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Image of the day – Climb a cathedral tower

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Climb Worcester Cathedral Tower

Don't forget, the Tower is now open daily (Mon-Sat) for you to climb on the hour, at 11am, 12pm, 1pm & 2pm!

Climb 200ft up 235 steep, narrow, winding steps and enjoy spectacular views over the city centre, River Severn, county cricket ground, Pitchcroft racecourse, Malvern Hills & countryside beyond.

During the civil war in 1651, it was said that the future King Charles II viewed the Battle of Worcester from the top of the Tower. The present Tower is the Cathedral's third - the first fell in 1175 and the second was taken down because it was

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unsafe. This most recent one was completed in 1374, making it 750 years old this year!

The stonework internally is 14th century in date but the exterior of the tower was re-faced in the 19th century as part of the Victorian restoration.

The present tower was strengthened in the late 1980s / early 1990s, to ensure it is safe for the next 200 years.

Tower climbs cost £8 per adult, £4 for under 16s and £20 for a family - there's no need to book, just turn up and pay at the welcome desk. *Weather permitting / exclusions apply.

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BB Camp still popular and building relationships

Eglinton Presbyterian Church BB Camp has started in Kirkham, England.

Camp is a wonderful opportunity for officers and boys to build relationships, share experiences and create memories that will stick with them for years to come.

The BB's time away together is always filled with adventure and exciting experiences and we are so grateful to our officers who give up their holidays to look after the boys.

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Please pray for all involved that they will be kept safe and well, that camp would be filled with fun and laughter, that the officers will have great opportunities to chat with the boys and share their faith, and that the boys would come see the hope that radiates from knowing Jesus.

Eglinton Church is on Belfast's Ballysillan Road. (Photos from 2023)



Belfast University Chaplaincy Director in Lourdes

The Catholic Chaplaincy Director at Queens University, Shannon, is

enjoying some graced time in Lourdes with the Diocese of Down and Connor.

Shannon has been helping coordinate the team of inspiring young people who volunteer to help sick and elderly pilgrims make the journey. “Remember to light a candle and say a prayer for us Shannon!” say her chaplaincy friends...



Annual Ecumenical Service to be held in Liss Cemetery

Liss Cemetery will hold its annual Ecumenical service on Sunday July 21, at 2.30pm.

The cemetery is located just outside of Ballycumber, and hosts burials from both the Roman Catholic and Church of Ireland tradition, Emily Sheehan writes in Offaly Independent

The Heritage Council of Ireland are currently carrying out restorative work on the railings, gates, and piers on the Church of Ireland side of the cemetery. Therefore, the cemetery may be accessed through the Catholic side only for this year's service.

All are welcome to join this celebration, and are assured of a warm welcome, a message from the Bible and some light refreshments afterwards.

The piers and railings of the church were likely put in place around 1820, when the church was first built.

Nowadays, the piers are leaning, and the wing walls of the church are misaligned.

The gates and railings, which have been removed for restoration off site, were old and rusted, dragging on the ground and unable to properly close.

TRIBUTE TO MISS. CLAIRE WINNIFRED TRUEMAN



Miss Claire Winnifred Trueman, originally of Rostrevor, Northern Ireland, transitioned this life peacefully, at her home in Mandeville, Jamaica on 21 June 2024

The Girls' Brigade, Jamaica is deeply saddened by the loss of this wonderful woman who arrived in Jamaica in 1962.

Miss Trueman, who was involved in Girls' Guildry (Girls' Brigade) in Ireland, worked tirelessly with GB in Jamaica. She taught us a lot about the organization and supported us in a major way.

In the earlier days, Miss Trueman played a pivotal role in the development of the Programme material. As a result, Girls' Brigade, Jamaica developed Programme Books for Explorers, Juniors, Seniors and Brigaders. Fortnightly workshops were held to collate and review the material for the books. This is a remarkable achievement for which we are so thankful.

In a gentle manner, Miss Trueman taught us a lot about drill, and sharpened our ability to drill correctly. She was also instrumental in the expansion of Girls' Brigade work, particularly in the Middlesex Division as well as the national level.

As a member of the Training and Programme Committee, in 1972, Miss Trueman was elected to the position of Commissioners of Middlesex District. In 1995, she became Commandant of Middlesex Divisional, a position she held until 1979.



Miss Truman retired from Girls' Brigade and was residing in Mandeville, Manchester, Jamaica.

Her sterling contribution and commitment will never be forgotten. May her soul rest in Eternal Peace and may Light Perpetual shine upon her.

Verna Wright
Past IVP & CAF Chair
The Girls' Brigade -
Caribbean and Americas
Fellowship

Quindell Ferguson B.H. (M)
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The pier from the Church of Ireland side of the cemetery has been taken down, and will be rebuilt when the gates and railings are returned.

Access to to this side of the cemetery will be improved following this restorative work.

The work on the piers and wing walls will be carried out by Damien Condon, from Calx Renders Ltd. The railings will be restored by Brendan St John, from Forge & Iron Works. Both will be under the supervision of Richard McLoughlin, of Lotts Architecture & Urbanism Ltd.

Additionally, a walking tour of Liss Cemetery will take place on Sunday, August 25 at 3pm, as part of Heritage Week.

During the tour, visitors will be shown headstones of notable families from the locality and some history of those families.

The work to restore the cemetery is supported by the Heritage Council under the Community Heritage Grant Scheme 2024.

Attack on C of I Crumlin Church condemned

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Church attack condemned

SOUTH Antrim MP Robin Swann has condemned an attack on St John's Church of Ireland in Crumlin.

Mr Swann said: "It is disappointing to see the damage that has been done to the extension that is currently being completed to the building.

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Officers attended the scene and spoke to contractors at the site who informed them that the incident had

occurred several days prior.

Police are appealing to anyone who may have noticed any suspicious behaviour in the area, or who has relevant dashcam or other footage, to contact police on 101, quoting reference 509 of 12/07/2024.

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The village population increased dramatically in the late eighteenth century and funds were raised to build the church at a cost of £714.

A grant to help with the building was given to the parish by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge.

The church is part of the Parish of Glenavy alongside St Aidan's and St Andrew's.



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Anglican Alliance's new Executive Director

The Anglican Alliance yesterday announced the appointment of its new Executive Director, Robert Dawes, following a global recruitment process.

Rob currently serves as Director of Development at Mothers' Union and will take over leadership of the Anglican Alliance when Canon Rachel Carnegie steps down in October. Rob will be working with the superb global Anglican Alliance team, along with partner churches and agencies across the Anglican Communion.



Announcing the appointment, Archbishop Albert Chama, Primate of the Church of the Province of Central Africa and Chair of the Anglican Alliance Board, said, "Rob Dawes

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brings to the Anglican Alliance a wonderful understanding of the Anglican Communion and the relationships that sustain our life together. Rob is passionate about working with members of local churches across our provinces.”

The Secretary General of the Anglican Communion, Bishop Anthony Poggo, said: "Through his experience at Mothers' Union, Rob has forged important partnerships with Anglican groups around the world, and as a result has a strong appreciation for the strengths and needs of diverse church communities. This will stand him in good stead as he takes up his leadership role with the Anglican Alliance.”

Rob Dawes said: “I am incredibly humbled and excited by this God-given opportunity to work together with the most amazing people around the world, in a way that releases people to achieve the impossible for their communities across the globe together.”

The Anglican Alliance was launched in 2011, on the recommendation of bishops at the 2008 Lambeth Conference. It serves to connect, equip and share learning and resources amongst Anglican churches and agencies across the global Communion in responding to human need, promoting justice and peace, and safeguarding creation. As an Alliance, the organisation also convenes various relief and development agencies in the Communion and collaborates with ecumenical partners and other actors in international development and humanitarian spaces. The Anglican Alliance is based at the Anglican Communion Office. It works closely with colleagues at the Anglican Communion Office – the official secretariat of the Anglican Communion.

Cathedral Calls



 St Peter's
Catholic Cathedral, Belfast

Meet

MATTHEW REEVE

Matthew is a musical director, orchestrator and composer. He studied music as an undergraduate and postgraduate at King's College, London.

Matthew is an experienced voice consultant working with singing and spoken voice. He worked on the faculty of Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts for 10 years. A proponent of evidence-based voice teaching, he was granted Estill teaching licensure by Jo Estill in 2003. He served on the Estill advisory board for several years, retiring from the organisation in 2018. He continues to work with artistic professionals and institutions who wish to develop their understanding and practice, and actively works with the voice science community.

Talented guest tutor at St Peter's Cathedral Summer Singing Course

St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast, was thrilled to announce that their upcoming Summer Singing Course, running

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from August 5-9, 2024, will feature the incredibly talented Matthew Reeve as their guest tutor.

With a wealth of experience and a passion for music, Matthew is ready to share his expertise and help you take your singing skills to the next level.

Don't miss this amazing opportunity to learn from one of the best in the industry. There is still time to apply! Click the link below to secure your spot and join us for an unforgettable musical journey.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfsh-V7-VGGcJp6YPCfh-yR037mXOTRdDBRifRfK3z4LMcTUQ/viewform>

Limerick Cathedral support for two local charities

The Dean of Limerick, the Very Revd Niall Sloane, has announced the presentation of cheques to two local charities.

It follows the successful 'Cars at the Cathedral', a display of special and rare cars and motorcycles, held in the grounds of the historic Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on Saturday 4 May, as part of the city's summer festival, Riverfest Limerick.

The Dean and his colleagues from St Mary's cathedral presented two cheques of €1,760 to Ana Liffey Drugs

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Project and the Children at Risk in Ireland (CARI) Foundation. Both charities have centres in Limerick.

Clergy and ministry



Brother Eamonn Davis SJ

Brendan McManus SJ (left) writes - On this day, the funeral of our beloved Brother Eamonn Davis (right), just to pay tribute to a bit of a legend in Belvedere College and the Irish Jesuits.

Eamonn was unfailingly optimistic and good humoured, and humble, totally given to help others whether in the local area or in the College. He was an early inspiration for me in what it meant to be a Jesuit in his faith, great love for the

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outdoors, story telling and finding God in the ordinary things of life. May God receive his soul.

<https://rip.ie/death-notice/br-eamonn-sj-davis-dublin-562285>

North West welcome

North West District of the Methodist Church has welcomed Rev Cheryl Bruce who has started her ministry in Magherafelt and Cookstown and will hold her in our prayers in the days ahead.

Ross in first cohort of pioneers

Ross Barrett from Cashel, Ferns and Ossory will be part of the first cohort of pioneers who start their training in September:

My decision to pursue Pioneer Ministry stems from a profound desire to explore innovative ways of breaking new ground and finding fresh ways to connect with people with little or no connection to church while encouraging them to come alive in their God-given gifts and purpose. I've always been drawn to thinking outside the box regarding ministry, and Pioneer Ministry is the perfect avenue for that.

As for what gets me buzzing about the upcoming year in training? Honestly, it's the chance to learn and grow alongside like-minded folks who are just as passionate about innovation and creativity in ministry as I am. I can't wait to dive into the nitty-gritty of exploring different approaches, experimenting with new ideas, and, ultimately, making a tangible difference in the lives of those we serve. This upcoming year promises to be a transformative journey,



MEET THE PIONEERS

ROSS
BARRETT



Parish:

Lismore Union of Parishes

Diocese:

Cashel, Ferns & Ossory

and I am wholeheartedly committed to embracing its challenges and opportunities with enthusiasm and dedication.

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Bubble Church in rural County Armagh

For Mullabrack and Kilcluney parishes, in Armagh Diocese, the vision for a 'Bubble Church' project sprung from an idea that had its genesis during the pandemic and the challenges posed by Covid restrictions for church gatherings. It began fortnightly in October 2020 as a space for families to worship together.

The vision of 'Bubble Church' is to see families with young children grow in their faith and love for God by:

1. Establishing a regular 'Bubble Church' service on a Sunday afternoon in the Parish Hall.
2. A series of outreach events organised four times per year to connect with children and young families.

This ministry received seed funding during the Covid-19 pandemic with £6,000 awarded over two years.

Bubble Church is a short all-age worship service (30–45 minutes) loosely based around the Church of Ireland's Service of the Word structure. It also incorporates some practices from Messy Church services such as family engagement in a craft-based prayer activity or family challenge based on the Bible story.

As restrictions lifted and as ministry returned to a more settled (and normal) pattern, leaders in the parish wondered how Bubble Church would fit into this new normal. However,

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under the Lord they discovered that our Bubble Church service continued to attract both new and established families.

Bubble Church therefore continues to run in Mullabrack Hall on the first Sunday afternoon of the month, when there is normally no Sunday school due to a service of Holy Communion being held across the three services in the parish.



Poem For Today

Dublin made me and no little town

by Donagh MacDonagh

Dublin made me and no little town
With the country closing in on its streets
The cattle walking proudly on its pavements
The jobbers the gombeenmen and the cheats
Devouring the fair-day between them
A public-house to half a hundred men
And the teacher, the solicitor and the bank-clerk
In the hotel bar drinking for ten
Dublin made me, not the secret poteen-still
The raw and hungry hills of the West
The lean road flung over profitless bog
Where only a snipe could nest
Where the sea takes its tithe of every boat
Bawneen and curragh have no allegiance of mine,
Nor the cute self-deceiving talkers of the South
Who look to the East for a sign
The soft and dreary midlands with their tame canals
Wallow between sea and sea, remote from adventure,
And Northward a far and fortified province
Crouches under the lash of arid censure
I disclaim all fertile meadows, all tilled land
The evil that grows from it and the good,
But the Dublin of old statutes, this arrogant city,
Stirs proudly and secretly in my blood.

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Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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