



Dunmanway video officially launched by An Taoiseach viewed over 100,000 times



Taoiseach Leo Varadkar visited Dunmanway to see the birthplace and final resting place of Sam Maguire. He also visited the Sam Maguire Bells in St. Mary's Church. The Rev Cliff Jeffers, Rector of Fanlobbus Union, and the Sam Maguire Community Bells Team posed for a picture with An Taoiseach.

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A promotional video officially launched by An Taoiseach Leo Varadkar on Friday 20th July, has already been viewed more than 100,000 times. The new Dunmanway Tourism Promotional video is designed to showcase the highlights of the West Cork town. During his visit to Dunmanway, the Taoiseach visited the Sam Maguire Visitor Experience which includes the burial place of Sam Maguire, and rang the newly installed Sam Maguire Community Bells.

Following the highly successful launch of the 'Discover Dunmanway' brochure, website and VIP (Visitor Information Point) earlier this summer, Dunmanway Tourism Initiative teamed up with local film-maker Brendan Hayes to create a promotional video featuring the many tourism attractions available to visitors to the town.

This video, created with the support of Cork County Council and Pure Cork, is available to view here.

Ireland rugby player Darren Sweetnam, past pupil of Bandon Grammar School, who features in the video said: 'I was genuinely blown away by this video promoting my home town. It showcases Dunmanway's many treasures and puts Dunmanway well and truly on the map for tourism in West Cork.'

Darren also commended the Rev. Cliff Jeffers, Brendan Hayes and the organisations involved in Dunmanway Tourism Initiative for all their hard work in bringing this project to completion.

Dunmanway offers several visitor attractions, many of which are free, including the Sam Maguire Visitor Experience at St Mary's Church, the burial place of Sam Maguire, the Sam Maguire Community bells, guided and



An Taoiseach was shown a knitted version of the Sam Maguire Cup, made by local ladies.

self-guided historic walking tours, Sam Maguire's Homestead, and Dunmanway's own state of the art swimming pool. Details of all attractions can be seen on www.visitdunmanway.ie as well as in the free 'Discover Dunmanway' tourism brochure, which is available in outlets throughout West Cork.

The Sam Maguire Visitor Experience at St Mary's Church in Dunmanway is open every day during the summer from 12 noon to 4pm. Visitors are welcome to find out more about the man behind the famous trophy through visiting his grave, church, watching short information videos and ringing the Sam Maguire Community Bells.

The Reverend Cliff Jeffers of St Mary's Church of Ireland said: So many people know the name Sam Maguire, but we want people to experience the fascinating story of the man

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behind the cup by visiting the many attractions in his hometown of Dunmanway.

The sharing of this promotional video has been assisted by the offering of a competition by Dunmanway Tourism Initiative with a free family pass to a number of the great attractions in the hometown of Sam Maguire.

Annual Croagh Patrick (Reek Sunday) pilgrimage on Sunday 29 July 2018

The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on the last Sunday in July on Ireland's holy mountain Croagh Patrick in the Archdiocese of Tuam. This pilgrimage has been carried out uninterrupted for over 1500 years. Croagh Patrick has over 100,000 visitors annually with up to 20,000 making the pilgrimage on Reek Sunday weekend each year. This year's pilgrimage will take place on Sunday 29 July. Parishioners from all over Ireland are invited to participate in the pilgrimage.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be available on the mountain from 7.30am and will conclude at 2.00pm.

The first **Mass** on the summit will be celebrated at 8.00am and every hour after that until the final Mass of the day at 2.00pm.

Pilgrims who intend to make the climb should follow instructions of stewards. While it is a custom for some pilgrims to make the climb barefoot, pilgrims are advised to wear suitable clothing and footwear and to take care as they climb. Masses in local churches on Reek Sunday



Croagh Patrick – Ireland’s Holy Mountain

Croagh Patrick, (c.2,510ft/765m) Ireland’s holy mountain, dominates the landscape of southwest Mayo both spiritually and physically. The Croagh Patrick pilgrimage is associated with St Patrick who, in 441, spent 40 days and nights fasting on the summit, following the



Garland Friday
Garland Friday
 July 27th -
Mass on Summit at 10:00am;
Mass in Murrisk Car Park at 7:30 pm



Tóchar Pilgrimage
Tóchar Pilgrimage to Croagh Patrick begins in Ballintubber Abbey at 8:30am.



Mass
Mass on the Summit every hour.
 • **First Mass** at 8:00am
 • **Last Mass** at 2:00pm.



Confessions
Confessions on the Summit
 • 7:30am – 2:00pm.



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example of Christ and Moses. The name ‘Reek Sunday’ comes from Patrick’s ability to Christianise many pagan customs including the festival of Lughnasa, which previously had heralded the start of the harvest festival honouring the ancient pagan god Lugh, whose name is encompassed in the Irish word for August: Lughnasa. This festival’s tradition became absorbed into the new Christian beliefs and locally become known as Domhnach na Cruaiche (Reek Sunday).

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A virtual tour of the mountain, can be viewed on the website of the Archdiocese of Tuam www.tuamarchdiocese.org and the website of Westport parish www.westportparish.ie also contains additional information about the Holy Mountain and more information on this year's pilgrimage.

Athens church leader pleads for prayers after deadly wildfires

A church leader in Athens has asked for prayers as the death toll from the forest fires near the city has increased to 74.

Wildfires have raged through seaside resorts near the Greek capital, killing dozens of people and causing tourists to flee.

Rescuers battling through the blazes which destroyed homes and forests near Athens discovered 26 bodies huddled together at one holiday compound, all believed to be family members. Some of them were hugging.

Many tourists and residents fled towards the coastline to escape the flames and choking smoke.

Rev Canon Leonard Doolan is the senior chaplain at St Paul's Anglican Church in Athens.

He told how one member of his congregation was injured in the blazes.



"One person is in fact in hospital here in Athens suffering from smoke inhalation and that person's house has been destroyed by fire and so has her car."

Canon Doolan urged people to pray for all those impacted by the tragedy.

He said: "Stand alongside us in prayer, whatever it is that's happening or has happened to people here we just commend the whole situation to God.

"And for the person I visited in hospital. We praise God she was spared because she did say to me she doesn't know how she survived."

Greece's Prime Minister Alexi Tsipras has declared a three-day period of national mourning for the victims of the fires.

Forest fires are common in Greece during the hot, dry summers, and temperatures recently hit highs of up to 40C.

Letters withheld by Lord Carey 'could have helped bishop abuse probe'

Letters withheld by an ex-archbishop of Canterbury "could have made a difference" to the investigation into disgraced bishop Peter Ball, a former senior police officer has said.

Wayne Murdock, senior investigating officer into sexual abuse allegations against Ball in 1992 and 1993, said he expected Archbishop George Carey to provide information handed over by victims.

Lord Carey, who gave evidence to the enquiry on Tuesday, resigned as honorary assistant bishop in the Diocese of Oxford after an inquiry found he delayed a "proper investigation" into Ball's crimes for two decades by failing to pass the information to police.

Mr Murdock, who was a Gloucestershire Police officer for 37 years, told the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse on Wednesday: "Those letters should have been handed over and they could have made a difference.

"They knew what was going on. My expectation would have been that if you've got anything, you hand it over.

"From the Church, you don't expect information to be withheld. You know, that's really common sense."

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It was suggested by Fiona Scolding QC that information given to Gloucestershire Police by victims - including details about prayer while not fully clothed and massages - was not materially different to letters received by Lord Carey at the time.

Mr Murdock said: "We should have been the judge of that, not the archbishop. He knew we were carrying out investigation and he withheld that information.

"Had we had names, we could have followed up, gone and interviewed them and perhaps we would have got far more out of those people than had been revealed in those letters.

"I was led to believe these letters were far more damaging. Bottom line was those letters should have been passed on for us to look at and pass judgment on what the evidential value was."

The inquiry heard excerpts from some of the letters on Tuesday, including one given by the mother of victim Neil Todd.

Mr Murdock also denied Ball received special treatment when he was called to Gloucester Police Station for questioning in 1992 but kept away from the cell block.

He told the inquiry he had wanted to stop the media from finding out about Ball's arrest to prevent interference, but said the news broke after being leaked "undoubtedly from somebody at the police station".

Ball resigned in 1993 following a police caution and was jailed in 2015 for sexually abusing 18 males over 30 years.

News briefs

+++Free Belfast concert by Blackburn Cathedral youth choir - The Young People's Choir of Blackburn Cathedral, spending a weekend at Belfast Cathedral, will give a concert at 1.30pm on Saturday July 28. The choir, directed by Shaun Turnbull, will perform the following repertoire:

- The Heavens are Telling – Hadyn
- Bow Thine Ear – Byrd
- Exsultate Justi – Viadana
- I am the Vine – Hudson
- Ubi Caritas – Derufle
- Oh Thou, the Central Orb – Wood
- O Salutaris – James Davy
- O Beati Quorum – Stanford
- Lord of the Dance – arr. Barnard

... alongside some other works for solo voice.

+++Summer SING! AT St Fin Barre's, Cork -

Summer SING! is a week-long children's singing festival which encourages



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children to experience singing in Cork City. Some 200 children and 100 professional and volunteer staff, aged from 3 to 14 years, gather together and they sing in venues across the city.

Every year St Fin Barre's Cathedral is one of the key centres for the festival and on Wednesday 18th July the entire team met inside this wonderful singing space under the guidance of Peter Stobart, the Director of Music at St Fin Barre's Cathedral.

The festival's founder and Creative Director is Sonya Keogh, who is also a parent of two boy choristers in the Cathedral Choir.

+++Belfast Organ Recital by Shaun Turnbull, Blackburn Cathedral - Shaun Turnbull, Assistant Director of Music at Blackburn Cathedral, will perform an organ recital in Belfast Cathedral at 3pm on July 29. Admission is free.

This will be followed by Choral Evensong at 3.30pm with the Young People's Choir of Blackburn Cathedral, directed by Shaun.

Shaun will play:

- Prelude in B minor – J. S. Bach (1685 – 1750)
- Unter der Linden grüne – Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
- Choral No.1 in E major – Cesar Franck (1822 – 1890)

+++Lisburn Cathedral's Uganda Team at work - Lisburn Cathedral's Young Adults team is now in Kampala, Uganda, and after a day's orientation the team has begun working at Abaana Projects in the area. Their first visit was to Strathearn Primary and Nursery School, where Neville Jones, Assistant Director of Abaana, delivered a short talk



about David for the primary school children. The young people then split the children into groups for crafts, learning verses and games. Abaana is a Christian based charity, working out of Bangor, Co Down, which invests in Children in Africa, helping them to break the chains of poverty, through education. You can follow the experiences of Lisburn Cathedral's Uganda Team on their [Facebook page](#) and through the team [Blog](#).

+++An evening with Martin Luther on the Falls Road - In Philip Orr's short but gripping play, Martin Luther looks back on the early years of his life. It is a story of a young man's anguished search for peace of mind and his historic clash with the church hierarchy of the day. The event is on August 4 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm Admission £6. More information and tickets available [HERE](#). This performance will take place in the theatre at Culturlann, the Irish

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Language centre at the junction of the Falls Road and Broadway. It is situated in a former Presbyterian Church. The event is being staged during the West Belfast Festival by the Centre for Contemporary Christianity. A vital part of the evening will be a panel discussion following the performance. A number of leaders inside the Protestant faith community will reflect on the significance of Luther and the Reformation for local Protestant communities in a time of social and cultural change. This play is professionally composed and produced by Philip Orr, a renowned local writer on major Northern Irish historical events and contemporary issues.



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