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IRELAND

Unrepentant McGuinness?

News Letter - The co-author of the only biography on Martin McGuinness does not believe he ever became "a benevolent peacemaker" and says that his more recent confrontations with IRA victims were "chilling". http://www.newsletter.co.uk/mcguinness-was-never-a-benevolent-peacemaker-says-author-1-7902425

Former Tory cabinet member Lord Tebbit says that a source in the Northern Ireland prosecution service called him during peace talks between the government and IRA to vent frustration at plans to let Martin McGuinness off the hook for murder.

http://www.newsletter.co.uk/tebbit-mcguinness-prosecution-was-dropped-to-keep-peace-talks-going-1-7902003

Agencies reply to slave scandal questions with a wall of silence

News Letter -

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/agencies-reply-to-slave-scandal-questions-with-a-wall-of-silence-35598021.html?

Church leader and Child sex abuser Henry Clarke tracked down to Canada

BBC NI - The serial paedophile admitted his crimes to police in 1985, but has never been brought to justice.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39495877

PSNI plan to increase Catholic recruits

BBC - The force says it plans to tackle a shortage of Catholics, but will not bring back 50/50 recruitment.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39504777

£11m funding for BBC Northern Ireland announced

The BBC announces its biggest investment in Northern Ireland for 20 years.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39502827

<u>Churches' anger in 'Easter-less' egg hunt run</u> <u>by National Trust and Cadbury</u>

Belfast Telegraph - Senior church figures in Northern Ireland have joined in criticism of the National Trust and Cadbury's for promoting their Great British Egg Hunt without ... http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/ northern-ireland/churches-anger-in-easterlessegg-hunt-run-by-national-trust-andcadbury-35593715.html

Kevin O'Sullivan resigns as editor of the Irish Times

The Journal - The unexpected announcement was made yesterday afternoon.

http://www.thejournal.ie/kevin-osullivan-irish-times-3325487-Apr2017/

'Common theme' of failures identified in report on religious orders' handling of abuse

The Journal - Of 512 allegations or concerns related to abuse, only 5 people were convicted. http://www.thejournal.ie/religious-orders-

report-3325308-Apr2017/

GB

BBC Newspaper review

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39510011

FT/Times/BBC/Sun/Metro/Star/HuffPo/Mail

Substantial coverage of the service held at Westminster Abbey for victims, families and emergency services involved in the response to the attack at Westminster two weeks ago. The Dean of Westminster, The Very Revd John Hall, spoke of the "sense of loss and diminishment" felt by the grieving families. The service was attended by members of the Royal Family including the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge and Prince Harry.

https://www.ft.com/content/

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http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-39494670 https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3261186/prince-william-kate-harry-wesminster-terror-attack-victims-memorial-service/

http://metro.co.uk/2017/04/05/survivors-of-thewestminster-terror-attack-reunite-for-service-ofhope-6555745/

http://www.dailystar.co.uk/news/latest-news/603091/Westminster-terror-attack-thousands-pay-tribute-royal-family-London
http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/westminster-attack-memorial-service-of-hope-duke-and-duchess-of-cambridge-among-those-paying-their uk 58e4e360e4b0f4a923b3ccfe

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/ article-4382112/London-terror-attack-survivorsattend-service-hope.html

Times/Tel/BBC/Sun/Mirror/Mail

Reports that a Police investigation has been launched to solve the mystery of an unmarked grave discovered recently in the graveyard of Old Church of St James, near Stanstead Abbotts.

https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/policebrought-in-to-solve-riddle-of-unmarked-gravezhnjzqmpg

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/04/05/police-baffled-sudden-appearance-mystery-grave-containing-human/

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-39500846

https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3262050/copsprobe-grave-standstead-abbotts-medievalcemetary-bones/

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/mystery-over-well-kept-unmarked-10164795#ICID=nsmhttp://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4382876/Police-investigate-unmarked-grave-13th-century-church.html

JC

Report that the Board of Deputies has described a decision to allow the Rev Stephen Sizer to

preach a for the last time on Easter Day as "very disappointing". Stephen Sizer, Vicar of Christ Church, Virginia Water, Surrey agreed in 2015 not to write, speak or tweet about the Middle East after sharing a link to a piece which suggested Israel had been behind the 9/11 attacks. He had previously been warned about sharing Holocaust denial and conspiracy theory articles. Report quotes the Bishop of Guildford, the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, noting that Dr Sizer had recently contravened the agreement and was told to stop all public ministry ahead of his imminent retirement other than preaching at Easter to say goodbye to his congregation. https://www.thejc.com/news/uk-news/board-ofdeputies-disappointed-as-church-allowsstephen-sizer-last-hurrah-1.434119

ITV

Report that the Bishop of Carlisle has helped to produce a House of Lords report criticising successive governments for "short-term thinking" over the NHS. It argues that more money needs to be dedicated to social care, to support a growing and ageing population. The report also calls for a halt to cuts of the NHS budget, and suggests medical staff should be paid more to boost morale.

The Rt Rev'd James Newcome, the Church of England's lead bishop on health and social care, is quoted.

http://www.itv.com/news/border/2017-04-05/bishop-backs-report-calling-for-urgent-nhs-changes/

Times/Mail/Guard

Further coverage of controversy over a proposal by organisers of the Manchester Passion Play to allow members of the public who made substantial donations to be placed on a cross. Articles state that the plan was dropped after concerns raised by clergy. https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/plan-to-put-public-on-crosses-is-crucified-7bknc5f55 https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4383158/Fundraising-plan-CRUCIFY-public-750.html? https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/apr/05/manchester-crucifixion-fundraiser-

cancelled-as-clergy-calls-it-blasphemous

Comment

Further comment articles on the controversy over the naming of Easter egg hunts sponsored by Cadbury on National Trust properties. https://inews.co.uk/opinion/your-views/view-vicar-weighs-easter-egg-debate/https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/enjoy-the-eggs-and-ignore-the-easter-row-dp8hjj7nmhttps://www.theguardian.com/lifeandstyle/2017/apr/05/eggs-and-bunnies-are-sacred-not-just-tasty

INTERNATIONAL

What can the world do about Syria?



Donald Trump says the Syrian government is responsible for "an affront to

humanity" by "killing innocent babies, little babies". But Russia, an ally of Bashar al-Assad's government, argues that chemicals released in the town of Khan Sheikhoun came from a depot used by rebel groups, struck by government planes. Dozens died, with footage showing people choking and foaming at the mouth.

Mormon leader Thomas Monson, 89, hospitalized

The man considered a prophet by the world's 16 million Mormons fell ill after looking gaunt at the church's General Conference last weekend.

More from Religion News Service

Swedish prime minister calls gendersegregated school bus 'despicable'

"This doesn't belong in Sweden," Prime Minister Stefan Löfven said, after a video showed boys entering a bus headed for a private Muslim elementary school in a Stockholm suburb from the front and girls using the back door. More from www.thelocal.se

President Trump's son-in-law secretly met with Muslim leaders weeks before the travel ban

The meeting went smoothly, but any optimism Muslims left with that day vanished as Trump took office and immediately set about turning his anti-Muslim rhetoric into policy. More from www.buzzfeed.com

Pope makes appointment amid criticism of sex abuse response

Pope Francis named a new official to oversee the Vatican office that processes clerical sex abuse cases amid mounting criticism over a yearslong backlog of cases.

More from www.washingtonpost.com

New Jersey teen admits he plotted to kill Pope Francis during u.s. visit

Santos Colon, Jr., 17, aimed to carry out the attack in Philadelphia in support of the Islamic State group. But when he contacted someone he believed to be a sniper, it turned out to be an undercover FBI employee.

More from The Huffington Post

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