesdays 3:30-4:30pm whatever the weather! Join us down on the road for a chat and chill."

## People and places

### Welcome for Indian cleric highlights link between Church of Ireland and Church of South India

**This Sunday there will be a Service of Welcome to Revd. Jenu John, who has been deputed by Right Revd Dr Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian to serve as the first full-time Vicar of Holy Trinity CSI (Church of South India) Congregation Dublin, which is in full-communion with the Church of Ireland.**

In the presence of the Church of Ireland officials, clergy and the CSI Congregation, The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson (Archbishop of Dublin & Bishop of Glendalough, Primate of Ireland and Metropolitan, Church of Ireland) will lead this service, share the Word of God and celebrate the Holy Communion. It will mark the inexorable fellowship between Church of Ireland and Church of South India.



**DIOCESE OF DUBLIN AND GLENDALOUGH &  
HOLY TRINITY CSI CONGREGATION  
DUBLIN, IRELAND**



**SERVICE OF  
WELCOME  
To Rev. JENU JOHN**

(Vicar, Holy Trinity CSI Congregation Dublin)



*Word of God and  
Holy Communion will be  
celebrated by the Arch Bishop  
Most Rev. Dr. MICHAEL JACKSON*

*We cordially invite your prayers &  
presence on this occasion*

*Sunday **18** June 2023 at **3.00 p.m***

*St. Catherines and St. James Church,  
248 S.Circular RD, Donore Avenue, Dublin 8*

*All Are Welcome*

The service commences at 3.00 pm on Sunday 18th June and those attending are requested to kindly arrive by 2:30 pm. All are welcome. Church address: St. Catherine & St. James Church of Ireland, Donore Avenue (248 South Circular Road), Dublin 8.

## Young people and mental health - Seminar in Cork, Cloyne and Ross

On Saturday, 10th June 2023, the third seminar of the Diocesan MindMatters programme was held at the Carraig Centre in Ballincollig, Carrigrohane Union of Parishes.

Steve Grasham Youth Ministry Development Officer (Southern Region) from the Church of Ireland Youth Department spoke on the subject of mental health in young



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people, highlighting a number of different subtopic throughout the seminar. It was an interactive seminar and attendants were invited to ask questions on various topics throughout the talk.

## Coleraine Grammar School musicians fundraise for motor neurone disease support group



Mr Stephen Thompson, representing the MND Association (NI Branch), accepted a cheque for £1250 from some Coleraine Grammar School musicians. The money was raised during the two nights of the Spring Concert at the end of March.

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“Sincere thanks to all of the parents and friends who attended the concert and, in doing so, supported the ongoing work of the MNDA in Northern Ireland”.

MND is the short term for motor neurone disease, which affects the nerves known as motor neurones. These nerves are found in the brain and spinal cord and they help tell your muscles what to do.

## **Sandcastles, sunshine and a great Ballyholme community event**

**Love Ballyholme ran their second annual Sandcastle Competition on Saturday 10 June on Ballyholme Beach. Bishop David McClay was one of the judges with the difficult task of choosing an overall winner.**

“Glorious sunshine in the week running up to the day meant it was even more popular than last year with 50 families pre-booked,” said Revd Jan Stevenson, Community Pastor in Ballyholme Parish Church.

The serious business of building began at 11.00am with each family given up to an hour to complete their masterpiece before the judging panel arrived.

“Our “everyone’s a winner policy” meant every child received a small trophy and a certificate, however one overall winner had to be chosen and they received the prize of “A Family Pizza Night In” donated by the Galley Restaurant.



“We’re so grateful to everyone who volunteered to ensure the event was well run and we left the beach cleaner than we found it. The Bangor Ukes, a local ukulele band also played for us which just added to the festival atmosphere.”

Love Ballyholme is a community group which seeks to bring together local residents, churches, businesses and schools. The group was started during lockdown.



## 21 different languages in Clonmel Parochial School

Rt Rev Adrian Wilkinson, Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory posted recently -



“I spent this morning at St Mary’s Parochial School in Clonmel. There I saw a drama and was welcomed in 21 different languages by the pupils. I also thanked the retiring principal Ms Wallace for all she has done over the years for this wonderful and diverse school community based in an historic building.”

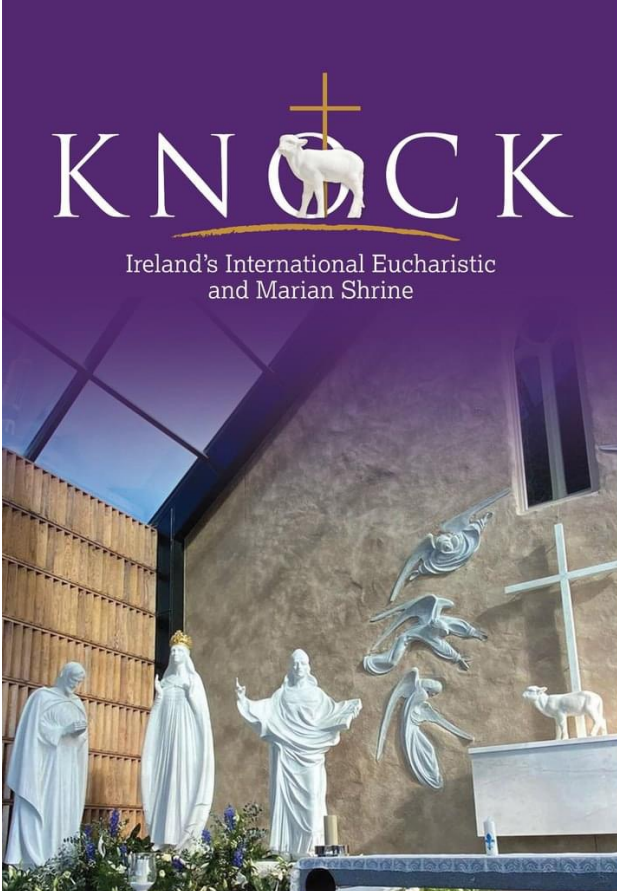
## **New Pioneer Evangelist in Carrigrohane Union**

Sarah Louise Hockey was commissioned as a Pioneer Evangelist in Carrigrohane Union of Parishes by the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Dr Paul Colton on Sunday, June 4

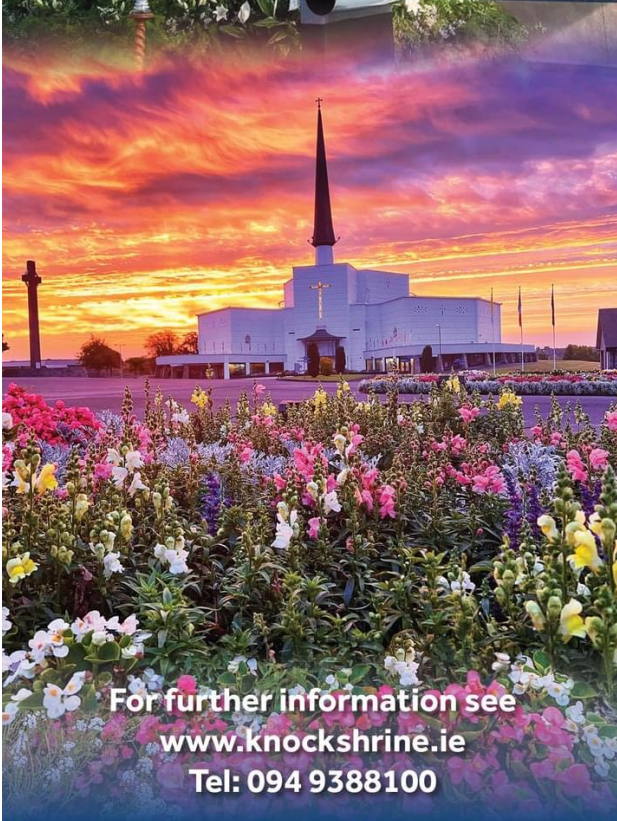


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Sarah Louise commented: "I am very honoured and excited to be in this position as Pioneer Evangelist and Youth



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# Grandparents Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday  
July 23rd, 2023



## Schedule of Ceremonies

- 2.00pm: **Rosary**
- 2.30pm: **Anointing of the Sick at Knock Basilica**
- 3.00pm: **Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica followed by Benediction & Rosary Procession**

## Explore Knock Shrine:

- **Exposition in Blessed Sacrament Chapel**
- **Self-Guided Audio Tours available**
- **Guided Prayer Sessions in the Prayer Centre**
- **100 acres of landscaped gardens to explore**
- **Resources to enrich and inspire at Knock Bookshop**

## Highlights include:

- VISIT THE APPARITION CHAPEL**
- SEE THE APPARITION MOSAIC**
- VISIT KNOCK MUSEUM (Admission Free)**

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Worker here at the Cork Centre of Mission in Carrigrohane Union, building on the existing youth ministry and also exploring more ways to be increasingly missionally focused. This partnership with Church Army has opened up such a beautiful opportunity to create deeper connections with those in our community- especially those on the margins.

“One such group includes many young people in the local area who have very few places they can go to simply hang out without being perceived as a nuisance and told to move on. We hope to be able to create spaces where young people know they are welcome and belong (a message they often don’t hear!) and can come and experience God’s love for themselves.

“I’ve been particularly struck by the passion, thoughtfulness, and heart for justice many of the young people we’ve already encountered display. In light of Church Army’s vision statement; “For everyone everywhere to encounter God’s love, and be empowered to transform their communities through faith shared in words and action,” I’m excited to see how God will use us to bless and encourage these teenagers, journeying with those who want to dig deeper into faith and experience the fullness of who God has created them to be.

Matt Gould, Lead Evangelist & Community Leader in Carrigrohane Union, said: “It was a real pleasure to see Sarah Louise formally commissioned in her role as Youth worker/Pioneer Evangelist here at Carrigrohane Union of Parishes. This strategic role builds on the work done in The Carraig Centre and beyond as part of the Cork Centre of Mission in partnership with Church Army. It will be fun to see

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how this work develops in the coming years as Sarah Louise seeks to help young people approach God with freedom and confidence through faith (Ephesians 3.12)”.

## In the media

### Abortion lessons ideological colonisation: Catholic leaders

#### **Bishops accuse Heaton-Harris of forging a one-sided view on schoolchildren, Mark Bain writes in the Belfast Telegraph**

Teaching schoolchildren about abortion amounts to “ideological colonisation” by the secretary of state and the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, Catholic leaders have said.

Bishops are angry with Westminster for pushing through plans to teach pupils about access to terminations and prevention of early pregnancy.

The comments from senior clergy, including Primate of All-Ireland Archbishop Eamon Martin, came at the Summer General Meeting of the Irish Bishops' Conference in Maynooth, with the bishops rejecting what they described as “radical legislation”.



Introducing Juno - Officially named by The Queen at a special ceremony at Clarence House, Drum Horse Juno is the first mare to take on this iconic role, and will lead the Household Cavalry Band at The King's Birthday Parade this weekend.

They urged Northern Ireland Secretary Chris Heaton-Harris “to recognise the rights of parents to be involved in decisions affecting their children”.

“Having already imposed some of the most radical abortion laws in the world on the people of Northern Ireland, without their consent, the secretary of state now seems determined to impose an ideologically biased view of abortion on all schools, irrespective of parental rights or school ethos,” the bishops said.

“This is radical legislation the government doesn't even impose on schools in Britain, where the right of parents to be involved in decisions about such ethical and pastoral issues is fully respected.

“There is no such thing as a neutral view on abortion. There is no such thing as a value-free or ethically neutral approach to the question of when life begins and when we have a duty to protect and care for all human life.

“These are matters subject to sincerely held differences of opinion across the world.

“It is not for a government to impose one ideological approach on children, parents or on our schools over others.

“This is why the right of parents to an education for their children that is in accordance with their ethical, religious and philosophical convictions is an internationally recognised human right.

“We call on the secretary of state to respect the internationally recognised rights of parents, and the principles of consultation and devolution in the Good Friday Agreement, and to withdraw this legislation, leaving it to the devolved Assembly to decide, in consultation with parents and educational stakeholders.”

The bishops were also critical of a new report from the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission (NIHRC) into relationships and sex education (RSE) in schools, which said Northern Ireland lagged far behind other parts of the UK.

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It also found that “many schools use language that shames and stigmatises young people”.

The bishops said: “Like the recent so-called investigation of the NIHRC into RSE in schools, the secretary of state is also indulging in a tired and, frankly, offensive caricature of what our outstanding teachers are actually doing in our schools in this area.

“Our Catholic Schools' Trustees Service will be writing to those who carried out the recent NIHRC 'investigation' to express the trustees' serious concerns about the accuracy and fairness of the report.

“Neither party took the trouble to engage with teachers in the classroom.

“The secretary of state and the NIHRC need to move away from their tendency to ideological colonisation in this area, and trust parents, teachers, young people and politicians in Northern Ireland to balance the rights and responsibilities involved.”

The Transferor Representatives' Council, which represents the Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church and Methodist Church in education issues, also rejected claims made in the NIHRC report.

TRC chair Dr Andrew Brown said the paper did not reflect the reality on the ground.

He added: “The recommendations put forward in the report are based on a paper exercise and are not at all reflective of

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the day-to-day reality in many of our schools, or of the professional competence and capabilities of our teachers.”



## **Belfast church welcomes relic of Italian teenager beatified by Pope Francis**

**A Belfast church has welcomed the relic of an Italian teenager beatified by Pope Francis, Suzanne McGonagle writes in the Irish News.**

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Crowds of people, including groups of school children, have been visiting St Paul's on the Falls Road to see the relic of Blessed Carlos Acutis.

It arrived on Tuesday after being previously received by Archbishop Eamon Martin at St Patick's Cathedral in Armagh on Sunday.

The relic of the 15-year-old has been brought to Ireland for three days by Monsignor Anthony Figueiredo, who is based in Assisi in Italy.

Blessed Carlo was beatified by Pope Francis on October 10, 2020, becoming the first millennial to be declared 'Blessed' by the Catholic Church.

Born in London to Italian parents, he grew up in Milan where from a young age, he displayed an extraordinary devotion to his Catholic faith and attended Mass daily, regularly received the sacraments as well as developing a deep love for the Eucharist.

He died in 2006 after a battle with leukemia.

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# Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

## C of I Podcasts capture Coronation reflections

Two podcasts have been produced to share a sense of the day on which HM King Charles and HM Queen Camilla were crowned.

The Revd Adrian Dorrian, from the Lecale Area Mission Partnership, is a duty chaplain in Westminster Abbey. In his interview, he talks about the Abbey's place in the city and national life and being in London for Coronation Day.

Also among the crowd was Canon Derek Kerr, the Rector of Drummaul, Duneane and Ballyscullion, in County Antrim. Reflecting on this memorable moment, Derek recalls the sights and sounds of the occasion and how his collection of royal memorabilia began. Both clergymen also speak about their impressions as a new reign begins.

[www.soundcloud.com/churchofireland](http://www.soundcloud.com/churchofireland)

There is also a special Coronation news page on the C of I web site.

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This page features an interview with Archbishop John McDowell on his role in the Coronation Service, specially written prayers, cathedral services in Northern Ireland to celebrate the Coronation, and Their Majesties' recent visit to St Patrick's Cathedral on the Hill of Armagh.

[www.ireland.anglican.org/coronation](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/coronation)

## Book tells the story of testing Ignatian Camino pilgrimage

Brendan McManus SJ writes, "Absolutely delighted for my friend James Fullam, as our new book arrived today and he

### Going Deeper

*With guest Matthew Rudolph:  
Teaching & Ministry on Healing and Reconciliation*



**10am - 4pm Saturday 17th June**

**at St John Church of Ireland  
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BT19 1LA**



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Matthew has been inspired by early Irish  
Christianity & is passionate about seeing God's glory  
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has it proudly displayed in his taxi in Dublin. Last summer during an unprecedented heatwave in Spain the two of us walked the Ignatian Camino to Manresa, near Barcelona. This book tells the story of that testing pilgrimage: trying to find a way through severe heat; the challenges of walking together, finding accommodation and negotiating unexpected hurdles; and the retreat that we did together which looked at faith, prayer and blocks to progress. “Very proud of James for all that he has faced in his life and how he has overcome great difficulties. “All the proceeds to to the Peter McVerry Trust, a great cause.

<https://www.messenger.ie/product/brothers-in-arms/>



## YOUR VIEWS WANTED



The online survey will be open from **Monday 3 April 2023 to Friday 30 June 2023** and can be accessed by scanning the QR Code or by visiting [consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj/community-policing-survey-2023](https://consultations.nidirect.gov.uk/doj/community-policing-survey-2023)

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## Sunday morning service from Christ Church, Derry

Christ Church, Derry, will be broadcasting this coming Sunday 18th June 2023 at 10:05 on BBC Radio Ulster and Radio Foyle. Service conducted by Archdeacon Robert Miller

[<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001n1cx>]

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Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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