



St. Kevin's Dublin - see below

Pugin & Ashlin's Dublin Parish celebrates 150 years

The Catholic parish of Harrington St was founded from the parish of Francis St in 1865. It covers an area bounded to the north by Long Lane, Camden Row and Montague St, to the south by the Grand Canal, to the west by Dufferin Ave, and to the east by Harcourt St. If you are a Catholic living within these confines, Harrington St is your parish.

The parish church is St Kevin's, one of Dublin's finest gothic-revival buildings. It was designed by E. W. Pugin and G. Ashlin, and built between 1869 and 1872, though the work of decorating the interior continued for several years afterwards.

From 1880 until 1974 Cardinal Newman's University Church, St Stephen's Green, served as a chapel of ease to the parish.

In addition to being a parish church, in September 2007 St Kevin's became the home of the newly-established Latin Mass Chaplaincy, which draws people from all over the city of Dublin and beyond; see www.latinmassdublin.ie.

Belfast clerics to visit partner parish in Santiago

The Rev Jonny Campbell-Smyth, curate assistant at St Patrick's, Jordanstown, will travel to Chile on March 15 to spend a week in the capital Santiago,

He will be accompanied by Bishop Ken Clarke, mission director of SAMS (South America Mission).

“The purpose of the trip is to understand and develop stronger links with our new partner Church, Santiago Apóstol,” Jonny explained.

“Through the SAMS Intern Programme, we as a parish built a new relationship with Rocio Castro Bravo. Rocio's home church is La Trinidad, and it is through La Trinidad that Pastor Cristóbal Cerón was set to plant an Anglican church in Santiago city centre in order to reach students, young professionals and others.”

Jonny said Cristóbal and Assistant Pastor Max Diaz already have healthy links with SAMS. “The hope is through St Patrick's we can create a long lasting partnership by awareness of their context, prayer for their needs, provision for their ministry

and equipping teams to both go to South America and come to Jordanstown.”

Whilst in Chile, Bishop Ken and Jonny will also attend the consecration of two new Bishops, one of whom has family links with Jordanstown’s new partner church.

East Belfast pupils take a religious and ethical look at the events of 1916

Pupils from seven schools in the Castlereagh and East Belfast area, together with the Braniel and Gilnahirk Churches have gathered today (11 March) to take a religious and ethical look at two major events in Northern Ireland’s history.

The young people, all of whom were born in and around the time of the signing of the Good Friday Agreement, shared their different perspectives on the Easter Rising and the Battle of the Somme at an event hosted by Our Lady and St Patrick’s College, Knock. Also taking part were Campbell College, Bloomfield Collegiate, Strathearn School, Grosvenor Grammar, Lagan College, Ashfield Girls and Ashfield Boys.



L–R: Dermott Mullan (Principal of Our Lady and St Patrick’s College), Professor Laurence Kirkpatrick, Revd Nigel Kirkpatrick (St Dorothea’s), Susan Macfarland (Braniel Community Church), Revd Stephen Moore (Gilnahirk Presbyterian), Josh Newell (Campbell College), Rebecca Gilmore (Our Lady and St Patrick’s College), Laura Hutcheson (Gilnahirk Presbyterian) and Revd John Wonnacot (Braniel Methodist).

Professor Laurence Kirkpatrick, from Union Theological College (Systematic Theology and History) was the main speaker and clergy and church leaders from the Gilnahirk Churches also participated.

Dr Frances Vasey, Principal of Grosvenor Grammar described the event as a “wonderful

opportunity in a very secure, very safe environment, to talk about events, to share opinions about history and to look forward to the future.”

Jesuit son of executed Rising leader to receive Dublin freedom in Hong Kong

Fr Joseph Mallin SJ, the last surviving child of an executed leader of the Easter Rising in 1916, is to receive the Freedom of the City of Dublin in Hong Kong.

Dublin’s Lord Mayor, Críona Ní Dhálaigh, has stated that the 102-year-old would receive it not only for his status as a child of a Rising leader but also for his life-long work serving the people of Hong Kong and Macau through his ministry and teaching.

For many of his years in China he has worked at Wah Yan College, a Jesuit secondary school in Hong Kong.

Fr Joseph was born in 1914, just two years before his father was executed, leaving a wife and five small children.



Fr Joseph Mallin SJ.

The night before the execution, Joseph was taken by his mother (then pregnant with her fifth child) to visit Michael in his cell.

Though Joseph has no memory of that goodbye, he heeded the plea in his father's last letter: "Joseph, my little man, be a priest if you can."

His brother Sean had preceded him into the Jesuits, and both brothers were assigned to the Hong Kong mission.

Joseph's sister Úna – also urged by her father to go into religious life – entered the Loreto order in 1925. She was sent to a convent in Spain, where she spent the rest of her life.

It was for his role as second-in-command of the Irish Citizen Army under James Connolly that Michael Mallin became one of the fifteen leaders executed at Kilmainham Gaol after the Rising.

He left home on Easter Monday 1916 to take command of the fighting in St Stephen's Green, and he never came home.

In that letter written the day before his execution he tells his wife, "Pulse of my heart", how much he will miss his children, "...and oh little Joseph my little man my little man Wife dear Wife I cannot keep the tears back when I think of him he will rest in my arms no more..."

He also urged her "to pray for all the souls who fell in this fight, Irish and English".

Fr Mallin will not travel to Dublin for the Rising commemorations, so the freedom of the city will be awarded to him in a ceremony in Hong Kong on Monday 21 March.

Cork C of I schools to celebrate Proclamation Day

One of the main events in the 1916 centenary calendar in Ireland is Proclamation Day on Tuesday next, 15th March. The Department of

Education and Skills has designated the day as Proclamation Day. This has been taken up in schools throughout Cork, Cloyne and Ross. It also coincides with *Seachtain na Gaeilge* and the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Dr Paul Colton is planning to visit a number of schools in the Diocese to join in Proclamation Day events.

The Bishop's visits will start in the far west of the Diocese in St Brendan the Navigator National School, Bantry. 'Not only is this one of our small rural schools,' said the Bishop, 'but their programme for Proclamation Day really captures something of what our nation has become 100 years on from 1916. Their commemoration begins with prayers in Irish, English, Russian, Latvian and Albanian, the birth languages of children at the small school.'

Following visits to a number of other schools, the Bishop will, at the end of the day, return to his own former national school - St Luke's, Douglas, Cork. He said:

I was here myself as a six year old pupil marking the 50th anniversary of the Easter Rising, and, with my still vivid memories of that time at school, it seemed right to come back 50 years on to mark the centenary. I remember well the solemn hanging of the Proclamation at the end of the school room and the wall around it being

festooned with green, white and orange crepe paper.

In this centenary year, the programme in St Luke's National School, Douglas will include a medley of songs in Irish and English, the presentation of projects about 1916 and, in particular, about the school as it was in 1916.

Both the Proclamation of 1916, and the Proclamation for a New Generation will be read before the flag is raised and the singing of the National Anthem.

All schools throughout the Diocese have created imaginative programmes for Proclamation Day, all of which reflect on the history of events one hundred years ago through talks, displays, competitions, projects, re-enactment, dressing in the clothes of the period, and storytelling. The basic elements of the day are included: the reading of the Proclamation, the raising of the national flag (delivered by the Defence Forces earlier in the year to each school), and singing *Amhrán na bhFiann*, and also, of course, the reading of the 'Proclamation for a New Generation' which each school has written.

In a host of ways the day will be a festival, each school marking it in its own way, including: a ceilí, food from many nations, a fund-raising lunch for Christian Aid, a tin whistle concert, an

art display, a local history focus, lessons about the National Flag and protocol in handling and flying it, special school assemblies with prayers of remembrance, recitations in Irish and in English of poems and stories, lots of folk music, and musical instruments of many types, including bagpipes in the Model School in Dunmanway. Desertserges National School is winding back the clocks and recreating itself as a school of the 1916 period. In St Fin Barre's National School in Cork, some of the pupils will dress up as the 1916 leaders and address the school.

Bishop Colton added:

I am looking forward to touring schools in the Diocese on Tuesday 15th March - Proclamation Day - and also to receiving the 'Proclamations for a New Generation' during our Civic Service on St Patrick's Day in St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork.

The Proclamation Day events seem to have captured the imagination of the children here and of school communities. Writing a proclamation for our own time is an innovative and challenging way of engaging the spirit and imagination of us all in reflecting on what our nation is today and what we hope it will become.

In Cork, Cloyne and Ross, representatives from the schools will bring the 'Proclamations for a

New Generation' to St Fin Barre's Cathedral and, during the Civic Service of St Patrick's Day, will present them. They will be displayed in the Cathedral, as the work of the children of the Diocese in the centenary year, throughout the Easter season. In honour of this centenary year, after the Service on St Patrick's Day, the children who take part, together with their parents/guardians, have also been invited by the Bishop and Mrs Susan Colton to be the guests of honour with the Lord Mayor of Cork and the other distinguished guests from the State, and the City and County of Cork, at a private reception at the Bishop's Palace.

St Augustine's member is Derry–Londonderry's "Woman of the Year"

A member of St Augustine's Church in Londonderry is celebrating after being named 2016 Woman of the Year in Derry–Londonderry for her inspirational role in providing support and friendship to parents across the Derry City and Strabane District Council area.

Julie–Ann Coll was acknowledged for her role in establishing a local branch of Life After Loss, a Lisburn–based charity which supports parents affected by the loss of a child. The Tullyally



The Rector of St Augustine's, Londonderry, Rev Malcolm Ferry, with lifelong church member Julie-Ann Coll, who has been named '2016 Woman of the Year' in Derry City and Strabane District

woman received her award from the district's Mayor, Councillor Elisha McCallion, at a ceremony at the City Hotel.

Julie-Ann speaks from experience. Eleven years ago her son, Mark William Ian, was delivered at 22 weeks and did not survive. Julie-Ann decided to get involved in Life After Loss around the time the family would have been celebrating Mark's 10th birthday.

The Mayor, Councillor Elisha McCallion, described Julie-Ann as a truly inspirational

woman who – despite her own grief and trauma at losing a child – had done so much to offer support and help to other families devastated by the loss of a baby. “She has provided parents across the region with the chance to talk to one another, share their stories and their grief, and to find comfort from one another. Her commitment to the Life After Loss charity and helping others, has not gone unnoticed and I am delighted that her energy and positivity has been formally acknowledged.”

Julie–Ann called at St Augustine’s to show off her trophy to the Rector, Rev Malcolm Ferry, who says her Woman of the Year award was richly deserved. “Julie–Ann’s been an active and enthusiastic member of ‘the Wee Church on the Walls’ since she was born. Only last November, we baptised her son Jayden here. She has done so much to encourage families to take part in worship here at St Augustine’s, and her work with Life After Loss is incredibly valuable to bereaved families. Julie–Ann is an inspirational young woman – both in her church and in her community – and the congregation here are delighted at her good news. Her accolade is richly deserved.”

Pope Francis approves new rules for financial oversight of saints' causes

Pope Francis has issued new guidelines for ensuring financial transparency in advancing causes of beatification and canonization, requiring both an administrator to oversee the process and annual budget checks.

The new norms place a strong emphasis on regular budgeting and accounting to ensure transparency, as well as to see to it that donations from the faithful supporting causes are used as intended.

They were approved by the Pope March 4 in a papal rescript for an “ad experimentum,” or provisional, period of three years.

Published March 10, they repeal the norms which had been put into place by St. John Paul II Aug. 20, 1983.

The new norms are the fruit of a commission established in March 2015 by the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, a source who works closely with the congregation told CNA.

The new rules govern the way funds for causes of canonization or beatification are both established and managed, particularly for what is called the “Roman phase” of cause.

The Roman phase follows the initial collection of evidence of the person’s life and sanctity at the diocesan level, as well as the preparation of a “position” paper, which is frequently thousands of pages long and includes the details of the proposed saint’s earthly life. The report is then presented to the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, which takes over for the “Roman phase” of the process.

The rules call for an administrator to be named by the “actor” of the cause, meaning the entity who initially asked the Church to open it. The person nominated can also be the postulator of the cause, and must be approved by the local bishop.

One of the primary tasks of the administrator is manage the funds allocated for the cause, and to make sure the use of the money “scrupulously respects” the intention of the donors.

[News links to reports on faith, politics and education](#)

Sinn Fein minister opens NI school for 15 pupils - New Letter

The DUP has accused the education minister of “political dogma” in opening a new Irish language secondary school in Dungiven with only 15 pupils.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/education-minister-opens-irish-school-with-only-15-pupils-1-7268813>

NI child offences up to a record 1.5k high - News Letter

The number of child sex offences reported to police in Northern Ireland hit a record 1,516 last year.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/ni-child-sex-offences-up-53pc-to-record-high-1-7262247>

BBC/Mail/Exp/Guard/FT/Tel/Times/ITV/Ind/Mirror/Int Business Times/Sky/Politics Home

Reports on the Archbishop of Canterbury's interview with the Parliamentary House Magazine, focusing on comments about the refugee crisis. He said he understood the genuine fear about mass migration, particularly in fragile communities, noting he has worked in such areas during his ministry. But he urged Britain to take "our share" of refugees and migrants and highlighted the "absolutely superb" humanitarian work Britain was doing in refugee camps surrounding Syria and Iraq. (*Read the full interview at the link above*).

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-35781613>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3486397/It-s-fine-fear-migrant-influx-says-Archbishop-Canterbury-Justin-Welby-believes-absolutely-outrageous-people-voice-concerns-condemned-racist.html>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/651572/Archbishop-of-Canterbury-British-citizens-migrants-refugees>

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/mar/10/reasonable-fear-colossal-migration-crisis-justin-welby-archbishop-canterbury>

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/6813e46e-e6b8-11e5-a09b-1f8b0d268c39.html#axzz42ZSStreN>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/immigration/12190478/People-are-entitled-to-fear-impact-of-enormous-numbers-of-migrants-Archbishop-of-Canterbury-says.html>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4710538.ece>

<http://www.itv.com/news/2016-03-10/archbishop-you-cant-say-god-says-you-must-vote-this-way-or-that-way-on-eu-referendum/>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/archbishop-of-canterbury-says-it-is-not-racist-to-fear-high-level-of-immigration-a6924601.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/archbishop-canterbury-says-its-not-7536252#ICID=nsm>

<http://www.ibtimes.co.uk/archbishop-canterbury-says-it-not-racist-fear-immigration-1548827>

<http://news.sky.com/story/1657704/archbishop-its-not-racist-to-fear-migration>

<https://www.politicshome.com/home-affairs/articles/story/archbishop-canterbury-concern-about-migration-not-racist>

Inspire Magazine

Further coverage of the appointment Canon David Porter as the new Chief of Staff and Strategy at Lambeth Palace. David is currently the Archbishop's Director for Reconciliation and will start in

his new role in early May. The Archbishop is quoted on the appointment.

<http://www.inspiremagazine.org.uk/Stories/Personal?storyaction=view&storyid=2150>

Guard

An article highlighting the work of the Church Credit Champions Network, a pilot project in London and Liverpool dioceses which has been running since 2014. It helps equip local churches to engage with money and debt issues, and has formed a key part of the task group set up by the Archbishop of Canterbury and chaired by former City regulator Sir Hector Sants. So far more than 350 churches have become part of the network, over 200 credit champions have been trained and almost 2,500 people have joined credit unions due to the work of the network. The Bishop of Stepney, Adrian Newman is quoted.

<http://www.theguardian.com/lloyds-banking-group-partner-zone/2016/mar/10/role-church-financial-inclusion-credit-unions>

Mirror

Reports that the Revd Eve Pegler conducted an impromptu 'funeral' service in the back of a car held up by an accident which closed the A303 near Sparkford, Somerset.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/vicar-conducts-funeral-service-back-7533398#ICID=nsm>

Times

Reports that medieval church murals that were painted over by William Shakespeare's father, described as Stratford's best-kept secret, are to be restored at a cost

of £100,000. The wall paintings in the Guild Chapel were covered with layers of limewash during the Reformation in 1563 when John Shakespeare was bailiff of Stratford-upon-Avon.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/arts/article4710315.ece>

Mirror

Further coverage of *ChurchApp* which allows worshippers to donate directly or to text a number that sends them a link to a donation site. Currently more than 100 parishes used the app to receive donations, which can be used for one-off or monthly donations. The Bishop of Islington, Ric Thorpe, is quoted saying apps can encourage the spirit of Christian generosity.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/weird-news/church-england-gives-blessing-end-7533395#ICID=nsm>

Guard

Reports calls from the European Parliament, a Commons early day motion and various NGOs to declare the atrocities perpetrated against Christians and other religious minorities in the Middle East as genocide. The killings are most prolific in areas of Iraq and Syria under Isis control, from where members of religious minorities are also fleeing. Aid to the Church in Need, a Catholic charity, has warned Christianity is “on course to disappear from Iraq possibly within five years”.

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/mar/10/middle-east-christians-label-genocide-hillary-clinton-european-parliament>

Comment... Mail: In a comment column (scroll down) the paper congratulates the Archbishop of Canterbury for his comments on migration.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-3486806/DAILY-MAIL-COMMENT-vote-confidence-Britain-Brexit.html>

Express: The paper's editorial (scroll down) says the Archbishop of Canterbury deserves to be applauded for saying that it is "absolutely outrageous" to call people racist for worrying about mass migration.

<http://www.express.co.uk/comment/expresscomment/651624/Sharia-courts-UK-ban-Archbishop-Canterbury-Justin-Welby-migration-breast-cancer>

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