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Remembrance services and events took pace throughout Ireland. Today CNI presents examples of respect and regard by churches, organisations and individuals from this recent season of remembrance.



The front cover photograph is from the RBL Festival of Remembrance at the Waterfront



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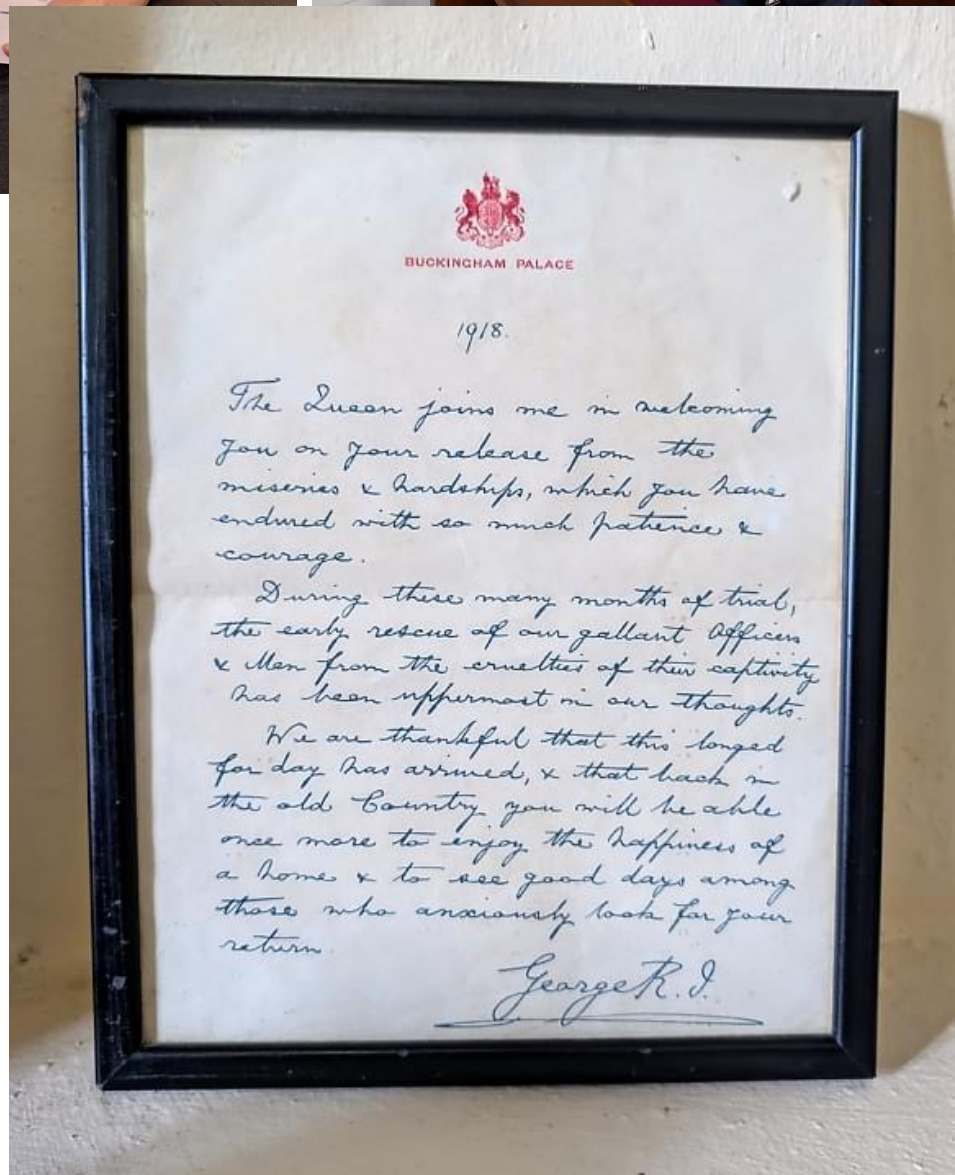
Hall, Belfast. Above - the Hillsborough Fort Guard and Royal Hillsborough's War Memorial at the entrance to St Malachi's



Church - courtesy RJA



photography. Below at two services from further south. Some churches had on display records of service of former family members. The lady above is holding two certificates from the



Common-wealth War Graves Commission. Right is a letter



from the King to a recently freed prisoner of war. New seats for the Garden of Remembrance were generously donated and dedicated at Lisbellaw's new war memorial on Remembrance Sunday prior to a service in the parish church



Air Force Cadets from Lisburn area joined their chaplain at Eglantine Parish to place Crosses of Remembrance at the graves of Royal Air Force air crew in the churchyard.





Hundreds of people gathered at the War Memorial in the centre of Londonderry, for a service and Act of Remembrance.



Sunday morning's Service – under a benign autumn sky – was led by the Pastoral Assistant at St Columb's Cathedral, Rev Canon John Merrick, who was joined by senior clergy from the four main Churches.

The Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Andrew Forster; the Bishop of Derry, Most Rev Dr Donal McKeown; the Minister of First Derry Presbyterian Church, Rev Colin Jones; and the Minister at Carlisle Road Methodist Church, Rev Peter Morris, led those present in prayers and hymn-singing, including 'Abide With Me'.



The annual ceremony included a solemn ceremony during which wreaths were laid by His Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the County Borough of Londonderry, Mr Ian Crowe MBE DL; political and civic dignitaries; and representatives of various military and policing services.



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The Britannia and William King Bands provided music for the event, including a rendition of the National Anthem and a poignant playing of The Last Post.

Immediately afterwards, a Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving was held at St Columb's Cathedral.



Left - The talented ladies of the St Molua's Craft and Chat group for the stunning knitted and crochet poppy cascade and wreath on the font at the morning's service at Stormont on Remembrance Sunday.



L-R Monsignor Bryan McCanny (Limavady Parish), Revd Canon Aonghus Mayes (Christ Church), Mr Robert Moore (Deputy Lieutenant for County Londonderry) present at the town's Remembrance Sunday 2024

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Pocket Prayer Quilts at Inver MU

At their last meeting members of Inver MU were joined by the talented Caroline Jervis...

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...who with much direction and great patience helped members to make lovely 'Pocket



Prayer Quilts' - each of which contains a small wooden cross which you can feel when holding it. Here are two samples of their evening's work...

Wexford parish celebrates Thanksgiving Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 27, Kildavin held its final Harvest Thanksgiving service of the year in the Bunclody Union of Parishes, St Paul's church.

Rachel Rothwell, Churchwarden of St Paul's church, said they were blown away by the displays made by parishioners to celebrate the impact of the harvest.

The beautifully decorated displays were made with a variety of vegetables, stunning flowers and greenery, corn; and of course displays of toy machinery to illustrate what the harvest season entails, which also demonstrated what each piece of machinery is necessary for before and during the harvest.

"We had the honour of having musicians: organist Hazel Moulton, cellist Olwen Shiel, and accordionist Kate Power, who lead the rhythm of our hymns beautifully. We also had the pleasure of listening to the words of Diocesan Lay Reader, Mr. Richard Codd during his sermon. We would like to thank him for joining us and giving such an interesting sermon!" she said.

The congregation filled the church and Spellman Hall afterwards to join together for a chat, and delicious refreshments provided by fellow members of the church. Report courtesy the Enniscorthy Guardian

UN Climate Conference (COP29) in Baku focus for Ecumenical Prayer Services against the unlawful detention of captives

With the 29th UN Climate Conference (COP29) which started in Baku, Azerbaijan, yesterday, Monday, 11 November, Churches around the world will hold Ecumenical Prayer Services to call for global unity this weekend, against the unlawful detention of captives in Baku.

The number of political prisoners detained in Azerbaijan has risen sharply in the run up to COP29, tripling since the start of 2023 to over 300 according to the "Union for the Freedom of Political Prisoners in Azerbaijan". It is hoped the initiative will put pressure on international governments to press Baku for the release of the prisoners before the climate conference starts.

International NGOs including Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch cite reports of violations of prisoners' human rights, including detention in inhumane conditions, torture and refusal of adequate medical care. To bring attention to their plight, the Armenian Apostolic Church and the World Council of Churches, a worldwide fellowship of over 350 Christian denominations, are calling on member churches to conduct a simultaneous prayer service on Sunday 10 November, the day before COP29 starts.

The Supreme Patriarch of All Armenians, Karekin II, is calling on churches to "unite in a special day of prayer for all

forcibly displaced suffering people and the release of the prisoners of war, and their safe return to their families."

In his letter to the Rev Prof Dr Jerry Pillay of the World Council of Churches, the Catholicos of All Armenians spoke of his conviction that "such a global prayer will encourage the participation of Christian communities, diplomatic missions, media representatives and all international organisations [in raising global awareness of](#) this ongoing humanitarian crisis and will provide a peace-bearing solution based on truth and justice".

Government ministers and national ambassadors in Washington, New York, London, Brussels and every major European capitol have been invited to attend services.

Karekin II's letter of invitation states his hope that their involvement will draw attention to "the grave injustice that our sons and daughters of Artsakh endure as a result of forced displacement [and to the](#) many Armenian soldiers and civilians unjustly detained as prisoners of war and subjected to undue suffering".

The coordinated prayer services aim to highlight that while climate issues are being addressed at COP29, human rights violations by conference host Azerbaijan are very much on the agenda and cannot be 'greenwashed'.

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Anglican Communion Science Commission meets in Virginia



The Anglican Communion Science Commission (ACSC) met recently for a three-day consultation at Virginia Theological Seminary (VTS).

Science commission members from 25 Anglican provinces took part, to look at how faith and science communities can collaborate in response to issues facing the world today.

Reflecting on the event, the Co-Chair of the Science Commission, Bishop Steven Croft said:

"Humankind is facing critical global challenges of disease; climate change; and the responsible use of technology. Responding effectively to these challenges demands

deeper, more confident engagement by the Anglican Communion with questions of science.

"The Virginia conference is a vital next step in the work of the Science Commission in encouraging this confident engagement for the sake of God's world. I'm looking forward very much to listening to such a wide range of bishops and scientists from across the world."

Read the full news story: <https://bit.ly/3YGG7m9>

Learn more about the work of the Anglican Communion Science Commission: <https://bit.ly/4hnKGJk>

Clergy and ministry

New Area Dean for Clanbrassil

Bishop David McClay has appointed the rector of Donaghcloney and Waringstown, the Revd Mark Lennox, as Area Dean for Clanbrassil in Dromore Diocese.

He is also the Link Coordinator for the Diocese of Santiago and Warden for Pioneer Ministries.

Mark said of his appointment, "It is an honour to be asked by Bishop David to be Area Dean of Clanbrassil. For the past number of years Revd Paul McAdam has fulfilled the role and we thank him for his tireless work during this time.

"As I take on this this new responsibility, I value your prayers and I very much look forward to working more closely with my colleagues in the area."

About Mark - Mark was ordained deacon in June 2009 and served his curacy in the Parish of Maghera and Killelagh (2009 – 2012). His first incumbency was as Bishop's Curate in Charge of the Parish of Camus–Juxta–Mourne (Strabane, 2012–2018), both in the Diocese of Derry.

In May 2018 Mark was instituted as Rector of the Parish of Killyman, in the Diocese of Armagh, and began his ministry in Down and Dromore in January 2022.

St Brendan's Medal presented

Paddy Duffy was presented with the St Brendan's Medal by Bishop of Killaloe Fintan Monahan in St Brendan's Church, Birr, last week.

The presentation was to acknowledge Paddy's many years of service to St Brendan's Parish, Birr.

The presentation was made during the Novena in St Brendan's Church last week where Mr Duffy was given a standing ovation by the full church.

Pope appoints new Preacher of Papal Household

Pope Francis has appointed Capuchin Fr Roberto Pasolini, a biblical scholar who combines academics

with pastoral outreach to the marginalized, as the new Preacher of the Papal Household.

Fr Roberto Pasolini, OFMCap, currently serves as a professor of Biblical Exegesis at the Theological Faculty of Northern Italy in Milan. In his new role, Fr Roberto will deliver Advent and Lenten Sermons to the Pope and the Roman Curia.

He takes over from Cardinal Raniero Cantalamessa, OFMCap, who has served as the papal preacher since 1980 under three Popes, and whom Pope Francis created a Cardinal in 2020.

At the age of 90, Cardinal Cantalamessa has become a spiritual guide for millions through his books, lectures, and TV programs.

He will retire after 44 years as Preacher of the Papal Household to the Hermitage of Merciful Love in Cittaducale, Italy. Cardinal Cantalamessa will focus on prayer, reading, and study alongside a community of Poor Clare nuns, while occasionally serving as their chaplain.

Born on 5 November 1971, Fr Pasolini made his perpetual vows in the Orders of Friars Minor Capuchin on September 7, 2002 and was ordained a priest on September 23, 2006.

After earning a Doctorate in Biblical Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome, he served as a professor of Biblical Languages and Sacred Scripture at the Laurentianum Interprovincial Theological Institute of the Friars Minor Capuchin in Milan and Venice.

Fr Roberto employs a style of preaching that seeks to address issues related to human existence and faith, while making them relevant to contemporary issues and trends. Besides the many spiritual retreats he preaches, Fr Pasolini is heavily involved in working with the poor, people living on the streets, people with disabilities, and ministry in prisons.

He is also an author of several books on biblical spirituality and embraces new technology to spread the Gospel, including podcasts and artificial intelligence. This skill comes from his earlier career as a computer programmer and his involvement in politics before joining the Capuchin seminary.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe takes office, proclaims ‘one church in Christ’ for a changing world

The Most Rev. Sean Rowe began his nine-year term as the 28th presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church with an intimate but festive investiture service in New York that was livestreamed to close to 20,000 viewers in homes, churches and dioceses in the United States and around the world.

Rowe’s two living predecessors as presiding bishop, the Rt. Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, elected in 2006, and the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, elected in 2015, were among the small group of attendees celebrating the new presiding bishop’s primacy at an in-person Holy Eucharist in the Chapel of Christ the Lord at the church’s Manhattan headquarters. Participants in watch parties across the church joined in the

festivities, as Rowe preached a message of Christian unity and purpose.

“We need to become one church, one church in Jesus Christ,” Rowe said in his 10-minute sermon. He emphasized the importance of supporting the church’s ministries at the congregational and diocesan levels – already a central theme of his nascent term, which officially began Nov. 1.

“That’s where ministry happens – where people are gathered today to be a part of this investiture,” Rowe said. “That’s where ministry is taking place. It’s in these places where faithful Episcopalians gather day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year, to worship God, to celebrate and mourn their sorrows and to care for God’s people.”

Poem for today

An Irish Airman Foresees His Death

By W. B. Yeats, 1865 - 1939

I know that I shall meet my fate
Somewhere among the clouds above;
Those that I fight I do not hate
Those that I guard I do not love;
My country is Kiltartan Cross,
My countrymen Kiltartan’s poor,
No likely end could bring them loss
Or leave them happier than before.
Nor law, nor duty bade me fight,
Nor public man, nor cheering crowds,

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A lonely impulse of delight
Drove to this tumult in the clouds;
I balanced all, brought all to mind,
The years to come seemed waste of breath,
A waste of breath the years behind
In balance with this life, this death.

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