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### Moira Parish Church

The Parish, which was originally part of Magheralin Parish, was established in 1721; prior to this, people had met in the local school for worship. A portion of land opposite Moira Castle was given by the Hill family.

<https://moiraparish.org.uk>

## News



### 'D Day 80 Heroes Remembered' at Derg Parish Church

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**HM Lord Lieutenant Mr Robert Scott OBE JP was pleased to attend the 'D Day 80 Heroes Remembered' commemoration service at Derg Parish Church this week.**

Deputy Lieutenant Graham Dodds MBE DL was also in attendance.

“Thank you to the Church and all those taking part for such a fitting and heartwarming tribute to all those that served our nation.”



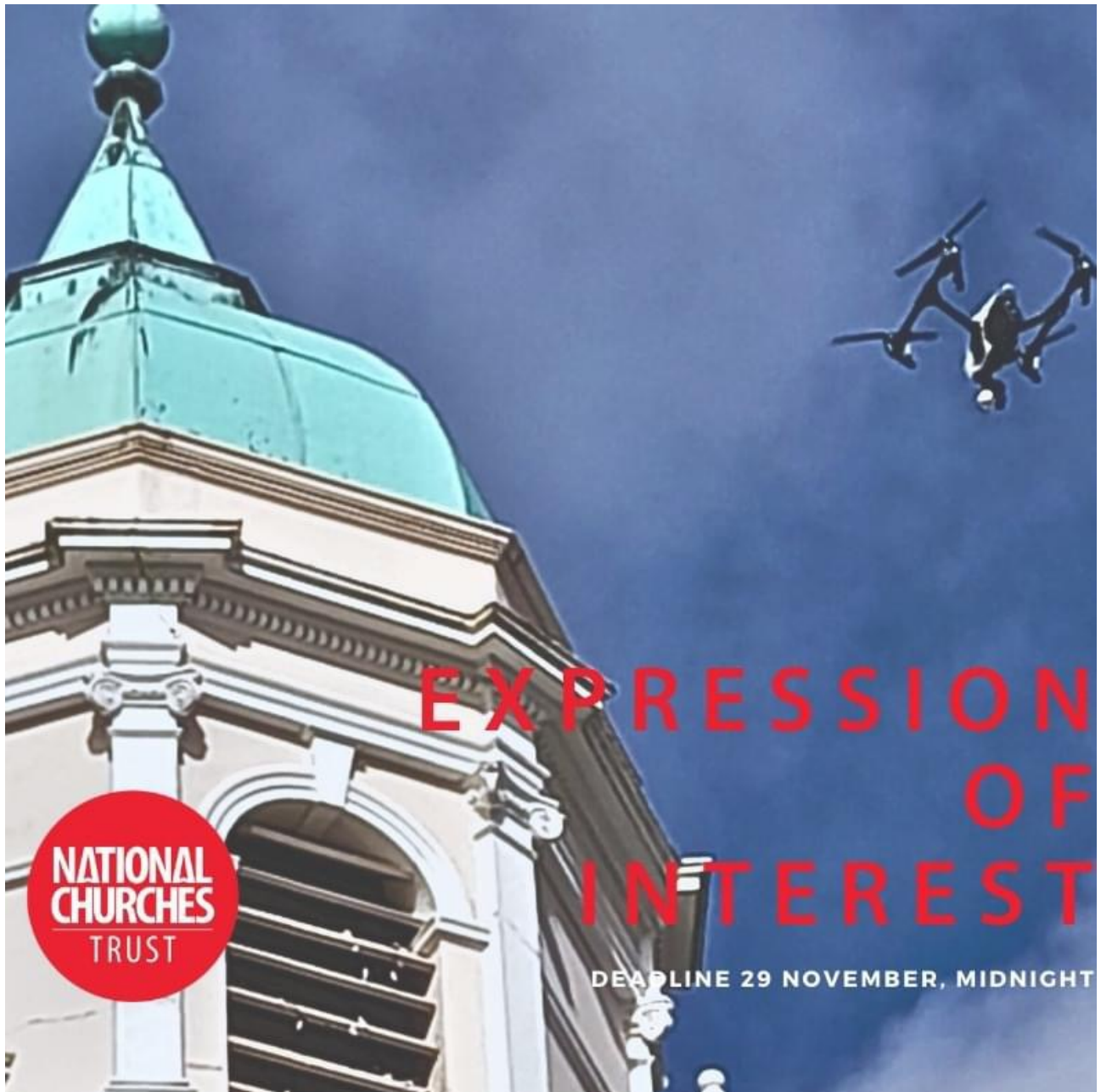
**55 boxes filled in Sunday School Shoebox Appeal**



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## **St Saviour's Sunday School Shoebox Appeal helped to fill 55 boxes for Blythswood Ireland Ballyclare.**

St Saviour's says "Thank you to everyone who made this possible".



## **Free drone survey for churches in your area for Maintenance Week 2024**



**“We’re looking for four neighbouring churches to collaborate on an exciting pilot programme. Maintenance Week 2024 kicks off next week, and what better way to get started than with a free drone survey for churches in your area!”**

This initiative is all about a collaborative approach to building maintenance—working together to enhance maintenance practices and share the responsibility of maintaining our beautiful churches within the community.

With generous funding from the Ulster Historic Churches Trust, we are excited to offer a limited number of free drone surveys, accompanied by a comprehensive conservation report prepared by a conservation accredited professional.

By joining forces, we can make it easier to care for these treasured buildings, ensuring they stand strong against the impact of climate crisis with a well maintained building.

Interested? Follow this Facebook page, share this post and fill out our Expression of Interest form to apply!

Deadline: November 29, 2024 MIDNIGHT

Apply here: <https://forms.office.com/e/4Sx7wgELhx>

Bonus: Every participant will receive a SPAB Maintenance Calendar to aid in year-round maintenance.

## **Down & Connor Word on Fire Evangelisation Networking Event**

**This week for an afternoon parish and diocesan leaders gathered at St Comgall's centre for a networking event hosted by Word on Fire in collaboration with the diocesan Pathways to the Future Team.**

The focus was on renewed opportunities for evangelisation in today's culture. Together, we reflected on how to share the message of Christ while navigating the many cultural challenges we face.





The day began with words of welcome and an opening prayer from Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, setting a prayerful







tone for discussions. Fr. Billy Swan from the Diocese of Ferns, who regularly writes for Word on Fire, was the event MC in his thought provoking talk on the principles of evangelisation reminded us that these must always be rooted in the person of Christ.

Professor Gladys Ganiel, Professor at Queens University Belfast in the Sociology of Religion, shared recent statistics and trends in religious practice in Ireland helping us to understand our current context more deeply. Brendan Thompson, Word on Fire's UK Programme Director, further inspired us with practical insights on supporting lay Catholics in bringing Christ into the world and shared some exciting events coming up by Word on Fire in the new year.

At the heart of the event was the message that evangelisation must be Christ-centred, grounded in genuine



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encounters . Thank were conveyed to Emily Nelson from FaithVersed and members of the Pathways to The Future team who organised the event, to Fr Brian Watters for the photography and especially to everyone who joined the event! “Let us continue this mission with faith, courage, and a spirit of joy!”



The Chaplaincy team (above) from QUB attended the Word on Fire Catholic Ministries ‘Proclaim Christ in the Culture’ Networking Lunch. “It was wonderful to hear insights from our good friend Professor Gladys Ganiel, as well as from



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Bishop Alan McGuckian and Word on Fire UK Director, Brenden Thompson later came to Chaplaincy for the evening.

## Cathedral Calls



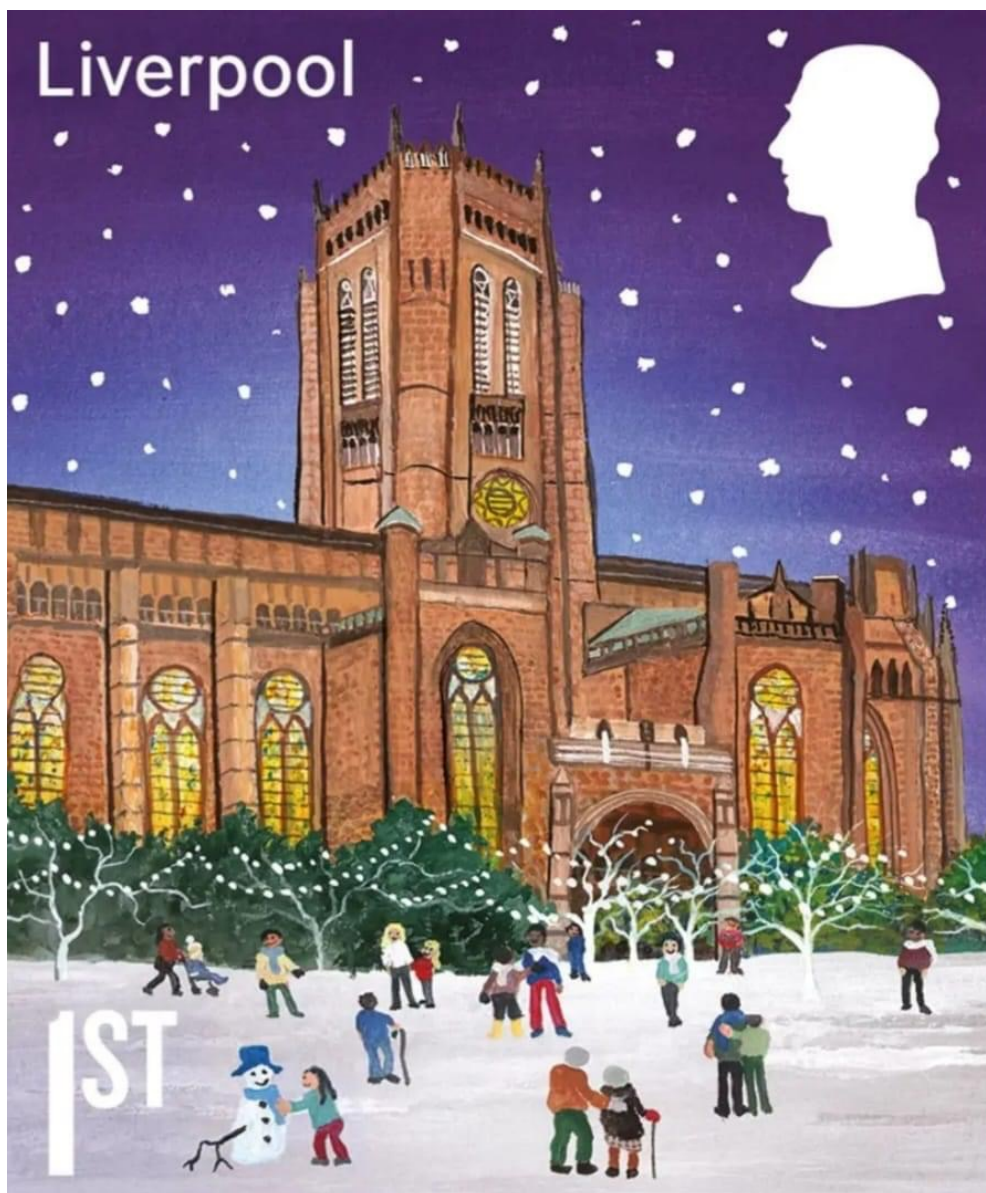
### Kildare's tour of St Patrick's

**Parishioners from across Newbridge and Kildare Church of Ireland Parishes were treated to a wonderful day trip to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, thanks to the generosity of the Cathedral's Education Department.**

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“The tour was facilitated magnificently by Kelley Ceallaigh NicFheorais Bermingham, who collected us in the cathedral minibus and gave us an amazing insight into the Church of Ireland's National Cathedral, with many links to St Brigid's Cathedral.”

The group is pictured here with the Dean of St Patrick's, Dr William Morton.



## Liverpool Cathedral Stamp



## **Liverpool acquired an immense new cathedral for the 20th century.**

Designed by the young architect Giles Gilbert Scott. Consecrated in 1924, the cathedral was not completed until 1978.

In what is often called 'the people's cathedral', breathtaking heights and a sense of space combine with beautiful craftsmanship.

The stamp, and a range of collectible products, are available to pre-order at [www.royalmail.com/christmas2024](http://www.royalmail.com/christmas2024) and by telephone on 03457 641 641. A Presentation Pack including all five stamps is priced at £10.35.

## **St Patrick's Jonathan Swift Festival**

### **The Jonathan Swift Festival is back for 2024!**

"Join us for this year's Jonathan Swift Festival to celebrate the life and works of Jonathan Swift, the renowned satirist and author of "Gulliver's Travels."

The festival includes a range of events including lectures, performances, and guided walks that explore his influence on literature and satire.

Events will include:

**Jonathan Swift: Savage Indignation November 22nd** : a new short musical written by Gerry Mullins based on letters and poetry by Jonathan Swift and his lady friends Stella and Vanessa. Interviews with experts on Swift.

**Family Workshop - Gulliver's Travels Bookmaking on November 23rd**

Jonathan and the Jest November 23rd: Join writer Alice Coghlan and actor Damien Devaney as Jonathan Swift on a captivating tour through St. Patrick's Cathedral and Marsh's Library.

**Swift themed Cathedral Night Tour November 26th**

Swiftly into a Culwick Christmas November 27th: Music from The Culwick Choral Society

**Swift inspired cocktails, games and books in WXYZ Bar in Aloft from November 22nd to 27th**

<https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/events/>

## Clergy and ministry

### **AMRI announces new president, vice president and executive council**

**On 31 October, the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland (AMRI)**





**announced its new Executive Council. Father Joe McGee MSC has been elected President, and Sister Barbara Murphy IBVM will serve as Vice-President (pictured above).**

AMRI represents and promotes active collaboration between Religious Institutes, Societies of Apostolic Life and Lay Missionary Organisations. It seeks to respond to existing and emerging realities both in Ireland and overseas by supporting and energising the life and ministries of its members and of the wider Church with a renewed sense of hope and relevance.

Father McGee and Sister Murphy both paid tribute to the outgoing Executive Council under the leadership of Father Tim Lehane SVD and Sister Mary Hanrahan PBVM.

Father McGee, a Donegal native, was elected for the second time as Provincial of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in 2023. He was professed in 1985 and ordained in 1986.

Father McGee has exercised his pastoral ministry mostly in England serving as parish priest and school chaplain. He also served his community as formator for several years. He is well known as a member of the Team of the RFMP course in Loreto House where he spent five years, an experience he appreciates very much.

Welcoming his appointment, Father McGee said, “I look forward to working closely with AMRI and with the support of the Executive Council I will endeavour to serve the wider membership to the best of my ability.”

Sister Murphy, who hails from Wexford, is Provincial of Loreto Sisters in Ireland and made her first profession in 1977. Sister Murphy served in a number of ministries and leadership positions.

The other members of the new Executive Council are: Sister Breege O’Neill RSM, Father Brendan O’Rourke CSsR, Sister Irene Balzan MMM, Sister Anozie Ndidi Eucharua MSHR, Father Jim Noonan OCD, Father Michael O’Sullivan Mafr, and, Denise Flack of Viatores Christi.

For information on the work of the Association of Leaders of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland, please see [amri.ie](http://amri.ie).



## Cletus Noone OFM, RIP

**On 6th November 2024 Fr Cetus Noone OFM died peacefully in Carrigoran Nursing Home, Co. Clare. He was just short of his 92nd birthday.**

Francis Noone was born in November 1932 in Woodquay, Galway city, where he was an altar boy in the nearby Franciscan church, “The Abbey”.

He joined the Friars Minor in 1951 when he went to the novitiate in Killarney where he received his religious name, Cletus. He celebrated his First Profession the following year, and after studies in Galway and Rome he was ordained to the priesthood in 1959.



Over his long years of priestly ministry, Cletus served in our friaries in Killarney, where he was appointed Guardian, and in Limerick and Ennis, where he spent the last decades of his life.

His warm, jovial personality warmed him to the people, and he was a popular preacher. His weekly homilies at the St Anthony Novena always began with the telling of a few jokes.

For years Cletus hosted a well-liked weekly Saturday night programme on Clare FM, “Noone at Night”. The hour included songs, listeners requests, reflections and occasional interviews.

### Funeral Arrangements

Reposing at Daly’s Funeral Home, Francis Street, Ennis from 4.00pm to 6.00pm on Friday 8th. Removal from Daly’s Funeral Home, Francis Street to the Franciscan Friary on Friday 8th at 6.00pm.

Funeral Mass will take place on Saturday 9th at 11.30am, followed by burial in the Franciscan Abbey plot, Abbey Street, Ennis.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam

## Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

## **BBNI Podcast on Summer Madness**

**John Kee, Director at Summer Madness, talks to Bethany about the heart behind it. John shares his experience of youth work and highlights of the 37 years of Summer Madness.**

Summer Madness exists to enthuse, equip and engage the youth and young adults of Ireland in the Christian faith so that they may be real change makers in their churches and communities across the island: <https://lnkd.in/edgmBZiQ>

Watch & Subscribe or on YouTube:

<https://lnkd.in/ehSM5cX6>

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Listen & Subscribe on Apple: <https://lnkd.in/ehCMqpst>

## **Randalstown Walking Tours**

### **Randalstown Viaduct Walking Tour**

Time: 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Date: Monday, 11th November

Meeting Point: Station Road Entrance

This tour will explore the work of architect Charles Lanyon, the achievements of William Dargan, and the history of the Old Bleach Linen company founded by Charles Webb.

Additional topics include the story of boxer Alex Woods, Gillespie's Forge on John Street, and the role of Temperance societies in Randalstown.

Cost: £5 per person

## **Cranfield Church and St. Olcan's Well Walking Tour**

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Date: Monday, 11th November

Meeting Point: Cranfield Car Park

Highlights of this tour include a visit to the graves of Sam Finiston and John Clotworthy, the legend of the overflowing well, and a recounting of World War One soldier George Hackney's 1915 visit to Cranfield. The photography of William Green will provide a look at pollan and eel fishing in Cranfield Bay in the early 1900s, along with the traditions of the Cranfield pattern pilgrimages.

Cost: £5 per person

## **Toome Canal Walking Tour**

Time: 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Date: Monday, 11th November

This marks the 10th Toome Canal tour in recent weeks, with 44 attendees to date. As a highlights tour of local history, it will cover the story of Matthew Leonard, a Toomebridge native who sailed on the Titanic, as well as John Carey and the Toome Temple of Liberty, Lisnacloskey House, and the Grant Brothers, founders of the local diatomite industry. Participants are encouraged to bring questions as the tour traces Toome's history from 9000 BC to today.

Cost: £5 per person

The promotional image for the tour features the **Carey Monument at Duneane Presbyterian Churchyard**. The tours will delve into the history of the Carey family and their philanthropic contributions to Toome, including the donation of a water fountain and the Temple of Liberty to the village.



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