



Pictured above in St Joseph's Roman Catholic Church are clergy who took part in the shared service. L–R: Revd Adrian Dorrian (LAMP), Father John Hanna CSsR (Missioner), Canon Cecil Wilson (LAMP), Father Johnny Doherty CSsR (Missioner), Father Peter O'Hare (Parish Priest).

Down C of I parish joins in Mission Week with Catholic neighbours

A recent mission in the village of Killough, County Down, had a distinctly ecumenical feel.

The Roman Catholic Parish of Bright, which includes St Joseph's, Killough and St Patrick's, Legamaddy, hosted a Week of Mission from 28 February–6 March. Parishioners from St Anne's Church of Ireland, Killough and neighbouring Parishes of Bright, Ballee and Rathmullan attended a number of the evening services that were part of the Mission.

Members of St Anne's were invited to take part in the opening service, which included representatives from groups across the community. On the Thursday evening of the Mission Week, the theme was 'One Church'.

The evening service that night started in St Anne's, led by Canon Cecil Wilson and Revd Adrian Dorrian, before the whole congregation walked from St Anne's to St Joseph's with a cross at the head of the procession, before joining together in prayer for greater unity.

This was an historic event – it is probably the first time in the village's history that a shared act of worship has taken place between these two churches. As many as 150 people joined the walk of witness, before sharing in fellowship together over supper in St Joseph's Halls.

Speaking after the event, the Revd Adrian Dorrian said: "I'm really just beginning to get to know the community here in Killough. Something I noticed straight away is the series of strong bonds that bind the community. Everyone knows everyone and people really care for each other; just before the opening service, Canon Cecil and I were given information about an ill parishioner of ours from a parishioner of St Joseph's.

"Sometimes, the Church can be a thing that we use to divide us, but this week there's been a feeling that we are seeking to proclaim the message of the Gospel of Christ, which is surely bigger than any one denomination or tradition. It has been a very special week for everyone involved, and Thursday's service was a little bit of history for the village. We were even blessed in the weather as the rain stayed off for our procession between the Churches!"

Parish Nursing introductory information session

Parish Nursing is an initiative of the Cinnamon Network. The project helps local churches to appoint nurses who in turn support people and communities towards whole person healthcare.



Information sessions on Parish Nursing will be held in Northern Ireland on March 16 and are aimed at nurses, church leaders, and anyone within a church with an interest in this form of ministry.

A Parish Nursing information session will take place in the Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) office on the ground floor of Church of Ireland House, Donegall Street, Belfast, at 2.30pm on Wednesday March 16.

Tommy Stewart, Advisor and Leadership Trainer (Ireland) with the Cinnamon Network, said: “We would love to have you and representatives of your church / denomination come along to learn

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more and prayerfully consider if Parish Nursing could help you reach people in need in your community.”

For further information on Parish Nursing visit <http://www.cinnamonnetwork.co.uk/project/parish-nursing/>

Dominican Friars renew Belfast parish link in Lenten Mission of Mercy



On Sunday St. Patrick's Parish, Belfast Lenten Mission of Mercy concluded with Mass and

hospitality after in St. Patrick's Old Schoolhouse. The Dominican Friars first gave a mission in St. Patrick's in 1866 at the invitation of Bishop Dorrian.

The photograph was taken on Sunday at Mass presided over by Bishop Treanor for the close of the year-long bicentennial celebrations. Bishop Treanor is pictured alongside the priests of the parish and the Dominican Friars.

Lurgan performance of Karl Jenkins' The Armed Man

A full-scale performance of this popular work will take place on Sunday 13th March at 7.30 pm in St. Peter's Church, North Street, Lurgan. It will be presented by the South Ulster Community Band and several local choirs including Counterpoint, Cantabile, Lisburn Harmony and two school choirs. Free admission, with a charitable donation during the concert.

Belfast Central Mission welcome for Dining by Design for Dementia

On 2 & 3 March Belfast Central Mission (BCM) welcomed chef Peter Morgan-Jones who has



cooked for the British Royal Family, catered for Wimbledon and worked in leading restaurants around the globe and is now using his skills to 're-design' food for people living with dementia.

Aged care food ambassador, Peter Morgan-Jones, shared his insights and experience through a hands-on Dining by Design school held at BCM's Grosvenor House.

BCM offers services for older people across a continuum of care and is exploring ways to improve care for those living with dementia.

Morgan-Jones, who began his culinary journey as a child in the family kitchen in Wales, is now based in Australia working for one of the world's

leading dementia care providers,
HammondCare.

For the past three years he has applied his vast restaurant experience to improving food service and mealtimes in HammondCare's dementia cottages, often cooking with residents and staff and learning from sharing meals together. He has also authored a dementia cookbook, *Don't give me eggs that bounce*, is working on his second, and is a sought-after speaker and celebrity chef.

He and his team have developed world-leading approaches to nutrition, modified diets and sensory experiences that restore dignity, appetite and enjoyment for people with dementia who often face significant barriers to eating and drinking.

And now he is bringing this knowledge to Ireland for the first time, as part of HammondCare's International Dementia Centre, headed up by Associate Professor Colm Cunningham, based in Edinburgh.

The practical two-day workshop covered the essential ingredients and skills needed to create engaging meal time experiences that stimulate the senses and palates for older people and people with dementia.

He was joined by Emeritus Professor Mary Marshall, OBE - a leading international expert on dementia care and support - as well as senior dementia consultant Juliet Kelly.

Full house for 'Beckett in Foxrock'

Residents of Foxrock and Beckett aficionados were treated to a unique insight into the life and formative years of the great Samuel Beckett on Saturday evening (March 5) in Tullow Church. There was a full house for 'Beckett in Foxrock', an evening of drama, poetry, prose and music honouring the Nobel Prize winner and one of the world's most influential writers who was born and brought up in Foxrock.

The event was a collaboration between Tullow Parish and Mouth on Fire Theatre Company. Among the capacity crowd were members of the Beckett family, the Archbishop of Dublin and the Irish Ambassador to France. Samuel Beckett's niece, Caroline Murphy, unveiled a plaque in the church close to where the family sat while attending worship in Tullow. Archbishop Michael Jackson, who attended Portora Royal School in Enniskillen, where Beckett was a past pupil, spoke at the beginning of the evening.



Archbishop Michael Jackson and Caroline Murphy, Samuel Beckett's niece, at the plaque in Tullow Church.

Archbishop Jackson spoke of the legend and enigma that Beckett was in Portora, where he was primarily remembered for his sporting prowess. He said that while Portora would like to claim Beckett, it was clear that the area of Foxrock also influenced the man and his writing. He said that the plaque in the church was an imaginative and appropriate way to remember

Beckett and his family and his roots in the locality.



Jane Bowe, one of the organisers, and her daughter, Gillian, who designed the programme and poster.

Introducing the evening, Dr Fergal Whelan outlined Beckett's life from his early years in his

family home on Kerrymount Avenue, Foxrock, to his schooling in Enniskillen and time in France.

The evening's programme featured a selection of Beckett's poetry, prose and plays performed by Mouth on Fire Theatre Company with actors such as Geraldine Plunkett (Mary in Glenroe) and Marcus Lamb (Padraig Pearse in *Rebellion*). There were also musical interludes.

A reception afterwards gave the audience a chance to view an exhibition of artifacts and memorabilia associated with Samuel Beckett.

'He Touched Me' theme of Clogher Diocese Ministry of Healing event

Sunday 13th March – Clogher Diocese Ministry of Healing: 'He Touched Me' with Dr. Pat Mollan, CMH Director. Sunday 13th March – 3-30pm–6pm in Clabby Church Hall; Tea 6–7pm; 7-30pm in Clabby Parish Church.

Pat will speak on the subject of the relationship of prayer and healing. At the service there will be opportunity of prayer for the sick. Everyone will be welcome at either the afternoon session, the evening Service or both.

Catholics urged to ‘Click to Pray’ with the Pope on their smartphones

A new mobile app is seeking to connect people around the world to pray for the Pope’s monthly intentions.

The app, [Click to Pray](#), was created as part of the re-launch of the [Apostleship of Prayer](#), the Jesuit-run outreach that has given Catholics the Pope’s monthly prayer intentions since 1890.

In an interview with Vatican Radio, Fr Frédéric Fornos SJ, international director of the apostleship, said the app responds to Pope Francis’s message for World Communications Day 2016, which stresses the power that modern means of communications have to build bridges between people.

According to the Click to Pray website, “the app accompanies you throughout your day. It connects you with thousands of people who find purpose in praying every day for the challenges of humanity and for the mission of the church as the pope proposes in his monthly prayer intentions.”

The app allows the user to choose three times throughout the day to receive prayers. “You set the time you want to start your day in the morning. You select another moment during the day to receive an inspirational thought. And, finally, you select a moment in the evening to close your day with a daily review,” the website says.

Vatican Radio reported that users also can opt to receive notifications to remind them to pray, and the app offers the option of writing one’s own intention or prayer.

The app is the second new media feature to be introduced this year by the Apostleship of Prayer.

Working with the Vatican Television Centre, it also began a [video series](#) in January featuring Pope Francis discussing his universal prayer intention. The monthly videos are uploaded on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube on the first Friday of each month.

The Click to Pray app is available for [iPhone](#), [Android](#) and Windows, and the prayers also can be found at clicktopray.org.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

BBC

Video report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to Burundi and his discussions with the country's President, Pierre Nkurunziza.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-africa-35741176>

Times/FT

Reports that the Government might be forced to amend its plans to extend Sunday trading hours because of opposition from Conservative MPs. Under plans announced by the Chancellor last year, councils would be given the power to let large stores open for longer on Sundays. If passed, the measures in the Enterprise Bill, would mean the biggest overhaul of Sunday trading laws in 20 years. The Church and others are opposed to the extension.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4707133.ece>

http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/696cbc0c-e247-11e5-9217-6ae3733a2cd1.html?FTCamp=engage/CAP/webapp/Channel_Moreover//B2B#axzz42C4hil7y

Newcastle Chronicle

Reports that retired CofE vicar Leonard Skinner has pleaded guilty to four counts of indecent assault against a boy in the 1970s. The apology issued by the Diocese of Newcastle is quoted.

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/whitley-bay-vicar-leonard-skinner-10997623>

Mail

Reports that Her Majesty The Queen did not support the legalisation of same-sex marriage. According to the article, while in favour of civil partnerships, she took a different view on the legislation allowing same-sex couples to 'marry'. She reportedly expressed her frustration to a friend while legislation was being considered but said she was powerless to intervene.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3479584/Why-Queen-believed-gay-marriage-shouldn-t-allowed-Majesty-confided-friend-faith-meant-thought-matrimony-man-woman-approved-civil-partnerships.html>

Tel

Reports that proposals to send Ofsted inspectors into church youth groups, scout and other meetings to search for signs of children being "radicalised," are not widely supported. A poll of 150 MPs commissioned by the Christian Institute found that two thirds said they felt the plans had been too widely drawn. In a consultation paper the Government is recommended extending existing plans in which schools inspections in England now include a "British Values" test to any institution providing "tuition, training or instruction" to under-19s for more than six hours a week.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/12185218/MPs-cast-doubt-on-anti-extremism-plan-that-could-see-inspectors-sent-into-Sunday-schools.html>

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Mail online: Peter Hitchens continues to blog in support of the former Bishop of Chichester, George Bell.

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<http://hitchensblog.mailonsunday.co.uk/2016/03/major-new-development-in-george-bell-case-lord-carey-speaks-out.html>

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