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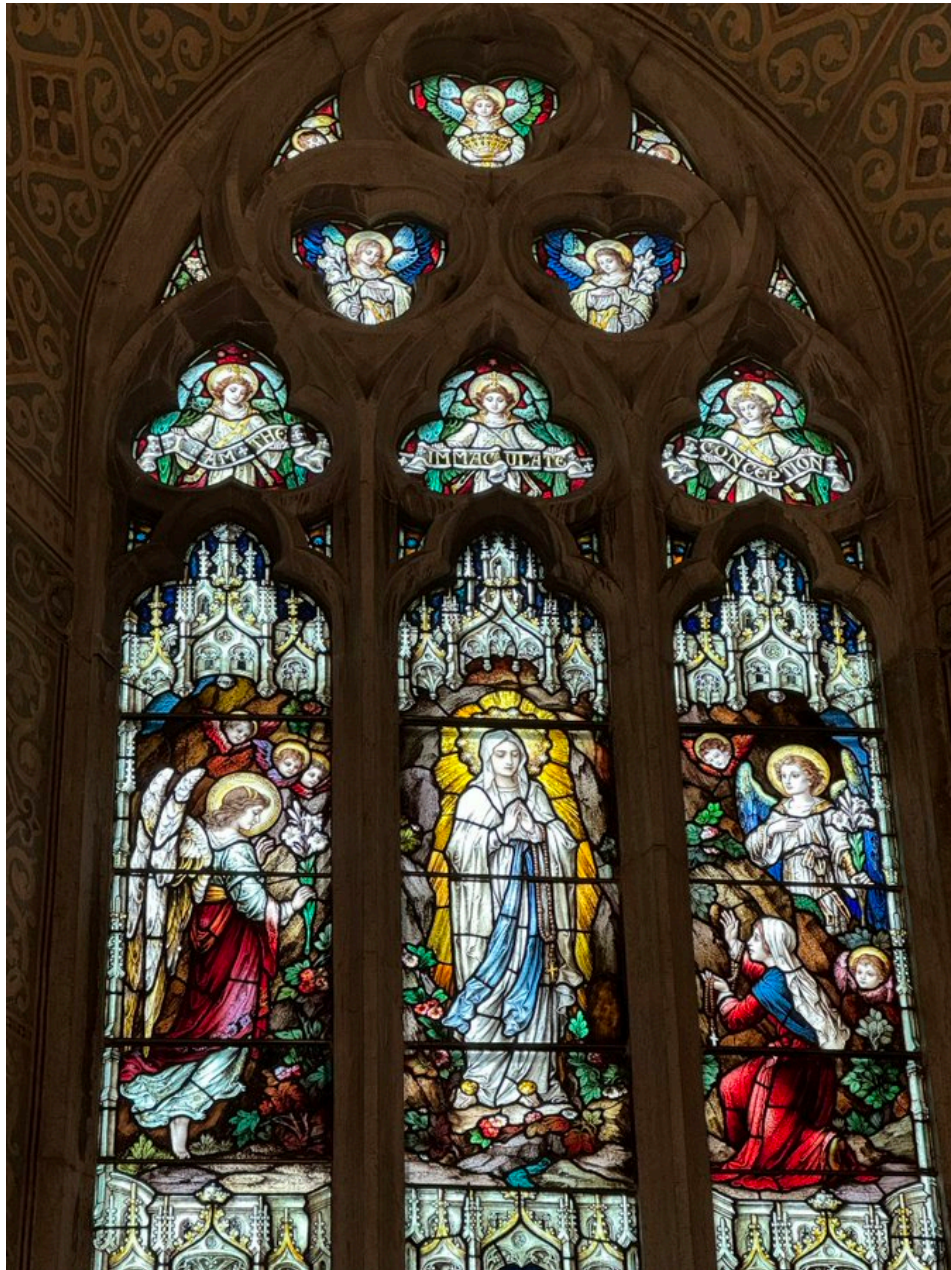


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St Bernadette, Armagh

A window in Armagh Cathedral of Our Lady of Lourdes featuring St Bernadette - Pilgrims are encouraged to look out for the window tomorrow, Saturday, during the visit of St Bernadette's relics.

St Patrick's Cathedral
Armagh
Archdiocese of Armagh



Saint Bernadette
Relic Pilgrimage **Ireland 2024**

SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2024

10am	Reception of the Relics & Mass with Blessing of the Sick (St Patrick's Cathedral)
6:30pm	Mass of Our Lady of Lourdes
8pm	Torchlight Procession (around the Cathedral Grounds)

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Genuine privileges in hosting Food Bank Ministry

“One of the genuine privileges in hosting the Kilmore & Inch FoodBank Ministry is the opportunity of making, maintaining and building links with the whole community in the Greater Crossgar area.

Photo - Mr Milligan (Principal Glasswater Primary School), Rev Claire Aylward (Kilmore & Inch), and Mr Mervyn Boyd (FoodBank Manager)

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Again, yesterday morning, we were delighted to receive such a generous donation from the whole Glasswater Primary School community. Our FoodBank could not thrive, nor survive, without the selfless support of so many doners.

Those who volunteer within the FoodBank can testify to the desperate needs they encounter on a regular basis and the, sometimes, (unprompted) heartbreaking stories they hear.

US Special Envoy opens the Livingston Centre at Killinchy

Joe Kennedy III officially opened the Livingston Centre at Killinchy Parish Church on Thursday 3 October.

The US Special Envoy to Northern Ireland cut the ribbon of the local Visitor Centre in the presence of Henry and Susan Livingston of Massachusetts, 11th great-grandchildren of Revd John Livingston who was Rector of Killinchy in 1630.

The Livingston family is one of the most influential families in American history and includes Presidents, a First Lady, Congressmen, Senators, Governors, businessmen, entrepreneurs and military heroes.

The new centre explores the transatlantic story of the Livingstons as well as providing a community hub for local use. During his visit to the centre, Joe Kennedy engaged with participants of Live Life Wellbeing, a group which provides much needed activities for young adults with special needs. He also met with carers and children from



Killinchy Tots who use the centre every Thursday morning from 10.00am to 11.30am.

Revd Dr Stanley Gamble gave Mr Kennedy a guided tour of the Livingston Exhibition before asking him to unveil a model of the famous Eagle Wing ship. In 1636, the Eagle Wing set sail for America from Ulster with 140 passengers onboard including Revd John Livingston. It is the first recorded attempted sailing from Ulster to the new world. It sailed 1200 miles across the Atlantic, but never made it, having to return home after enduring a hurricane.

Inside the parish church, the US Special envoy was introduced to local organist Jack McCabe who has recently graduated from Queen's College, Cambridge with a Bachelor of Arts degree in music. As a teenager, Jack McCabe learnt to play the organ on the Livingston Memorial Organ, which was presented by Susan and Henry Livingston in 2018. The up-and-coming musician played a variation of 'Be Thou my vision' for the US statesman.

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A local Killinchy family were also on hand to present Joe Kennedy with a copy of 'Midnight Again', a book telling the story of Helen Ramsey Turtle, a Colorado woman who met and married Lancelot Turtle of County Down. Mary Lee Jackson and Julie Mackie, her daughters, explained that it contained interesting correspondence from the Second World War when Joe Kennedy's great grandfather, Joseph P. Kennedy, was US Ambassador to the United Kingdom.

Photographs courtesy of Neal Dorman.

Co Antrim Presbyterian physicist who worked on atomic bomb to be honoured in home village

A Co Antrim scientist who was recruited by the US to play a part in the development of the atomic bomb during the Second World War is to be commemorated with an Ulster History Circle Blue Plaque in his home village, Mark Bain reports in the Belfast Telegraph

James Sayers joined a team in the Radiation Lab at Berkeley, California, where he was added to the top-secret Manhattan Project.

His earlier wartime work for the Admiralty led to the development of radar, which helped the Allies win the Battle of the Atlantic. The same technology he had pioneered was later used in developing the domestic microwave oven. After the war, he helped develop the UK's first space programme and worked with Nasa, then newly established.

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Sayers was born at Corkey, Loughgiel, Co Antrim, on September 2, 1912.

He went to Ballymena Academy then studied physics at Queen's, before doing research at St John's College, Cambridge.

At the approach of war, he was recruited by the Admiralty to work on radar in the University of Birmingham.

He was single-handedly responsible for the most important technological breakthrough in the early years of the war.



Giving thanks for all that
God has done in this place

Celebrating
350 years of Rathneeny Presbyterian Church

Friday 27th September, 7.30pm, F94 E026

Presbytery Choir singing
Moderator of General Assembly: Rt. Rev. Dr. Richard Murray
Refreshments served

It enabled radar to pick out even the gun barrels or periscopes on its targets and secured victory for the Allies in the crucial Battle of the Atlantic.

Later, this magnetron technology was used to develop the domestic microwave oven.

In 1943, Sayers joined a team of British scientists working on the Manhattan Project to develop the atomic bomb, after being recruited by Mark Oliphant, with whom he'd worked at Birmingham University.

Sayers was professor of electron physics in Birmingham until 1972 and in 1955 had been a founding member of a group set up by the Royal Society to carry out research on the upper atmosphere.

There, with the British National Committee on Space Research, he devised experiments to travel on specially designed rockets at what was the start of the UK space programme.

In his later years, James returned to his roots when he bought back the family farm in Corkey, Co Antrim, and lived quietly there in his retirement until his death on March 13, 1993.

“James Sayers was a pioneering physicist whose discoveries in the fields of radar and microwave technology have changed the world,” said Chris Spurr, chairman of the Ulster History Circle.

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“The Ulster History Circle is delighted to commemorate this eminent scientist with a Blue Plaque on the former National School at Ballyweaney.

“The Circle is grateful to Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council for its financial support towards the plaque, and to Ballyweaney Presbyterian Church and the Rev Robert Hanna for their kind assistance.”

Double thanksgiving at St Mary’s Leixlip



The chancel of St Mary's with new lighting and decorated for harvest.

St Mary’s Leixlip is believed to have been built by the Normans sometime after 1179. The historic church was

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the setting for a double thanksgiving on Sunday morning.

Parishioners joined with Archbishop Michael Jackson for the service of Harvest Thanksgiving and the rededication of the church following the completion of a number of projects which will preserve the ancient building for future generations.

Over a number of years parishioners, led by their Rector the Revd Scott Peoples, have brought to fruition a memorial garden, renewed lighting and electrical wiring in the church, refurbished the windows, and restored the roof along with ancillary services and the internal decoration of the church. This work was all honoured during the service of Harvest Thanksgiving.



Parishioners who have been involved in the series of restorations with the Archbishop, Rector and Lay Readers.



Anglican Commission on Evangelism and Discipleship's Retreat underway in Kuala Lumpur

A close look at the left side front row may reveal a likeness of the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Foster...

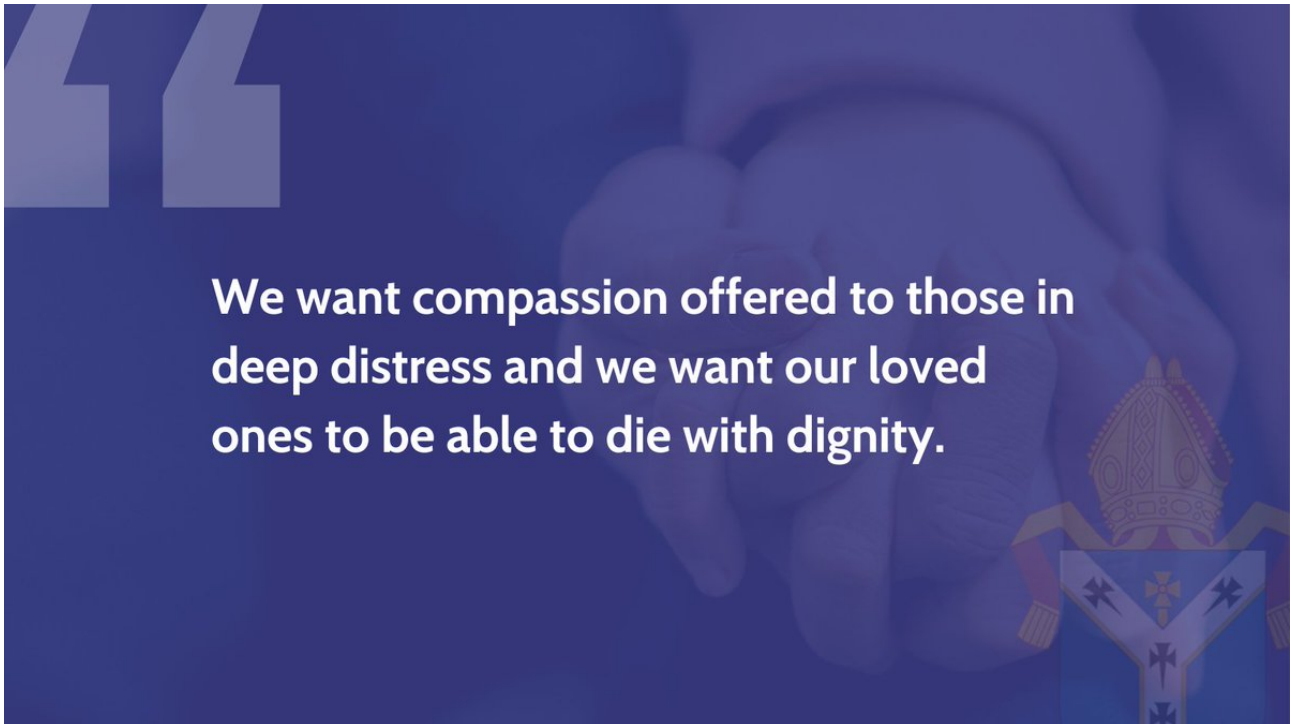
Hosted by the Diocese of West Malaysia, members of the Anglican Communion Church Planting Network (ACCPN) and Jesus Shaped Life networks will review the Season of Intentional Discipleship and develop a new strategic plan for evangelism, church planting, and discipleship across the Anglican Communion for the next decade.

This retreat is key for shaping the future mission of our churches worldwide.

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Please pray for wisdom, discernment, and unity as they plan future evangelism and discipleship initiatives for ACC19 and beyond.

Learn more about the Commission on Evangelism and Discipleship: <https://bit.ly/3BVI8ln>

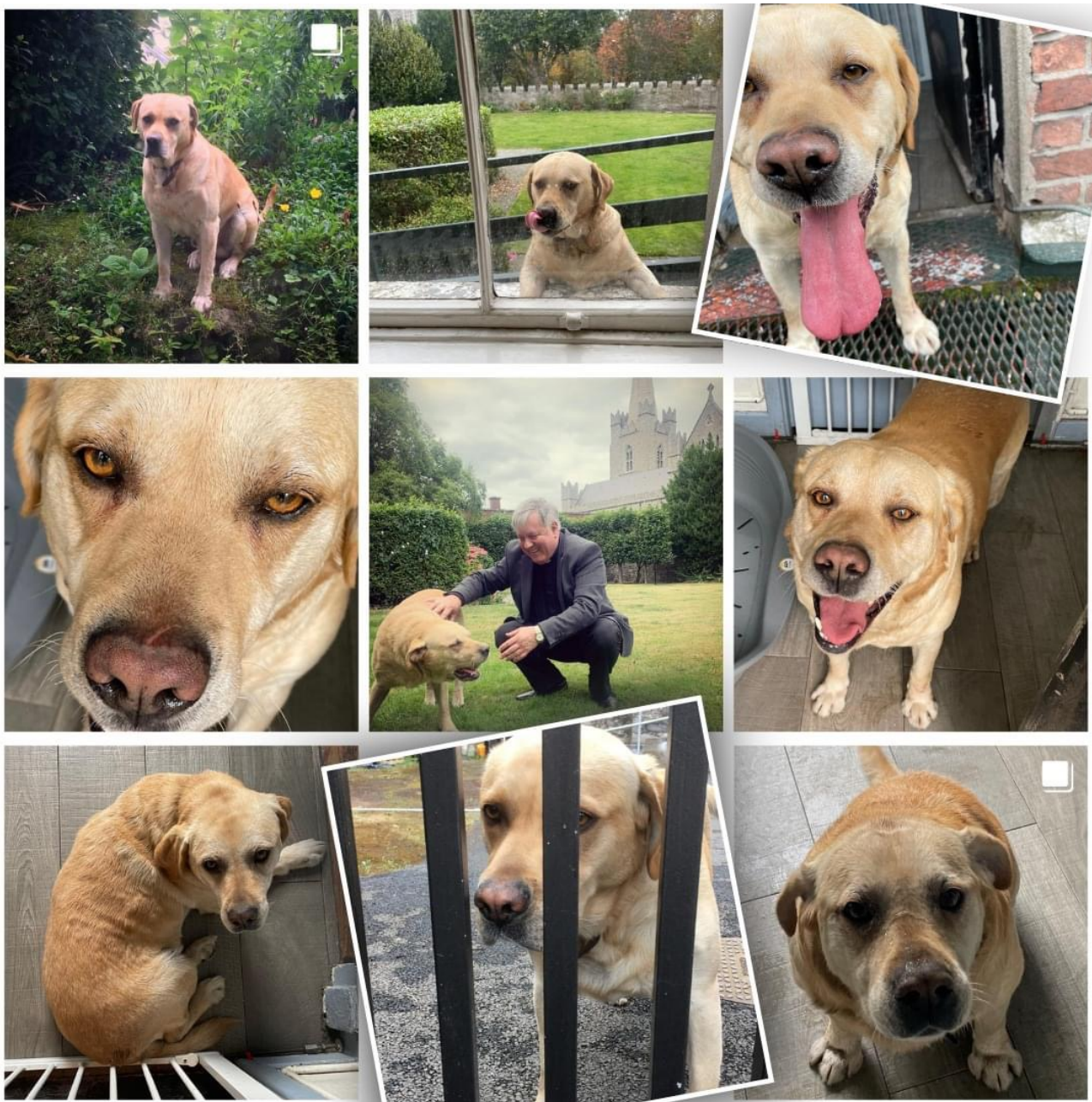


Assisted suicide - Archbishop of Canterbury comment

“Though our society might be divided over the question of assisted suicide, we all ultimately want the same thing for those who are suffering. We want compassion offered to those in deep distress and we want our loved ones to be able to die with dignity”.

Read full statement here <https://archbishopofcanterbury.org/about/meet-jus>

Cathedral Calls



The Duke of St Patrick's Cathedral

Happy 9th Birthday to their most loyal team member – the Dean's beloved dog, Duke!

Duke brings so much joy and tail-wagging energy to all of us, and today it's his special day.

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As Jonathan Swift once said, "Every dog must have his day." Well, Duke, today is all yours!

On Sunday 4th February 2024, MCI will hold its annual Ministry of Healing Sunday. The theme for this year is

Clergy and ministry



The Revd Bronwyn Nortje, Chaplain of Kilkenney College

The Board of Directors of Kilkenney College and the Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, the Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson are delighted to announce the appointment of the Revd Bronwyn Nortje as Chaplain of Kilkenney College.

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The Revd Bronwyn Nortje is from South Africa. Prior to ordination, Bronwyn was a licensed lay minister, Sunday school and youth leader in her parish, as well as being part of the pastoral care team.



She was ordained deacon in 2016 to serve in the Parish of St George White River in the Diocese of Mpumalanga (Anglican Church of Southern Africa) and was ordained priest in 2018. Since January 2022 she has worked as Chaplain in Uplands College, which is set in 110 acres in White River, near the Kruger National Park. Having over 900 pupils, it is a community of similar size to Kilkenny College.

Welcoming her to the staff of Kilkenny College, the Principal Ms Emma Raughter said, “We are thrilled that Rev Bronwyn Nortje will be joining us in Kilkenny College as Chaplain to our school community. Rev Bronwyn brings a wealth of experience, and we have no doubt that her experience and energy will enrich our school community. We are very much looking forward to welcoming her and we hope that she will be very happy here.”

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Commenting on her appointment as Chaplain, the Revd Bronwyn Nortje said, “I am absolutely delighted to be joining the Kilkenny College family and am looking forward to serving all at the school and wider community. I am excited to take on this new chapter in my life, with all the joys, challenges and growth that comes from moving to a new country.”

Bishop Wilkinson adds, “I am delighted that the Revd Bronwyn Nortje has been appointed to the staff of Kilkenny College. As the largest co-educational boarding school in Ireland with many day pupils and staff from the city and surrounding area, it is the size of a parish. It is also the Church of Ireland (Anglican) school of the Diocese of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns. To have an experienced priest and chaplain at the heart of the school community is important and I hope Bronwyn feels very much at home among us before too long.”

Revd Capt Isaac Hanna introduced in Kilmegan and Maghera

Bishop David McClay of Down & Dromore has introduced Revd Capt Isaac Hanna as part-time Priest-in-charge in the Grouped Parishes of Kilmegan and Maghera.

The service took place this evening (Monday 14 October) in the lovely setting of Maghera Parish Church between Dundrum and Newcastle. The Revd Capt Colin Taylor (retired), a Church Army colleague for over 20 years, gave the address.



Preaching from Ephesians 4, Colin encouraged the people of Kilmegan and Maghera to work together with Isaac to build the church in unity and love. Looking to the future with anticipation, he said that Isaac had many skills and would help them move forward, but that their support and input were vital.

Born and raised in Kilkeel, Isaac (above right) began his career as a motor mechanic before answering the call to full-time ministry. After training with the Church Army in 1998, he was ordained in 2007.

Over the past 20 years, Isaac has served in a variety of leadership roles in Sheffield, Coleraine, Dungiven, Maghera, and Sligo. He has also gained extensive experience in church leadership, focusing on reconciliation, social justice, pastoral care, discipleship, and - his passion - evangelism, and pioneer ministry.

He says: “One of my significant achievements was overseeing a multi-million building and outreach project in Maghera, County Londonderry which resulted in a new Parish Centre and community garden, enhancing both

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church and community life. I have also led diverse teams working in areas such as children's ministry, youth outreach, pioneer ministry and community development."

Currently, Isaac serves as the Church Army's Mission Development Officer for Ireland, offering oversight to a team of 11 evangelists. There are five Centres of Mission and one Project dotted throughout the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. He will continue in this role in a part-time capacity alongside his responsibilities in Kilmegan and Maghera.

He says: "Put very simply, my vision for ministry is to be led by Jesus, lead like Jesus, and lead others to Jesus."

Isaac has been supported in ministry by his wife, Dianne, and their two sons, Joshua and Daniel. He and Dianne are back living in Kilkeel and in his spare time, he enjoys keeping his sons' cars on the road and tackling various DIY projects around the house.



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Remembrance

THE MUSIC OF GABRIEL FAURÉ

Friday 8 November, 6pm – 7pm
St Patrick's Church, Ballymena BT43 7BT

Saturday 9 November, 6pm – 7pm
St Patrick's Cathedral (Church of Ireland), Armagh BT61 7DY

Tickets: £15 (under 18s free) available in advance via [eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk), and on the evening at the door

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Mothers' UNION
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The All Ireland Mothers' Union President and
Trustee Board warmly invite you to

**The Big
Hymn Sing**

Praise will be led by the Clare Chorale
Address by The Most Rev'd. J.F. McDowell, Archbishop of Armagh

Date: Saturday 16th November 2024
Time: 2pm
Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Church, Ballymena

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