

Child migration 'a grave injustice' - Sisters of Nazareth



The President of Ireland at a recent visit to St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

Sunday School built over graves causes unholy row in Galway village

An unholy row has erupted between Catholics and Protestants amid claims of desecration of old graves in a County Galway village.

Connacht Tribune - Some Catholics in Ardrahan are angry with the Church of Ireland for building a Sunday school on an old burial ground.

Rector George Flynn has been urged by local Cllr Joe Byrne to remove the building, which is built on bones and beside Catholic graves.



The new building was granted full planning permission by Galway County Council in 2012, and there were no objections lodged to the plans at the time.

But Pauline Bermingham Scully says locals are “appalled and bitterly disappointed” that graves were disturbed when the school was “erected over Catholic burial spaces”.

Rev Flynn said: “I’m very upset that they are upset. It is heartbreaking.”

See full story in this week’s Connacht Tribune.

<http://connachttribune.ie/sunday-school-built-graves-causes-unholy-row-galway-village-662/>

Church Music Dublin Launches Latest Video

Church Music Dublin has launched a third video entitled Essential Hymn Playing Part 2. This follows the success of two previous videos – Music, Eucharist & You (2012) and Essential Hymn Playing (2014).

The latest video covers the basic skills for good hymn playing on the organ. Organist David Adams offers sound advice on articulation and playing the pedals accurately.

Examples from various styles of hymn are demonstrated making this video useful to all.

It is available to view on the Church Music Dublin website on the following link: <http://www.churchmusicdublin.org/Essential-Hymn-Playing>. If you are attempting to view the video in iOS 7 please use this link instead: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jl1S8Y45yCs>.

Church Music Dublin is an agency of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough which aims to support music in churches by providing information and training and fostering a sense of community among musicians.

United Society Celebrates 300 Years in Ireland with Service at St Patrick's Cathedral

A special service to celebrate the 300th anniversary of Us. will take place in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on Sunday September 14 at 3.15 pm.

Since 1714, as the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts and later as USPG, the society has worked with dioceses, parishes, schools and individuals to build relationships around the Anglican Communion, and particularly in recent years with the Diocese of Swaziland.

Connor synod keynote speaker from London Institute for Contemporary Christianity

Keynote speaker at the evening session of the 2014 Synod of the Diocese of Connor will be Neil Hudson of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity.

Neil has recorded a video ([watch on YouTube](#)) which give a preview of the type of issues he will be discussing when he attends Synod in Carrickfergus on October 1.

Neil began working with London



Institute for Contemporary Christianity as the Church–Life Consultant on the Imagine project in 2006 and took over as Imagine Project Director in 2010.

In 2012, Neil published Imagine Church reflecting on the lessons that had been learned from working with churches as they engaged with the challenge of developing a culture of whole–life discipleship. Together with Tracy Cotterell, he also published a Grove booklet entitled Leading a Whole–life Disciplemaking Church.

For the previous ten years he worked at Regents Theological College, serving there latterly as its Vice Principal.

His main areas of teaching concerned the missiological relationship between the Church and wider society. As well as working for LICC, he co–leads a church in Salford, Greater Manchester.

Neil will lead a morning session for clergy entitled ‘Beyond Caring’: How can we create church communities that equip disciples rather than just care for Christians?

His evening session with the whole Synod is entitled ‘Beyond Sundays’: Living faith–full lives Monday–Saturday.

In this, Neil will explore the idea of giving people a sense of ownership for the places where they find themselves most of the time and a framework for understanding how they might serve God’s purposes there.

Institution in All Saints’ Parish, Belfast

The Rev Trevor Johnston, formerly Team Leader of Crosslinks Mission Agency, was instituted as rector of the Parish of All Saints’, Belfast, on September 8.

Trevor is a former chaplain to the University of Ulster



at Jordanstown and Belfast and a former curate of St Patrick's Parish, Jordanstown.

He joined Crosslinks in September 2009 and was commissioned as Ireland Team Leader in January 2010.

Trevor is married to Joy and they have four daughters and one son. He said he was looking forward to his role as rector of All Saints'.

"It is one of the most stimulating, interesting and challenging places to work within the Church of Ireland because of the vast array of different types of people including local and international students, within the traditional parish boundaries," Trevor said.

"There is a great team in place and I am familiar with the parish as I worked there as an outreach worker a number of years ago."

Preacher at the institution was the Rev William Taylor of St Helen's Bishopsgate, City of London, a former officer in the Royal Green Jackets. More than 500 people attended the service.

Child migration 'a grave injustice'

The Congregation of the Sisters of Nazareth has told an inquiry it has to "put its hands up" over its involvement in a child migrant scheme to Australia.

BBC - The Historical Institutional Abuse Inquiry (HIA) is examining child abuse in religious and state-run institutions in Northern Ireland from 1922 to 1995.

The current phase is examining what happened to children sent to institutions in Australia.

One hundred and eleven children were sent there by the Sisters of Nazareth.



On Wednesday, Sister Brenda McCall said: "The most eloquent apology, the most beautiful monument, no matter what money they receive, will never make up for what we took from them in sending them there.

'Substandard children'

"We have to acknowledge - the government, the British government, the Australian government, the churches, the congregations, the institutions - we all have to put our hands up."

She told the inquiry that, in hindsight, it was "a grave injustice" to the children and their families.

The inquiry also heard on Thursday that the nuns were invited to join the scheme by the government and the Catholic hierarchy.

Read more:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-29159760>

September/October Lunchtime concerts in St Mary's Limerick

ALL WELCOME. FREE ADMISSION (Retiring collection in aid of The Companions of St. Mary's Cathedral music) 1.15 pm

Wednesday 24th September

Daniel Battle (organ) - *Music by J.S. Bach, Frank Bridge and Boellmann.*

Wednesday 1st October

Peter Barley (organ) - *Music by Mendelssohn, Franck, Elgar and Dupre.*

Wednesday 8th October

Peter Sebestyen and Adam Scheck(cello duo) with David Szabo (piano) - *including music by Handel, Saint-Saens, Shostakovich and Vivaldi.*

Wednesday 22nd October

Simon Harden (organ) - *Music by Mendelssohn and Gershwin
(Rhapsody in Blue)*

Wednesday 5th November

Peter Barley (organ) - *Music by Vierne, Sweeney, Elgar and
Wiedermann.*

Pope appoints two US priests to help tackle sexual abuse of minors

Pope Francis appointed two US priests to top positions at the Vatican for dealing with the sexual abuse of minors.

The Pope named US Father Robert W Oliver to be the new secretary of the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors, and appointed Jesuit Father Robert J Geisinger to replace Father Oliver as the promoter of justice at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith — the Vatican’s chief prosecutor of sex abuse crimes.

The Vatican made the announcement earlier this week.

Father Oliver fills a new full-time position of secretary for the pontifical commission, which Pope Francis established in December.

A Vatican source told Catholic News Service there would be another announcement “soon” of more new members to be added to the commission, as it aims to expand the number of representatives from around the world, especially from Africa and Asia.

The commission, which currently has eight members, including a survivor of clerical sexual abuse, mental health professionals and experts in civil and church law, is tasked with laying out a pastoral approach to helping victims and preventing abuse.

The Pope has said he wants the commission to help the Church develop better policies and procedures for protecting minors.

Father Oliver, a Boston priest and canon lawyer, worked on the abuse crisis in the Church in his home archdiocese and at the Vatican as the promoter of justice since his appointment there in February 2013.

As secretary of the Vatican commission on protecting minors, the priest again will be assisting Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston — the head of the commission.

Press review

Mail

Report that Cambridge University Library has secured £1.1 million to buy the Codex Zacynthius, which is regarded as a crucial text in studying the development of the New Testament. It states, the manuscript, which has been housed at the library since 1984, was owned by the British and Foreign Bible Society. Its future had been in doubt after the Society decided to sell it to raise funds. The former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, has welcomed the news.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2752384/Scholars-hope-restore-hidden-text-ancient-New-Testament-manuscript.html#ixzz3D4jgAhe9>

Tel

Report that priests have been told to put up with the sound of noisy children in church as part of attempts to make worship more appealing to families. The Rt Rev Kieran Conry, the Bishop of Arundel and Brighton and chairman of the Church in England and Wales's evangelisation committee, said it was "dreadful" that in some cases children had been ejected from services for being too noisy.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11090523/Put-up-with-noisy-children-in-church-Catholic-Church-tells-priests.html>

Guard

Report that there is a risk that efforts in northern Nigeria to free the schoolgirls kidnapped by Islamist militants Boko Haram will lose momentum as world leaders concentrate on other problem areas including Gaza, Ukraine and Iraq and Syria. It states the Nigerian government has been criticised for not rescuing any of the [more than 200 schoolgirls kidnapped in April from a remote northeastern school](#).

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/sep/11/world-attention-boko-haram-continues-ascent>

Mail

Report that a mother has released the first photograph of the moment her premature daughter was born, hours before she passed away too small to survive. It states Emily Caines and her husband Alastair want to raise awareness of the issues surrounding neonatal death. The current law allows babies to be terminated up to 24 weeks gestation - the point at which Adelaide was born. Mrs Caines said: "Our picture shows Adelaide was not a foetus, she was a fully formed human being and to think that a baby like her could be legally terminated is to me horrifying."

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-2752044/She-s-not-foetus-s-fully-formed-human-Heartbroken-parents-release-photo-daughter-born-abortion-limit-24-weeks-call-change-law.html#ixzz3D4qQniNI>

Times

Opinion article by Tom Divine saying Scotland's Catholics, who account for nearly a quarter of the Scottish electorate, have suffered decades of discrimination and may very

well determine the result of next week's referendum on independence. He claims religion has long been a potent force in Scottish politics - much more so than south of the border - and the shift of Catholic voters from backing the Union to backing statehood is another sign of Scotland's evolution as a non-partisan society ready to take its place in the world.
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4204147.ece>

Mail

Report that overall acceptance of gays and lesbians in American religious congregations rose significantly between 2006 and 2012. Duke University's [National Congregations Study](#) found overall acceptance of gay and lesbian members increased from 37 per cent to 48 per cent, although but it declined in Catholic congregations.
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2752398/Survey-Congregations-accepting-gays.html#ixzz3D4neI0MM>

Blogs

God and Politics: The Government wants to know how difficult it is to be a Christian at work - so let's tell them
<http://godandpoliticsuk.org/2014/09/11/the-government-wants-to-know-how-difficult-it-is-to-be-a-christian-at-work-so-lets-tell-them/>

Archbishop Cranmer: God bless America - Obama pledges to "degrade, and ultimately destroy" Islamic State
<http://archbishop-cranmer.blogspot.co.uk/2014/09/god-bless-america-obama-pledges-to.html>