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### [More must be done for a secular state](#)

My book 'Buried Lives: The Protestants of Southern **Ireland**' points out the Roman Catholic **church** and violence reduced native Protestant numbers by 47% since 1911 (not 70%) through the 'ne temere' decree and during the War of Independence and civil war 1920-23, when there was an enforced ..

### [Loyalists' rejection of criminality will help 'uplift' communities: Hamilton](#)

The former Presbyterian moderator was one of three church leaders – along with Harold Good, a former Methodist president, and former **Church of Ireland** archbishop Alan Harper – who helped draft the statement that vowed to expel members of the three organisations who engaged in criminal activity.

### [Ursula Halligan: 'I want gay marriage in church - my love is not evil'](#)

Speakers at the conference, titled 'Future Families: Challenges for Faith and Society', included Susan Casey, a divorced mother of two originally from the US but living in **Ireland**. She criticised the

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**Church's** "demonisation" of divorced and separated families and warned that "the Eucharist is being used as ...

### [Monsignor Edward J Kavanagh – An Appreciation](#)

Having entered the seminary in 1942, he was selected in 1947 to hurl for Kilkenny, despite the strong disapproval of the **church** hierarchy, playing in the All-**Ireland** final against Cork, a team which included Jack Lynch and Christy Ring. Many GAA aficionados regard the match, which Kilkenny won by ...

### **Church event to set record for visitors**

**Ireland** is set to break records for the biggest number of international visitors at the World Meeting of Families in August. ... "Media plan to come in advance to showcase **Ireland** and the **Irish Church**. ... The national opening of the global event will take place simultaneously in the 26 **Irish** dioceses. Sunday ...

### [Bishop warns repeal of Eighth will 'alter attitudes to disability'](#)

Elsewhere in the diocese of Cork and Ross, Bishop John Buckley told parishioners that if the Eighth Amendment was repealed, **Ireland** would be the first country in the world to hold a referendum to introduce abortion by popular vote. "Never before in history have we had so much scientific proof that the ...

### **Former Arlene Foster adviser 'should have dug deeper' into RHI detail**

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/former-arlene-foster-adviser-should-have-dug-deeper-into-rhi-detail-36811477.html>

### **Ruth Dudley Edwards: Sinn Fein is just a pimple on the bottom of history... its irrelevance is becoming clear**

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/columnists/ruth-dudley-edwards/ruth-dudley-edwards-sinn-fein-is-just-a-pimple-on-the-bottom-of-history-its-irrelevance-is-becoming-clear-36808872.html>

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## **James Comey says Donald Trump 'morally unfit' to be president**

In ABC TV interview, former FBI director says US president treats women like meat and was a 'stain' on everyone who worked for him

[https://amp.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/apr/16/james-comey--donald-trump-morally-unfit-president-abc-interview?\\_\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://amp.theguardian.com/us-news/2018/apr/16/james-comey--donald-trump-morally-unfit-president-abc-interview?__twitter_impression=true)

<http://www.thejournal.ie/trump-comey-interview-3959805-Apr2018/>

## **The Theology Beneath the Trump-Comey Conflict**

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2017/may-web-only/theology-of-james-comey-fbi-niebuhr-trump.html>