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C of I clergy help secure golf trophy for GB & Ireland

The Cranmer Cup, the clergy version of golf's Ryder Cup, was played in the Celtic Manor Golf Resort in South Wales last week. A total of 16

clergy drawn from England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland competed against a 16 member team from the USA and Canada over five days.

Five Church of Ireland clergy took part: Archdeacon David Pierpoint (Captain), Archdeacon Ricky Rountree, the Revd Ian Gallagher, the Revd Gary Dowd and the Revd Nigel Pierpoint (who joined the team at short notice to replace Archdeacon Terry Scott who was injured on holiday in France). The five, who are coincidentally all based in Dublin and Glendalough, played no small part in the overall team. They contributed nearly half of the points needed to secure the Cranmer Cup for the home side.

This is the first time since 2008 that the Great Britain and Ireland team have held the cup. The competition was held in Rosses Point in Sligo that year. While the USA and Canada team had no less than three bishops playing on their side, the Great Britain and Ireland team could only boast the Archbishop of Wales, but he brought in the winning point on the final day.

The next Cranmer Cup will be held in Canada in June 2018.

Reaction to Dublin archbishop's decision on Maynooth

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Dublin will not be sending any of its trainee priests to Maynooth this autumn.

Instead, according to press reports, the three new entrants for this year from the Dublin archdiocese will be sent to the Irish College in Rome, which is headed by a Dublin priest, Mgr Ciarán O'Carroll.

Writing in the Irish Independent, David Quinn states, "Unfortunately, the Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin, has not given his reasons for doing this. He told this newspaper merely: "I have my own reasons for doing this" and that he had made the decision "some months ago".

"Elsewhere, he referred to "strange goings-on there" and a "quarrelsome" atmosphere.

"However, Dublin's Catholics - and indeed Ireland's Catholics generally - need and deserve to be told more than this. It is less than transparent to give that answer and no more.

“If there is a problem at Maynooth, then the country's Catholics need to be told about it in some detail because it is, after all, the national seminary. It trains the great majority of the country's priests.

“Perhaps the answer is as innocent as Archbishop Martin merely wanting to support the Irish College because it is being run by a friend and because it, like Maynooth, has low student numbers. If there is more to it than that, however, then ordinary Catholics doubly deserve to know.

“Otherwise, the gossip-mongering will go on and on and it will be very hard to sift fact from fiction.”

Martin moves priests out of Maynooth over ‘strange goings-on’

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/martin-moves-priests-out-of-maynooth-over-strange-goings-on-1.2741555>

Serious questions over Maynooth seminary’s future

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/serious-questions-over-maynooth-seminary-s-future-1.2741879>

Archbishop Martin removes priests from Maynooth amid allegations some were using gay dating app Grindr

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/archbishop-martin-removes-priests-from-maynooth-amid-allegations-some-were-using-gay-dating-app-grindr-34929345.html>

Martin needs to end the gossip by telling Catholics what is going on

Irish Independent

David Quinn writes...

<http://www.independent.ie/opinion/columnists/david-quinn/martin-needs-to-end-the-gossip-by-telling-catholics-what-is-going-on-34930995.html>

Death of Irish Bishop expelled by Idi Amin

The death has taken place of of Bishop Brian Herd who passed away peacefully on 18 July 2016. Brian was known to many in the Church of Ireland as a former Deputation Secretary for BCMS (Ireland) from 1977–1989, and as the Bishop of Karamoja, a diocese 200 miles north-east of Kampala.

He was consecrated Bishop in 1976 but just one year later was summarily expelled from Uganda by Idi Amin's regime. Four other Anglican bishops

fled the country after hearing that their names were on a “death list.”

Originally ordained in the Church of England where he served until his retirement in 1998, Brian grew up in St Donard’s, Bloomfield in Down Diocese. In addition to Brian, the parish has the distinction of nurturing two other bishops – Bishop Roy Williamson, who also grew up there and Bishop Caleb Lawrence who was a curate.

Bishop Brian was the beloved husband of Norma and much loved father and grandfather. A cremation will take place at Weymouth Crematorium on Friday 5 August at 1.45 pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at St Aldheim’s Church at 3.00 pm.

Cathedral and choral

Antiphon to St Audoen: Peregrine presentations in St Audoen’s and St Patrick’s Cathedral

How one of Dublin’s medieval churches acquired a dedication to the French saint, Audoen, is still rather a curiosity today. Dublin’s trade links with Rouen, from whence the saintly archbishop



came, existed from the eleventh-century, before the arrival of the Anglo-Normans to Ireland. A relic of him survived in the cathedral priory of Holy Trinity (Christ Church) which may be the reason an antiphon to St Audoen is preserved in a processional (Oxford, Bodleian Library, MS Rawl.liturg.d.4, f. 190v) likely bequeathed by the

cathedral's Augustinian canons to the old St John's church at the top of Fishamble Street.

Peregryne will sing the antiphon on Thursday 4 August 2016 at 19.00 in the medieval church of St Audoen on Cornmarket in Dublin, attended by members of Cantus Planus, www.cantusplanus2016.org, an international musicological society meeting in Dublin. Music will also include the unexpected harmonic addition to the Latin plainsong hymn 'Te lucis ante terminum' ('Before the ending of the day') by Thomas Tallis (c.1505–85) and will conclude with a large-scale Marian antiphon from the Eton choirbook, 'Stabat Mater' by John Browne (c. 1453–after 1503).

Then on Sunday 7 August, Peregryne will sing both the eucharist and evensong in St Patrick's cathedral, Dublin on Sunday 7 August 2016 at 11.15 and 15.15 respectively, accompanied by St Patrick's organ scholar, Martina Smyth. Music for the eucharist will be mainly 15th and 16th century, including the 'Missa Pange lingua' by Josquin des Prez (c.1450/5–1521); an anonymous setting (c.1400×75) of 'Deus Deorum' (psalm 50) from the Trent codices (Tr 88, 149v–150r) and, as a communion motet, the

votive antiphon, 'Gaude plurimum' by John Taverner (c.1490–1545).

Peregryne will be joined for evensong by the instrumental ensemble, Seanma, whose recorders and viols will add a dash of Restoration peruke to the mostly 17th-century musical proceedings. This will include the preces and responses by William Smith (1603–45) with a Lord's Prayer by Robert Stone (1516–1613), while the canticles are by one of the earliest of the Restoration composers, Pelham Humfrey (1647–74). The anthem, 'Jehova, quam multi sunt hostes mei' is the famous setting of psalm 3 by the finest English composer of the Restoration period, Henry Purcell (1659–95). All are most welcome to all of these services.

All faiths must be 'workers for peace', sister of Fr Jacques Hamel at funeral

The sister of the French priest slain by Islamist extremists appealed at his funeral on Tuesday for all faiths to work together for peace.



A photo of Fr Jacques Hamel on display during his funeral

“Let’s learn to live together, let’s be workers for peace,” Roselyne Hamel told an estimated 1,700 people gathered in Rouen cathedral in western France for the funeral Mass for her brother, Fr Jacques Hamel. The 85-year-old priest was murdered last week at a church in the nearby town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray.

Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve was among those attending the Mass in the Gothic cathedral, which dates from the 12th century. Hundreds of people watched the ceremony on a big screen outside the cathedral, under constant rain.

Archbishop Dominique Lebrun, celebrating the Mass, extended thanks to Catholics attending the service but also to “believers of other religious faiths, in particular the Jewish community and the Muslim community, very affected and already decided to unite for: ‘Never again.’”

Archbishop Lebrun invited people to return to churches on August 15, the day celebrating the Assumption of Mary, to express that “violence will not take over in their hearts.”

On Sunday, **dozens of Muslims in France and Italy attended Catholic Masses** as a gesture of interfaith solidarity following the attack on the priest.

ISIS claimed responsibility for the attack, in which the priest, two nuns and an elderly couple were held hostage before the assailants slashed the priest’s throat and seriously wounded the other man. Another nun at the Mass slipped away and raised the alarm, and police shot dead both attackers as they left the church.

Tuesday’s ceremony was organised under tight security, and burial was to be held privately.

Pope Francis sets up commission on women deacons

Pope Francis has appointed six men and six women to a commission to study the issue of women deacons, particularly their ministry in the early Church.

In addition to the 12 members named on August 2, the Pope named Archbishop Luis Ladaria Ferrer, secretary of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, to serve as president of the commission.

The Pope set up the commission at the request of the International Union of Superiors General, the organisation for the leaders of women's religious orders around the world. Meeting the group in May, Pope Francis said that while his understanding was that the women described as deacons in the New Testament were not ordained as male deacons are today, "it would be useful for the Church to clarify this question."

The International Theological Commission, a body that advises the doctrinal congregation, included the question of women deacons in a study on the diaconate almost 20 years ago. While its report, issued in 2002, did not offer

recommendations for the future, it concluded that biblical deaconesses were not the same as ordained male deacons.

In June, Pope Francis told reporters that he had asked Cardinal Gerhard Muller, prefect of the doctrinal congregation, and Sister Carmen Sammut, president of the superiors' group, to suggest scholars to include in the study group.

News briefs

+++ Refugees make C of E fastest growing religious group in Finland - The Church of England is the fastest growing religious group in Finland, growing by 20 per cent over the past year; the Suffragan Bishop in Europe, the Rt Revd David Hamid, has said. But, [writing on his Eurobishop blog](#), Bishop David explained that much of the growth is the result of the continuing arrivals of refugees – many of whom are Anglican – from Sudan and South Sudan.

+++ York parish link with anti-slavery campaigner William Wilberforce - The Archbishop of York worshipped in St Michael's in Markington near Ripon on Sunday to mark its

historic links to anti-slavery campaigner William Wilberforce. Archbishop Sentamu made passing reference to the Brexit decision, which he had opposed publicly, saying that the test for Christians was to support people different to themselves.

+++ Health alert for Italian WYD pilgrims -

After an Italian pilgrim to World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland, died of meningitis, the Italian bishops' conference advised all pilgrims who visited or attended events at its Casa Italia centre in Kraków to see a doctor, especially if they have a high fever, severe headache and rash.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Alcohol kills three people every day in Ireland

Irish Examiner

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/alcohol-kills-three-people-every-day-413604.html>

Ireland sees record number of racist assaults in 2015

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/ireland-sees-record-number-of-racist-assaults-in-2015-report-1.2742455>

The Journal.ie

165 incidents of racism were recorded in Ireland in the second half of 2015.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/racism-enar-ireland-2-2905863-Aug2016/>

‘Unborn child’ has significant legal rights, judge rules

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/courts/high-court/unborn-child-has-significant-legal-rights-judge-rules-1.2741697>

'It tends not to be prime property that's handed over': 8 schools opened in 3 years under divestment

[TheJournal.ie](http://www.thejournal.ie) has spoken to the schools supposed to be offering choice to the parents of Ireland's primary school pupils.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/divestment-change-educate-together-2799889-Aug2016/>

Religious education in schools: Two sets of rights in conflict

[TheJournal.ie](http://www.thejournal.ie) ‘You can discriminate, including favouring one group in particular circumstances, if it is to enable the practice of that religion.’

<http://www.thejournal.ie/admission-policy-laws-ireland-2866571-Aug2016/>

How Ireland's bishops responded to being asked to hand over their schools

[TheJournal.ie](http://www.thejournal.ie) Then education minister Ruairí Quinn had high hopes when he wrote to bishops around the country back in 2013.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/catholic-schools-divestment-ireland-religion-2876185-Aug2016/>

Support for DUP Mayor's welcome to gay people

News Letter

Both a prominent Ulster Unionist and a leading churchman have endorsed the DUP Lord Mayor of Belfast's decision to give a welcome speech to gay pride attendees.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/methodist-cleric-and-uup-stalwart-back-dup-gay-welcome-address-1-7504628>

Mail - Reports recent advice given to churches that *Pokemon Go* offers a chance to 'meet people from their area who might not normally come to church'. The advice, [in a blog](#) by Tallie Proud, of the Archbishops' Council, came with the warning, 'We all need to be aware that this game means that children under the age of 18 may come into contact with people who may present a risk. Our first priority as a church should be to provide a safe place for children and vulnerable adults with regards to Pokémon Go.'

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3719007/Pokemon-revive-Church-England-Clergy-told-exploit-craze-meeting-people-not-normally-come-church.html>

Christian Today

Reports that the Revd Paul Collier, a priest in Southwark Diocese, converted his civil partnership to a marriage in early June with a celebratory service in London. The Revd Collier admitted his marriage put him at odds with the House of Bishops guidance that clergy should not enter same sex marriages. A spokesman for churchnewsireland@gmail.com

the diocese said the Bishop of Woolwich had been "in formal contact with him and acted strictly in accordance with the pastoral guidance issued by the House of Bishops in 2014 on these matters."

Christian Today

Reports reaction to the Prime Minister's decision to prioritise ending modern slavery and human trafficking. The article recalls that in 2014, the Archbishop of Canterbury, joined Pope Francis in launching an ecumenical initiative to combat modern slavery and human trafficking.

Farming UK - Reports that the Bishop of Salisbury will speak at the Dorset County Show urging the UK to move to a low carbon future to combat climate change. At the traditional harvest service in the sheep shearer's arena, he will speak about the need for society to help governments deliver the climate change agreement signed at the United Nations by 175 world leaders earlier this year, saying that while there has been real progress in recent months, the journey is still at an early stage.

https://www.farminguk.com/news/Bishop-of-Salisbury-urges-a-low-carbon-future-and-protection-of-UK-environment_42686.html

BBC/Newcastle Chronicle - Reports that six of the 13 Zurbaran paintings held at Auckland Castle are being sent to the USA for display. While there they will also undergo UV and X-ray analysis to see if they contain any hidden art. The other seven will be sent to America when the castle closes for refurbishment in October. Philanthropist Jonathan Ruffer bought the castle, the traditional home of the Bishop of Durham, in 2012 from the Church Commissioners.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tees-36945147>

<http://www.chroniclelive.co.uk/whats-on/arts-culture-news/zurbaran-masterpieces-leave-auckland-castle-11688624>

Comment

Economist: (International) Religious leaders grapple with doctor-assisted dying. Lord Carey is quoted.

<http://www.economist.com/news/international/21703273-believers-are-more-likely-non-believers-oppose-assisted-dying-religious-leaders>

Times: "May needs to wake up to the reality of Sharia," writes Melanie Phillips. The article recalls that former Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, and the former lord chief justice, Lord Phillips, have previously urged that Sharia should be welcomed.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/may-needs-to-wake-up-the-reality-of-sharia-tb8rhgkp6>

Times: We shouldn't name those accused of sex crimes, argues Clare Foges. With so many innocent men having their reputations ruined, it's time

we went back to a system of automatic anonymity, she says.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/we-shouldnt-name-those-accused-of-sex-crimes-hvxm7k0f8>

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