



Pat Dorrian, the mother of a missing Bangor woman Lisa Dorrian, who died last week.

C of I rector nephew of Pat Dorian tells of aunt's "unbearable toll" after daughter's disappearance

A nephew of Pat Dorrian, the mother of missing Co Down woman Lisa Dorrian, told yesterday how her disappearance "took an unbearable toll".

Irish News - Rev Adrian Dorrian, a Church of Ireland minister, delivered the eulogy at his aunt's funeral at St Comgall's Church in Bangor.

Lisa Dorrian (25) was last seen at a party at a caravan site in Ballyhalbert on the Ards peninsula in February 2005. Her body has never been found.

Rev Dorrian said his aunt, who died aged 59 last week, was a devoted family woman.

"While the day-to-day of life went on, the reality of having had her daughter taken from her so brutally would weigh on her (as on all of Lisa's family) and the pain of a heartbroken mother would be hers from that day on," he said.

"That is not to say there were no moments of celebration, no family events at which Pat with the rest of us could not count blessings, but the injustice of Lisa's disappearance would cast a shadow over the rest of her mother's life."

Rev Dorrian said anyone with information about Lisa Dorrian's disappearance should come forward.

"Recent media coverage has spoken of the wish Pat shared with her family that one day they

might have the opportunity to give Lisa a proper Christian burial.

"That may not be a wish Pat would see fulfilled in this life, but it is one that can still be fulfilled for her family."

Archbishop of Birmingham to preach at Christian Unity services

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, the Most Rev Bernard Longley, will preach at a service marking the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in St Anne's Cathedral on January 19. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January – the octave of St Peter and St Paul.

The Order of Service has been prepared for worldwide use by the Christians of Latvia, and is based around the verses 1 Peter 2:9-10. Peter's first letter is an encouragement to the newly baptised to live holy lives and to answer the calling shared by all the baptised to proclaim the mighty acts of the Lord.

Today, Latvia is a crossroads where Roman Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox regions meet. Because of this unique location, it is home to Christians of many different traditions, but no



Most Rev Bernard Longley

single one of them is dominant. Gathered together by the Archbishop of Rīga, members of a variety of church communities and projects in Latvia were asked to reflect on the chosen theme and the experience of their work.

Archbishop Bernard Longley studied at Xaverian College and the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester and New College, Oxford. He was ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Arundel and Brighton on December 12 1981 at

St John's Seminary, Womersley, and was Assistant Priest at St Joseph's, Epsom, and Chaplain to Psychiatric Hospitals.

From 1987 to 1996 he was on the staff at St John's Seminary, Womersley, teaching dogmatic theology. In 1991, he was appointed Surrey Chairman of the Arundel and Brighton Diocesan Commission for Christian Unity and in 1996 became National Ecumenical Officer at the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

He was ordained Bishop and appointed as an Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Westminster in 2003. Archbishop Longley was Head of the Diocesan Pastoral Board and had pastoral responsibilities for the Deaneries of Camden, Hackney, Islington, Marylebone, Tower Hamlets, and Westminster.

The Archbishop was appointed by Pope Benedict XVI in October 2009 and was installed as the ninth Archbishop of Birmingham on December 8 2009. In 2011 Pope Benedict appointed the Archbishop as the co-Chairman of ARCIC, with oversight of the third phase of Anglican-Catholic dialogue.

Church leaders expected to attend the service which gets underway in St Anne's at 7pm on

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January 19 include the Most Rev Noel Treanor, Roman Catholic Bishop of Down and Connor, the Rev Brian Anderson, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rt Rev Harold Miller, Church of Ireland Bishop of Down and Dromore, and the Very Rev Dr Ivan Patterson, (former Moderator) representing the Presbyterian Church in Ireland.

The St Anne's Cathedral Choir will be joined for this service by the Choir of St Peter's Roman Catholic Cathedral.

St Patrick's Cathedral (Church of Ireland), Armagh, will also hold a service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity on January 20.

For further information, visit <https://ctbi.org.uk/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2016/>

Soldier admitted abusing boy from C of I evangelical home but was never prosecuted

A serving soldier admitted abusing a boy from a residential home run by Anglican missionaries in Northern Ireland but was never prosecuted, a public inquiry lawyer said.

Belfast Telegraph - The serviceman first came to Northern Ireland at the start of the Troubles in 1969 and visited Manor House Children's Home near Belfast to take children on day trips and play football, his testimony to police said.

Stormont's power-sharing administration has established an independent probe which has received allegations of physical and sexual wrongdoing at the institution run by the Society for the Irish Church Missions to the Roman Catholics.

Christine Smith QC, counsel for the Historical Institutional Abuse (HIA) Inquiry, said one alleged perpetrator was later interviewed by police.

"He took children on day trips, played football, and admitted having feelings for MH41 (one of the residents).

"He admitted abusing MH41 at his own home."

The alleged victim also claimed the accused's wife had sex with him.

The soldier later joined the Ulster Defence Regiment (UDR) in 1977.

In 2004 no prosecution was directed for the alleged early 1970s abuse, Ms Smith said.



Sir Anthony Hart is presiding over the inquiry

The Society for the Irish Church Missions to the Roman Catholics was established to convert Catholics to Protestantism.

It ran Manor House Children's Home in Lisburn, Co Down, from 1927 to 1984 and had links to the Church of Ireland...

...Founded in the mid-1800s, bishops and archbishops were constant patrons but more recently growing ecumenism left many in the church feeling outreach to Catholics was "politically incorrect", the lawyer added. The organisation has had no involvement in provision of residential child care in Northern Ireland for more than 30 years.

More at -

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/soldier-admitted-abusing-boy-but-was-never-prosecuted-inquiry-told-34335901.html>

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/six-allege-abuse-at-anglican-children-s-home-panel-hears-1.2485922>

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2016/01/05/news/six-allegations-of-abuse-at-anglican-home-inquiry-hears-372992/>

Remembering 1916 : Cork C of I Centenary programme begins

A public lecture on Friday, 22nd January - *1916: New Perspectives; Old Rows* - by Professor Diarmaid Ferriter, Professor of Modern Irish History at University College, Dublin, will be the first of a series of events planned by the Church of Ireland in the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross to mark 2016, the centenary year of events in 1916.

By kind permission of University College Cork, this Diocesan event will be held in the *Aula Maxima* at UCC at 7.30 p.m. on Friday, 22nd January, and is open to the public. Bishop Paul Colton will chair the event which will be

introduced by the President of UCC, Dr Michael Murphy. In addition to Professor Ferriter, other speakers will be Dr John Borgonovo (Lecturer in History at UCC) and Professor John A. Murphy (Professor Emeritus at UCC).

The programme for the centenary year has been organised jointly by the Bishop of Cork, Dr Paul Colton, and a group at St Fin Barre's Cathedral, led by the Dean of Cork, the Very Reverend Nigel Dunne, including local historian, Dr Alicia St Leger, and the writer Mary Leland.

Announcing the programme, Bishop Colton said: *I remember well the commemorations in 1966 when I was a primary school child in St Luke's National School in Douglas, Cork. Now as an adult I am pleased to publicise the core elements of the Cork, Cloyne and Ross commemorations for the coming year, 2016. I am most grateful to the Dean of Cork, the Very Reverend Nigel Dunne and his team for their work on this.*

Truth be told, as we know, many (probably most) members of the Church of Ireland in 1916 greeted the events of that Easter with dismay.

Equally, I know Church of Ireland families today who can point to their ancestors' involvement on the Irish side, so to speak, of the Easter Rising and the subsequent journey towards Irish

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Friday, 22nd January, 2016
1916: New Perspectives; Old Rows
A lecture by Professor Diarmaid Ferriter
7.30 p.m. in the Aula Maxima, University College Cork.
with Dr John Bogdanov & Professor John A. Murphy


Thursday, 17th March, 2016
Civic Service in the Centenary Year & Festival Eucharist of St. Patrick
9.15 a.m. in St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork.

Sunday, 17th April
Choral Eucharist - Liturgical setting based on Seán Ó Riada's Liturgical Music
11.15 a.m. St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork.

Sunday 24th April
The Centenary Day of the Easter Rising 1916

Friday, 1st July
Centenary of the Battle of the Somme
6.30 p.m. Ecumenical Service in St. Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork.

Thursday, 10th November
History Through the Lens of Literature
7.30 p.m. Triskel Christchurch, South Main Street, Cork.

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independence. Many Church of Ireland families have ancestors who were caught up in the other significant events of that year, in the First World War and notably, the Battle of the Somme. Today, of course, there are numerous Irish people who are more recently arrived on these shores and they are not caught up in the

question of 'which side were my people on?' at all.

I hope that our national commemorations of 1916 will take account of this diversity, and will, above all else help us to understand the many complex strands of our Irish history better. Not only that, the commemorations are an opportunity to reflect on the sort of country we have become and are still becoming today.

The other events in the Diocesan calendar for the centenary year include: a Civic Eucharist in St Fin Barre's Cathedral on St Patrick's Day; the Choral Eucharist in the Cathedral on Sunday 17th April using the liturgical music of Séan Ó Riada, sung by Cór Cúil Aodha, conducted by Peadar Ó Riada. The centenary of the Battle of the Somme, a major event of 1916 affecting many Irish people also, will be commemorated at a special Ecumenical Service on Friday, 1st July. In the autumn, on Thursday, 10th November, in a former Church of Ireland church - Triskel Christchurch - the final formal event of the programme will be held. It will be entitled *History Through the Lens of Literature*, and the keynote speaker will be Professor Gerald Dawe (Professor of English, T.C.D.) and author - *Of War and War's Alarms*. In addition, many parishes will, at some

appropriate stage, use the special liturgy to commemorate the Easter Rising provided by the Church of Ireland's Liturgical Advisory Committee.

Speaking about the 2016 programme, the Very Reverend Nigel Dunne, Dean of Cork, said: *I think it is very important that the diversity of centenaries taking place this year are marked in an open and honest way. The Ireland of 1916 was more complex than many think and the Cathedral is deeply committed to not only marking these anniversaries but also exploring all that is good and true in our culture, past and present and to promoting all that makes for peace and justice at home and abroad. Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral has been working closely with the Bishop and wider diocese in planning what we hope will be a comprehensive and positive programme of events and services that will be attended by people from all over the city and county.*

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Remembering 1916 : ethics of commemoration at Saint Patrick's Cathedral Dublin

On Saturday, 23 January, Saint Patrick's Cathedral Dublin's 2016 programme kicks off with a one-day symposium exploring how Christians should honour the past. The symposium, which is open to all, will see contributions from four distinguished speakers who will stimulate discussion about remembering the past with integrity.

Rev. Prof. Nigel Biggar, Professor of Moral Theology at Oxford, will explore the ethics of commemoration, while Prof. Mary Daly, who is President of the Royal Irish Academy, will address the differences between the history of the past and the memory of it. Dr Brad Anderson from Mater Dei will offer some insights on what scripture teaches about commemoration, and finally Dr Wolfgang Marx from UCD will consider how music can be used to stimulate debate about the past. The symposium will also include a performance of music from 1916 by students from the DIT Conservatory of Music and Drama.

Dr Eimhin Walsh, Civic Engagement & Outreach Officer at the Cathedral, commented that 'as the

National Cathedral we feel it is very important that we pause to consider the issues that undergird the commemorations that are happening on our island this year.' He continued 'history is never black and white, and the symposium is designed to help us to reflect, as Christian people, on the difficult questions about how we use the past today.'

The symposium runs from 10.00 until 16.00 on Saturday 23 January and will take place in the Lady Chapel of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. There is a cover charge of €10, which includes lunch (free for students & unwaged). Early booking is advised and places can be reserved online at www.bitly.com/history_memory_23_1 or by emailing community@stpatrickscathedral.ie or telephoning 01 453 9472.

Archbishop warns of dangers in 2016 commemorations

A leading [Church of Ireland](#) figure has warned confusion about our past might yet overshadow the island's future.

Irish Times - Church of [Ireland](#) Archbishop of Dublin Michael Jackson said the two key events

of 1916, the Easter Rising and the Battle of the [Somme](#), helped “create the fault-lines which give us our fractured identities in Ireland, as Northerners and Southerners. They have helped to cement not only political but psychological differences. They have been used to create ‘the two communities’.”

Such differences could “perpetuate a paralysis in generosity in the inter-relations of both countries. Each ideology has become the enemy of the other and each seeks vigorously to deny this.”

There was insufficient evidence “to convince an electorate on either side of the Border that there is a real hunger for pro-active peacemaking and energetic community-building. It is an electorate that is becoming more and more disillusioned about the priority of the public good in the minds of the professional politicians,” he said.

New citizens

Speaking in St Patrick’s Cathedral Dublin, [Archbishop Jackson](#) said: “It is not only that we need to make a real go of resolving our differences as we have inherited them and fed them historically, but we need to let those who are new citizens – immigrants and refugees, recent and of longer standing – to this bickering

Ireland look critically at us and help us to become a rather different Ireland.”

The opportunity presented was “to create an Ireland today for tomorrow. This is every bit as important as sorting out the past.”

He remembered attending a meeting on community-building at Stormont in 2002. One speaker said “I am a French-Algerian atheist and a woman. I do not understand your ‘two communities,’ I do not belong to them nor do I want to.”

The Archbishop felt the language of “the two communities” was “literally incomprehensible to people who have not staggered through the minutiae of Irish history and traded prejudice and factual distortion as a definition of what matters most in civic and social life. They cannot understand our near-paralysis around historical legacy and our failure to move forward with some sort of togetherness.”

In Ireland we needed to hear “those who are new to our inherited preoccupations, those who today make their abode here. And we need to do it country-wide if Irish society from this new year is to move beyond the economic model of recovery to a social model of development of people,” he said.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/archbishop-warns-of-dangers-in-2016-commemorations-1.2484831>

Christian Aid welcomes tax probe into council contracts

A growing number of UK councils are taking companies' tax records into account when deciding how to award contracts worth tens of billions of pounds, in a trend welcomed by Christian Aid.

In December, members of Oxford City Council voted unanimously to investigate whether and how the council can include rigorous questions about companies' tax practices in council procurement procedures.

Detailed tax compliance questions have already been adopted by Belfast and Lisburn and Castlereagh city councils in Northern Ireland, as well as by the University of Oxford.

This month, Christian Aid launches its *Sourced* campaign to encourage other councils in England and Northern Ireland to follow suit.

Local authorities in England alone spend around [£45 billion a year](#) on buying goods and services from third parties.

“We hope to see more and more councils deciding that when awarding contracts, they will take companies’ tax records into account and discriminate in favour of those which have been socially responsible,” said Helen Collinson, Senior Public Advocacy Adviser at Christian Aid.

“Councils spend tens of billions of pounds on goods and services. This is taxpayers’ money, so it is only right that councils choose to work with firms which pay their fair share of tax.”

The law already requires local authorities to ask potential suppliers whether they have been found guilty of tax evasion. Christian Aid wants local authorities to go further and also ask companies whether they have been found to have improperly avoided tax, in the UK or other countries (see notes to editors for more detail).

Ms Collinson added: “Christian Aid is pleased to see a growing number of UK councils demanding that companies seeking contracts must reveal whether they have been in trouble about tax, anywhere in the world. We hope to see many more do so in 2016.

“That’s because companies’ tax decisions have a major impact on people’s lives, both in the UK and even more so in developing countries. When they use accounting tricks to pay less tax, there is less funding for public services at local and national level, including for schools and health services.”

Jean Fooks, councillor for Summertown Ward in Oxford, proposed the motion that was passed by the City Council. She said: “I am delighted that the motion was supported unanimously by the City Council. At a time when councils are struggling with ever deeper cuts to our budgets, it makes sense that we use our spending power to favour companies that pay their taxes. After all, it is companies’ and individuals’ tax payments that ultimately fund council budgets. I hope that councils across the UK will agree.”

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Kingsmill massacre anniversary: ‘We need to know the truth’

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/kingsmill-massacre-anniversary-we-need-to-know-the-truth-1.2486028>

Kingsmills 40 years on: Bessbrook was overwhelmed by enormity of the loss

Belfast Newsletter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/northern-ireland-news/kingsmills-40-years-on-bessbrook-was-overwhelmed-by-enormity-of-the-loss-1-7145427>

Roadside memorial for Kingsmill victims 40 years after massacre

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/roadside-memorial-for-kingsmill-victims-40-years-after-massacre-34339362.html>

National Women's Council of Ireland issues list of priorities for the next government

Irish Examiner

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/national-womens-council-of-ireland-issues-list-of-priorities-for-the-next-government-714298.html>

'Satanic Islam' case prosecutors in dock after pastor Pastor James McConnell found not guilty

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/satanic-islam-case-prosecutors-in-dock-after-pastor-pastor-james-mcconnell-found-not-guilty-34339342.html>

Times

Report that the Church of Scotland has provoked a row after announcing The Columba Declaration - a pact to

work more closely with the Church of England. Article notes the Scottish Episcopal Church has criticised the proposals, saying the move would cause its members “deep hurt”. Article refers to the blog by David Chillingworth, primus of the Scottish Episcopal Church. <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/scotland/article4657647.ece>

Mirror

Report on James Thompson, 25, jailed for life and ordered to serve at least 10 years behind bars for murdering Antony Johnson, 47, in 2009. His case is now being examined by the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) and has attracted support from the former Bishop of Liverpool, James Jones, who has visited the 25-year-old in jail and has said having studied Thompson’s murder files, he believes the quantity surveyor’s conviction could be unsafe. <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/family-father-kicked-death-night-7123180>

Guard

Report that a row over single-sex education has erupted after the headteacher of independent school Brighton College, suggested pupils at girls-only institutes were at “a huge disadvantage” as they risked growing up unable to communicate with the opposite sex. Article includes comment from Kat Pugh, headteacher at St Marylebone Church of England school for girls in central London. <http://www.theguardian.com/education/2016/jan/05/single-sex-education-row-head-richard-cairns-criticises-girls-schools>

Times

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Report that treasured relics of British Christianity are to be lent by the Vatican to the Church of England and put on display at Canterbury Cathedral. The idea for the loans was hatched during a Vatican v Church of England cricket match in Canterbury in 2014, which was narrowly won with five balls to spare by the Church of England.
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4657401.ece>

Times

Report on the ancient Armenian church of Surp Giragos - closed during the Armenian genocide of 1915 and reopened in 2011. The church is caught in the middle of an urban war, in the historic city of Diyarbakir, the de facto capital of the Kurdish-majority southeast of Turkey where security forces are trying to quash an uprising led by fighters linked to the PKK, a Kurdish separatist militia.
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/world/europe/article4657235.ece>

Mail (scroll down)

Questions from readers on money including one from a retired priest about his pension
<http://www.mailonsunday.co.uk/money/experts/article-3385945/ASK-TONY-asked-pension-payout-Friends-Life-cut-17-000-gone.html>

BBC

Report that the opening of a free school announced by David Cameron has been delayed because it has been unable to buy a permanent site. Bishop Chavasse Primary Free School in Tonbridge, Kent was among 49 announced by the prime minister in March. It was to have opened in September 2016 but has been delayed

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for a year. The school will take up to 60 children each year and be run with a Church of England ethos.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-kent-35236721>

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Report on a peregrine nesting box that has been put on the roof of Bristol Cathedral

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-bristol-35219738>

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