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## MEDIA REVIEW - April 26

### Concern expressed that CofI message on abortion 'is changing'

Irish Times

A retired **Church of Ireland** archbishop has challenged the stance taken by the church's primate and Archbishop of Dublin on the Eighth Amendment referendum, saying it is not in line with the church's agreed position. Former archbishop of Dublin John Neill said "the issue of abortion should not be dealt ...

### Two Northern Ireland Catholic Churches targeted with anti-abortion graffiti

Belfast Telegraph

"This disgraceful graffiti attack on Carrickmore Chapel is the second such attack on a **church** property in 24 hours. "I have visited Carrickmore Chapel this morning, I have spoken to Father O'Neill and parishioners and people are incensed by this blatant sectarian vandalism. "Anyone with any information ...

### Catholics in Northern Ireland projected to outnumber Protestants in 2021

Christian Daily

Dr. Paul Nolan, who studies social trends, told BBC **News** that there might be more Catholics than Protestants when the state celebrates its centenary three years from now. The trend ... A

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socio-political and **religious** conflict marred Northern **Ireland's** history during the late 20th century. Unionists or ...

## **Obstetricians' body recommends Yes vote in abortion referendum**

Irish Times

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/obstetricians-body-recommends-yes-vote-in-abortion-referendum-1.3473125>

## **Report recommends NI abortion law change**

BBC News

A working group recommends changing NI's laws to allow abortion in cases of fatal foetal abnormality.

The change would provide for termination of pregnancy "where the abnormality is of such a nature as to be likely to cause death before, during or in the early period after birth". Unlike other parts of the UK, the 1967 Abortion Act does not extend to NI

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-43876655>

## **Controversial church branded a 'dangerous cult' planning on coming to Belfast**

Belfast Telegraph

A controversial church that has been accused of being a "cult" whose "only goal is to enrich itself" is planning on coming to Belfast. The Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (UCKG) has filed plans with Belfast City Council to establish a "place of worship" at Equality House in the Donegall Pass area. Since it was founded in 1977 in Brazil by self-styled Bishop Edir Macedo, the UCKG has gained some 12 million members in 200 countries. Along the way, however, it has also been embroiled in several controversies.

[https://amp.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/controversial-church-branded-a-dangerous-cult-planning-on-coming-to-belfast-36844800.html?\\_twitter\\_imp=twitter%20impression=true](https://amp.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/controversial-church-branded-a-dangerous-cult-planning-on-coming-to-belfast-36844800.html?_twitter_imp=twitter%20impression=true)

## **Sinn Fein bid to remove 'IRA' and 'atrocities' from Coleraine bombing motion defeated**

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<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/sinn-fein-bid-to-remove-ira-and-atrocity-from-coleraine-bombing-motion-defeated-36844583.html>

### **Demand for food banks drops slightly in N Ireland**

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-foyle-west-43894675>

### **Irish border June deadline 'artificial' says David Davis**

BBC News

Brexit secretary dismisses pressure to make progress on the border before an EU summit in June.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-43896498>

### **NI fishing interests facing EU threat**

Representatives of Northern Ireland's fishing industry have told a House of Commons committee they feel they are being "punished" for voting for Brexit.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-43896448>

### **Much honoured Irish missionary dies in South Korea**

[Irish Times](#)

One of Ireland's most decorated missionaries, Columban priest Fr Patrick James McGlinchey (89), has died in [South Korea](#) where he had been since 1953. From [Raphoe](#) in Co [Donegal](#) his work earned him South Korea's highest national honour, the National Recommendation Award, in 2014; the [Ramon Magsaysay](#) Award in 1975; the Jeju Culture Prize in 2002; and Ireland's Presidential Distinguished Service Award in 2015. The latter award recognises the contribution of Irish people living abroad to both their newfound homes and the greater Irish community. The priest was 26 when he went to South Korea's Jeju Island and found it in poverty. He set about trying to improve conditions in any way he could, primarily through agricultural training.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/much-honoured-irish-missionary-dies-in-south-korea-1.3473192>

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## **Jewish leaders call meeting with Jeremy Corbyn 'disappointing and a missed opportunity'**

The Independent

Jewish community leaders have hit out at Jeremy Corbyn after a crunch meeting to discuss antisemitism in the Labour Party, describing the talks as “disappointing and a missed opportunity”.

[Read the full story](#)

## **Union leader blasts Labour MPs for undermining Corbyn in anti-Semitism row**

Belfast Telegraph

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/uk/union-leader-blasts-labour-mps-for-undermining-corbyn-in-antisemitism-row-36844605.html>

## **Why a sculpture of a homeless Jesus has appeared in St Anne's Square**

Manchester Evening News

The sculpture was unveiled by a homeless man called Dave outside St Ann's **Church** - a regular at outreach projects held by the **church** for rough sleepers in the city centre. The unveiling followed a short service of dedication by the Bishop of Manchester, the Rt Revd Dr David Walker, who said it 'casts ...

## **Anzac Day: Shore boy tells story of great-grandfather's WWII heroics**

Daily Telegraph

LEADING up to Anzac Day, we asked school students across Sydney to pay tribute to the sacrifices of our fallen and research a serviceman memorialised in the area who shared their surname. This is Zac Warden's story. One of the many names on the Shore war memorial honour boards at Northbridge ...

