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## **MEDIA REVIEW - April 18**

### [Flannery urges end to silencing of Irish priests before papal visit](#)

Vatican silencing of six Irish priests should be ended in preparation for the visit of Pope Francis to **Ireland** next August, one of those priests has said. Redemptorist priest Fr Tony Flannery said that “if Irish bishops really cared about justice and fairness in the **church**” they would be making efforts to have ...

### [Eighth Amendment poster campaigns](#)

Sir, – The **Church of Ireland** Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, Dr Kenneth Kearon, has called for the repeal of the Eighth Amendment (“**Church of Ireland** bishop supports repeal of Eighth Amendment” **News**, April 14th). Dr Kearon justifies his position in part by referring to the debates among patristic and ...

### [Ireland's strict ban on abortion could soon be a thing of the past](#)

Abortion rights advocates believe the constitutional ban needs to be repealed, so the country can continue to climb out from under the traditional **religious** values that dominated **Ireland** for so long. On May 25, Irish voters will get to have their say on abortion once again. The question for this national ...

### [Anti-abortion doctor's address to First Communion Mass defended](#)

A Catholic diocese has defended its decision to allow a doctor to address a First Communion preparation Mass on her anti-abortion views. Dr Deirdre Gleeson spoke before children from four schools at

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Carlow Cathedral on Sunday. In a statement, the Catholic diocese of Kildare and Leighlin said there ...

## **Bishop Farrell celebrates 150 years of the Little Sisters of the Poor**

"The slope of the aging population, along which Ireland is sliding, presents major challenges. Perhaps never before has there been such a need to care for the aging poor."

<https://www.catholicireland.net/bishop-farrell-celebrates-150-years-little-sisters-poor/>

## **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 ...

## **Watchdog probes Paisley's DUP dinner with Gove - council paid £1,500 for table**

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/watchdog-probes-paisleys-dup-dinner-with-gove-council-paid-1500-for-table-36814880.html> ...

## **Search for NI man Oliver McAfee missing in Israel hits 'brick wall' - family press for more mobile phone data from authorities**

<https://trib.al/fV1gCLD>

## **Unionists have no idea what a united Ireland would even look like**

[https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/opinion/unionists-have-no-idea-what-a-united-ireland-would-even-look-like-1-8449923/amp?\\_\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/opinion/unionists-have-no-idea-what-a-united-ireland-would-even-look-like-1-8449923/amp?__twitter_impression=true)

## **Ben Lowry: Trimble secured some key matters in 1998 but IRA is gaining ground on history**

[https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/opinion/ben-lowry-trimble-secured-some-key-matters-in-1998-but-ira-is-gaining-ground-on-history-1-8458689/amp?\\_\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/opinion/ben-lowry-trimble-secured-some-key-matters-in-1998-but-ira-is-gaining-ground-on-history-1-8458689/amp?__twitter_impression=true)

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**BMA backs call to suspend sharing of patient data with Home Office**

<http://www.ekklesia.co.uk/node/25656>

**New poll shows overwhelming support for greater fisheries protections after Brexit**

<http://www.ekklesia.co.uk/node/25658>

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

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

