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On Sunday 28th April, the Holy Family Cub Scouts welcomed Bishop Alan McGuckian of Down & Connor into their parish.

When 27th Belfast Holy Family Cub Scout unit was initially established almost 50 years ago (then called Holy Family Catholic Boys Scouts of Ireland), it was affectionately known as The Bishop's Own. As it was located in the Bishop's parish, the colours chosen for the scout neckerchief were the Bishop's colours.

Holy Family Parish Belfast held its annual Parish Youth Mass.

It was a wonderful way to showcase the various youth groups within the Parish and the very many volunteers who ensure these events/groups can occur; they included the Cygnets, Briginis, Guides, Rangers, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Ventures, Altar Servers, and Children's Liturgy Team, all run by volunteers from the Parish. Daniel Bouvier, Eucharistic Minister, and Aoife Teer, who brought the Exam Candle for blessing.

The Mass was supported by the parish's Choir, Welcome and Hospitality Group, Comms Team, and the parochial Pastoral Council.

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Deacon Brendan, Father Michael and Bishop Alan, celebrated the Mass.

Thank you to everyone who attended and for all who contributed to the Diocesan Census which was also occurring this weekend in every Parish within the Diocese.

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Armenians in Ireland commemorate the 1915 Armenian Genocide



Members of the Armenians in Ireland Community in Ireland gathered in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin on Saturday evening (April 27) to commemorate the 1915 Armenian Genocide.

The reflective service of Choral Evensong featured performances of Armenian piano music and moving prayers from Armenian children.

The Armenian Genocide began with the arrest of 250 Armenian intellectuals on April 24 1915. Over the following

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years more than one million Armenians died in Ottoman Turkey and Armenian people were scattered around the world.

Read more on the Dublin & Glendalough website here: <https://dublin.anglican.org/news/2024/04/26/service-marks-109th-anniversary-of>

Zimbabwe Methodist bishop ticks off argumentative church in America

Zimbabwe Methodist Bishop Eben K. Nhiwatiwa, has told the United Methodist conference in America that they should stop arguing and start praising the Lord.

The church is split over same sex relationships, with 7,600 churches, a quarter of the total, leaving to become independent or join rival Methodist groups, even before the final vote is taken at the conference in Charlotte this week.

There will be proposals to lift the ban on same-sex marriage and to allow “practicing homosexuals” to be clergy and bishops. United Methodist News reports that the bishop said Christianity was not about destroying one denomination to build another.

Referencing attempts to get churches to leave and join other groups, he said: “Africa needs to know how the gospel got to the continent before you send people there to pull people out of The United Methodist Church.”

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Individual compensation for CofE abuse could reach £660,000

The Church of England has published details of its redress scheme for survivors of abuse, which will range from £5,000 to £660,000 for rare and exceptional cases.

The process of deciding the level of the award has been mapped out, taking into account the nature of the abuse and its impact on the applicant. The redress will not just be



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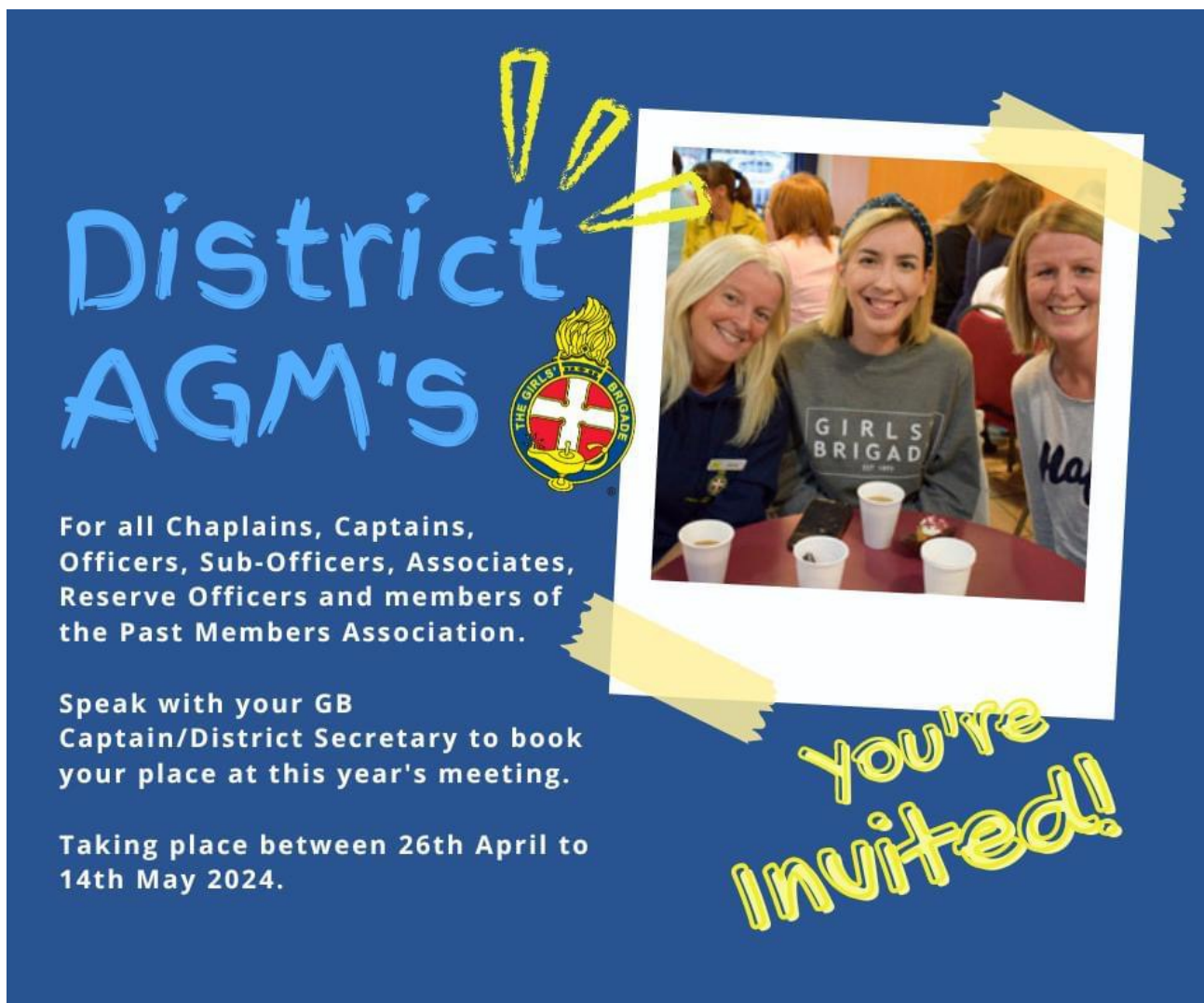


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financial, but will offer apologies, therapy, and support for victims and survivors. The Redress project team includes two members of the Survivor Working Group.

UK first campus Pop Up Passover café at Surrey University

Jewish students at Surrey university in Guildford, introduced a pop-up Passover Café on campus, the first time for at least 21 years when Passover has been observed in term time.



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For all Chaplains, Captains, Officers, Sub-Officers, Associates, Reserve Officers and members of the Past Members Association.

Speak with your GB Captain/District Secretary to book your place at this year's meeting.

Taking place between 26th April to 14th May 2024.

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Rabbi Alex Goldberg, Dean of Religious Life and Belief, said: “It’s been great to be given this facility for students, staff, and visitors to pop in, munch Matzos, cook and chill with a coffee. Students working together to build a home from home is wonderful to see.” The Passover Café is part of a university initiative to ensure all students feel supported and integrated into campus life, regardless of their religious or cultural affiliations.

New Synodal team starts 'challenging and exciting' work

The new National Synodal Team for the Synodal Pathway in Ireland met for the first time on April 29.

Appointed by the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference at its Spring General Meeting in March, the team includes lay women and men, priests, religious, bishops and deacons. Father Declan Hurley, Administrator of Saint Mary's Parish, Navan, has been appointed chairperson of the team.

At Monday’s meeting, Father Hurley said: "The National Synodal Team has been formed with both continuity and growth in mind. Some of the members of the previous Steering Committee have been appointed to the team, alongside some new members, representing diverse competencies in the areas of synodality, communications, theology, formation and training, planning, pastoral and social outreach, cultural discernment, and youth. It is envisaged that the National Synodal Team will also work co-responsibly with the councils, commissions, and agencies of the Bishops' Conference, and establish working groups to

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assist in the implementation and rolling out of specific pathways/themes within the overall National Synodal Pathway. The Synodal Pathway represents both a challenging and exciting time for the Church in Ireland as we discern together what it is that God is asking of us at this time."

Also speaking was , **the General Secretary for the Irish Synodal Pathway**, Ms Julieann Moran, said, "I look forward to working closely with the National Synodal Team over the next two years as it aims to introduce and support initiatives across all levels of the Church in Ireland. The success of the Irish Synodal Pathway requires continuous engagement with parishes and dioceses, as well as engagement with religious communities, ecclesial movements and associations of lay faithful. The change in name, and focus - from a Steering Committee to a National Synodal Team - better reflects the fact that the role of this team will be to work collaboratively with the local Church, whilst progressing aspects of the work that will require national-level planning and implementation."

The National Synodal Team was established by the Irish Bishops' Conference at its Spring General Meeting for the implementation of the Synodal Pathway in Ireland. For more information see: <https://synod.ie/>

Anglican Primates recall martyrdom of Apostle Paul

The Primates of the Anglican Communion began their meeting in Rome with a pilgrimage in the steps of the



Apostle Paul, gathering first at the place of his martyrdom, at Tre Fontane (Photo above).

Pilgrimage will be a major feature of the 2024 Primates' Meeting.

Coordinated by the Anglican Centre in Rome, the Primates will visit important sites that relate to the first Apostles who made missionary journeys to Rome.

On Monday their pilgrimage was to Tre Fontane (the location of St Paul's martyrdom) and the Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls (the resting place of St Paul).

At Tre Fontane, the primates spent time in prayer and contemplation, visiting the three shrines on the location.



Tradition holds that between AD 64-67 the apostle Paul was beheaded at Tre Fontane by the Emperor Nero, the bounce of his head on the ground causing three fountains to spring forth.

The Basilica of St Paul's Outside the Walls is one of the four Papal Basilicas in Rome and the second biggest after St Peter's Basilica. It is also the resting place of the mortal remains of St Paul.

At St Paul's, the primates were welcomed by Cardinal James Michael Harvey (the Archpriest of the Basilica), before touring the Basilica and hearing more of its history.

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The primates also took part in Vespers for the Feast of St Catherine of Siena, presided by Dom Donato Ogliari, O.S.B., Abbot of the Abbey of St Paul Outside the Walls.

Cathedral Call

St Patrick's Cathedral Volunteers Belfast trip



Cathedral Volunteers from St Patrick's Dublin recently embarked on an exciting trip to Belfast! They received a warm welcome at Belfast Cathedral, followed by a fascinating tour of Parliament Buildings. From exploring historic architecture to witnessing MLAs in action, it was an



unforgettable experience! Want to join our team of volunteers and be part of unique opportunities like this?

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Dromore artwork inspiration

A few weeks ago Andrew Graves and his friend Paul were refitting a collapsed headstone.

Andrew said, "I was taken back by the beauty of the location. I knew I had to paint it and here is the result."



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A 45x60 acrylics. It shows the Bishops Bridge in Dromore from the old cemetery at Down Cathedral”.



Musical change at Winchester

After twenty-two years of outstanding service, loyalty and dedication, Dr Andrew Lumsden has decided to stand down as Director of Music at Winchester Cathedral on 31 July 2024.

Dr Lumsden’s final services and events will include all this summer’s highlights such as the annual Liturgy of the Foundation.

The Cathedral extended its best wishes to Andy as he embarks on the next phase of his professional and personal journey.

Read more: <https://bit.ly/3QIYLeB>

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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts



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YARNS FROM THE BIBLE

Friday 3rd May - Sunday 12th May 2024

An exhibition of hand-crafted knitted tableaux and patchworks depicting familiar scenes from the Bible. The work of sisters Doris Killow and Ethel Parks, this exhibition was first displayed in September 2022 in Tartaraghan Parish Church, Portadown.

OPENING HOURS: MONDAY – FRIDAY: 10.30 AM – 4.00 PM and 7.00 PM – 9.00 PM

SATURDAYS: 10.30 AM – 7.00 PM SUNDAYS: 2.30PM – 5PM

CLOSING SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING: SUNDAY 12TH MAY 7.00 PM

CATERING: Two course meal (salad or soup, dessert & tea/coffee) N.B. Available only for pre-booked groups £12.50 p.p. Walk-in light refreshments (tea/coffee with selection of savoury & sweet items) available throughout exhibition hours, except weekday evening sessions.

CONTACT DETAILS: Any groups/coach parties by prior appointment only, please.

Email: killeadparishevents@gmail.com not later than 24th April 2024.

For further information either email as above or telephone 07762458282

Proceeds to St Catherine's Church Funds

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Killead Knitted Bible Exhibition

Killead Parish are hosting a Knitted Bible Exhibition called “Yarns from the Bible” Friday 3rd – Sunday 12th May.

Walk-ins are welcome at any time during the exhibition hours below, and light refreshments will be served except during the weekday evening sessions.

Lunches are available for pre-booked groups only at £12.50 per person.

Exhibition hours are

Monday–Friday 10.30–4pm and 7–9pm

Saturdays 10.30–7pm

Sundays 2.30–5pm

Closing Service: Sunday 12th May 7pm

For bookings see the contact details on the flyer.

Audio Broadcast of C of I General Synod 2024

An audio broadcast of General Synod 2024 will be available while Synod is in session.

You may need to click on the play button to start the stream, and you may also need to click ‘unmute’.

If you are experiencing issues, please click on this link to view on Vimeo.

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https://www.ireland.anglican.org/synod/2024/audio-broadcast?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=facebook#coigs



GROW in Down & Dromore

8 speakers and 8 topics, all to help churches in Down & Dromore grow in healthy ways.

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Bishop David McClay will take the first session and has invited seven other speakers each of whom will teach on a biblical value that helps to create an environment for church growth.

“Our speakers have years of experience fostering these focus areas in local church settings in Ireland and what they share will be both practical and inspirational”.

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Bishop David McClay: Keeping evangelism at the top of the agenda

Sunday 12 May at 7.00pm in Willowfield Church

From 12-19 May in Willowfield Church and Dollingstown Magheralin Parish . Read more here

<https://tinyurl.com/4u33wz8y>

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