



UK and Irish lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) organisations want SA preacher Angus Buchan barred from preaching at events there. He is also to preach in prisons in Northern Ireland.

Scottish and Irish opposition to preacher claiming to cure homosexuality via prayer

Durban - KwaZulu-Natal preacher Angus Buchan, who is on a tour of the UK, says he was disappointed by the call from a Scottish lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex organisation to have him barred from preaching in their town, South African paper The Mercury reports.

Scottish Borders LGBT Equality Organisation raised its concerns about Buchan's alleged homophobic and misogynistic views with the owners of the Volunteer Hall in Galashiels, in Scotland, where he was to speak on Monday.

Live Borders, which is responsible for bookings at the hall, then took a decision not to allow Buchan to speak at any of its venues.

An online petition was started to bar Buchan from speaking in Kilkenny, Ireland.

According to his website, Buchan's tour of the UK included events in England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Ireland and will end on Sunday.

Speaking to The Mercury last week before he left for the UK, Buchan said he had preached in the UK before and this was the first time he had got such a negative reaction.



Demonstrators protesting on Wednesday over the Angus Buchan - Together for Ireland event at The Hub at Cillin Hill, Kilkenny.

"My roots are very deep in Scotland - my forefathers were from there - so I am deeply saddened by this. But I am still going."

Buchan said he was surprised about the complaints because he was not an aggressive man.

"I don't know where this whole bushfire started. I am not going there to even speak about homosexuality - it's not even on my agenda. I was quite startled why they were talking about this issue. I never preach about that. I preach about family."

He also said his views on family values were well known.

"I preach about families, that husbands must love their wives, put bread on the table and discipline their children."

Buchan has also previously said it was well known that he believed that women and men had different roles in their families.

He said he could possibly preach at another venue in Scotland and a tweet on his official Twitter account on Sunday morning suggested that a venue in Dumfries had been secured.

Buchan said he only gave his views on homosexuality when asked about it.

"What I have said, and I have said it for years, is that I love lesbians and I love homosexuals, but I cannot condone their lifestyle because it is contrary to the word of God. If I'm asked that question, I will give the answer according to my understanding. But there is no malice in it, there is no hatred in it."

He added that he did believe homosexuality could be cured through prayer.

"My response is positive. I have seen it happen. I have many homosexuals that write to me, they ask me to pray for them. God can heal anyone."

In a Facebook message, the Scottish Border LGBT Equality Organisation, which is a small charity, said it was pleased that Buchan would not preach in the Scottish Borders.

"We felt that it was not appropriate for Angus Buchan to preach his views in a public building within the Scottish Borders.

"We were pleased that Live Borders agreed to withdraw the venue and were delighted when the church decided not to seek another venue," the organisation said.

<http://www.iol.co.za/news/south-africa/kwazulu-natal/kzn-preacher-saddened-by-scottish-ban-2059694>

Kilkenny protest over claim to cure homosexuality via prayer

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/kilkenny-protest-over-claim-to-cure-homosexuality-via-prayer-1.2767468>

Archbishop Eamon Martin offers prayers after earthquake in Central Italy

Archbishop Eamon Martin, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, issued the following statement in response to the human tragedy caused by the earthquake in Central Italy:

Archbishop Eamon said, “I am deeply saddened to learn of the deaths today of so many people due to the earthquake in Central Italy. Following the example of Pope Francis this afternoon – who replaced his weekly General Audience in Rome by leading pilgrims in the Rosary for the victims of the earthquake – I offer my prayerful solidarity to the people of the affected areas and for their loved ones who have been injured and killed. I also ask for prayers of support to those providing emergency assistance and medical treatment to the injured and displaced. Many Irish people have friends and family living in Italy or have spent time there on holidays and, at this time of human loss, I encourage everyone, through prayer and friendship, to express

solidarity with our Italian community in our parishes, schools and workplaces.”

Priest pulled from rubble says rescue was a ‘great miracle’

A priest pulled from the rubble several hours after a massive earthquake hit Italy has hailed his rescue as a “great miracle”.

Fr Krzysztof Kozlowski, from Poland, was trapped in his destroyed home in Accumoli on Wednesday before finally being pulled out several hours later. His next-door neighbours had died.

As he waited for help he experienced the terror of aftershocks, fearing they would bring down the rest of the structure.

“Even as I was waiting for help, for someone to bring me out of the apartment, I could feel the tremors. I was afraid they could destroy whatever was left of my house,” the priest told the Polish broadcaster TVN.

The priest, who has served in Accumoli for two years, said his next-door neighbours, a family with a six-year-old child and an eight-month-old baby, had died.

“This is a great miracle for me. I was miraculously saved, rescued by a rescue team. I was born anew,” Kozlowski said.

When the earthquake struck Amatrice, a medieval hilltop town, half the convent there collapsed, apparently killing three nuns and four elderly women.

Several elderly women had been enjoying a reprieve from the summer heat when the earthquake hit.

Sister Mariana, a 32-year-old from Albania, was one of three nuns and an elderly woman who survived because they were in a part of the convent that was not fully destroyed. She said the other survivors escaped holding hands.

“They saved each other, they took their hands even while it was falling apart, and they ran, and they survived,” she said.

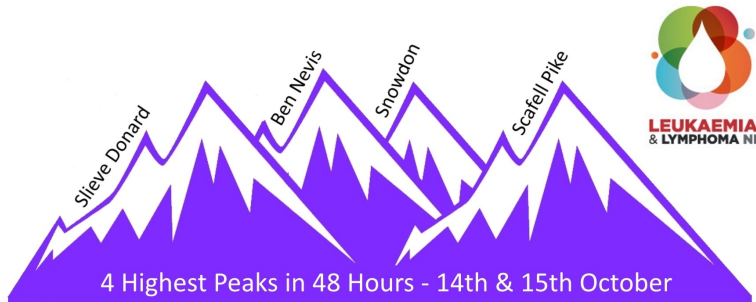
She is now being cared for by her fellow nuns in Ascoli Piceno to the east, and was being checked out at a local hospital after being wounded on her forehead and inhaling dust. At the time of writing the death toll from the earthquake was reported to be more than 240.

Tandragee parish fundraising Four Peaks Challenge to fight blood cancers

In May of this year, the parishioners of Ballymore in Armagh Diocese were devastated to learn of the death of Alison Williamson (age 31) after a long and courageous battle with a rare and aggressive form of blood cancer.

The rector, Canon Shane Forster said, “Alison was the most amazing and inspirational young woman who faced her illness with faith and determination. She was a devoted wife, loving mother, and dear friend. Alison was always positive and full of fun and never gave up in her battle with lymphoma. She made the most of every moment of every day and touched the lives of so many people and is therefore greatly missed.”

Leukaemia & Lymphoma NI in memory of Alison Williamson



Alison's husband Barry has now embarked on a fundraising campaign to raise money for Leukaemia & Lymphoma NI which funds research into the causes and cures of leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma in Northern Ireland. It is also the only charity in the Province solely dedicated to fighting blood cancers.

As well as keeping Alison's memory alive in the wider community by fundraising in her name, Barry's hard work will also mean that individuals suffering from cancer will be able to receive help and support – something which Alison would have been really pleased about.

On 14th/15th October 2016 Barry along with his two brothers and six friends, intends to climb the four highest mountains in the UK within a 48 hour

period. A massive undertaking but for a very special and worthy cause.

Canon Forster said, "In Ballymore we are all very proud of Barry and extend to him our best wishes for the challenge that lies before him and also assure him of our continual prayers both for him and the family."

For further information including sponsorship details please visit www.justgiving.com/4in48

Fr Brian D'Arcy to leave his post at the Graan

Popular Fermanagh priest Fr Brian D'Arcy is to leave his post at the Graan next year, the Irish News reports

Fr D'Arcy (71) will be replaced by Fr Charles Cross as Superior of St Gabriel's Retreat in Enniskillen in September 2017.

Fr Cross is to be based in London for the next 12 months and Fr D'Arcy will remain as rector until his arrival.



Fr Brian D'Arcy is to leave his post as Superior of the Graan next year. Picture by John McVitty

It remains unclear where he will be based following the changes and Fr D'Arcy said he will "think about where I'll go over the next year".

The Passionist priest, who also works as a broadcaster, columnist and author, has spent more than two decades at the Graan during his career.

He told The Irish News: "We will think about where I'll go over the next year. I think it will definitely be in Ireland and they have said they

want me to continue with my writing and broadcasting.

"I am comfortable here, as Fermanagh is my home place. In terms of community relations also, it has been a period of growth and moving forward, and a very rewarding period."

Fr D'Arcy added: "However, I am not leaving the planet, I am just moving house. I would rather be staying but you move on and get stuck in elsewhere. I will be just as busy wherever I go and if Fermanagh get to an Ulster final then I'll be there."

Britain's Ordinariate is in peril. Here is how to save it

Hostility from the authorities, and apathy from its own clergy, have put the Ordinariate's future in danger. But there could be a simple solution, Damian Thompson writes in the Catholic Herald.

The Personal Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham is a canonical structure for ex-Anglican clergy and lay people who have been granted – by a mighty and irrevocable decree of

Pope Benedict XVI – their own English Missal based partly on The Book of Common Prayer.

The experiment has not been a runaway success, as members of the Ordinariate readily admit. Ever since the body came into being five and a half years ago, I've been listening to Ordinariate clergy predicting that it can't last.

One priest was still wearing his Mass robes as he declared, à la Private Frazer, that "we're doomed!"

If so, there will be few tears shed by the bishops of England and Wales. They are queuing up to preside at its Requiem Mass. (They can do nothing about its sister ordinariate in America, now flourishing under its own 41-year-old bishop, Steven Lopes.)

In the words of one supporter of the Ordinariate, "the English hierarchy seems to have decided that the Catholic prohibition against 'assisted dying' doesn't apply to corporate bodies."

The bishops' hostility dates back to 20 October 2009, when the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith announced – with flamboyant disregard

for ecumenical etiquette – that Anglicans coming over to Rome could have an entirely new church structure free from the meddling of local bishops.

(The CDF didn't put it like that, but you only had to look at the faces of English Catholic prelates as they pretended to "welcome" the Holy Father's initiative to guess how pleased they were.)

More at -

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/issues/august-26th-2016/britains-ordinariate-is-in-peril-here-is-how-to-save-it/>

News briefs

+++ Belmont Presbyterian Church installation

- The Reverend Nigel Craig has been called to serve as the next minister of Belmont Presbyterian Church (East Belfast). You are invited to the service of installation on Friday 30th September at 7:30pm. Mr Craig commented, "After nine years in Donegal it will not be easy for us leaving the congregations of Ray and Newtowncunningham, our close friends, our co-workers in the Gospel across the North West, and the many people we've got to know and love in the community and University (Magee). My last services in Donegal will be on Sunday 18th

September. We appreciate your prayers at this time of transition.”

+++ Desmond Tutu back in hospital -South African anti-apartheid campaigner Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu has admitted himself to a Cape Town hospital for treatment of a recurring infection, according to his family foundation. The 84-year-old Nobel Peace Prize winner is expected to remain in the hospital for a week or two, said the statement issued by the foundation late Wednesday. Tutu underwent similar treatment last year, when he was hospitalized several times. Updated information will be released when it is available, said the archbishop’s daughter, Thandeka Tutu-Gxashe. Tutu became the first black archbishop of Cape Town where he was an outspoken opponent of South Africa’s apartheid regime, which enforced a harsh system of racial discrimination. Tutu was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1984.

+++ Irish church response to migrants abysmal - The former director of the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants has described the Irish Church’s lack of a voice on the integration of migrants as “abysmal”.

Speaking to the *Irish Catholic* this week in the wake of new figures, showing that the number of asylum seekers placed into direct provision last year doubled over numbers for 2014, Fr Alan Hilliard lamented the lack of a coherent and clear voice from the Church on Ireland's treatment of migrants. "The Church has been abysmal on this," he said. "In terms of a voice from the Church on the morality of our treatment of migrants, it simply is not there." This absence, Fr Hilliard added, was at odds with the willingness of ordinary Catholics to do more in terms of helping migrants, not least in response to the daily images in news broadcasts of Syrian refugees fleeing the horrors of the conflict in their country. "Local communities have done a lot in parishes," he acknowledged, adding however, "there is a gulf between the goodwill of the people and initiatives in official circles." More at - <http://www.irishcatholic.ie/article/irish-church%E2%80%99s-voice-migrants-%E2%80%98abysmal%E2%80%99-%E2%80%93-priest>

+++ Dublin ministry vacancy - A vacancy has arisen for the position of Minister in Charge at St Catherine's Church, Thomas Street, Dublin 8. The following release was issued : We have a

vibrant and diverse membership of over 300 people of all ages and an active staff team comprising of an assistant pastor, worship / women's pastor, children's pastor and youth pastor. The church is evangelical, charismatic and missional and we are open to the Holy Spirit's leading in prayer, worship and the prophetic. We are welcoming and inclusive of people from all walks of life and backgrounds. We have active teams in place in prayer and intercession, worship, children's, youth, pastoral, administration, serving and hospitality areas. We are seeking a person, ordained in the Church of Ireland (or of a church in communion therewith), who will together with the teams and trustees, seek God with humility and dedication, for His vision for the next chapter for us as a community. If this advert has stirred you to enquire about more information, please contact us in confidence, by email to SAT@saintcatherines.ie It is our intention to hold interviews for the position in late September 2016. www.saintcatherines.ie

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Maynooth seminary to review social media use by trainee priests

Irish Examiner

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/ireland/maynooth-seminary-to-review-social-media-use-by-trainee-priests-417650.html>

Trustees agree to protect whistleblowers at Irish national seminary

Catholic Herald

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2016/08/25/trustees-agree-to-protect-whistleblowers-at-irish-national-seminary/>

Why does the Irish Catholic Church need two large, traditional seminaries?

Irish Times, Patsy McGarry writes

<http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/why-does-the-irish-catholic-church-need-two-large-traditional-seminaries-1.2764851>

GCSE results: Northern Ireland students outperform rest of UK

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/gcse-results-northern-ireland-students-outperform-rest-of-uk-34994457.html>

Irish Church's voice on migrants 'abysmal' – Priest

The Irish Catholic

The former director of the Irish Episcopal Commission for Emigrants has described the Irish **Church's** lack of a voice on the integration of migrants as ...

<http://www.irishcatholic.ie/article/irish-church-%E2%80%99s-voice-migrants-%E2%80%98abysmal-%E2%80%99-%E2%80%93-priest>

Guard/Mail

Articles on how remains of Scottish soldiers who died of starvation and disease almost 400 years ago will be reburied near the site where their bodies were tipped into a mass grave in the shadow of Durham Cathedral. Canon Rosalind Brown, of Durham Cathedral, is quoted.

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2016/aug/24/remains-of-scottish-soldiers-who-died-400-years-ago-to-be-reburied-oliver-cromwell>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3756238/Civil-War-s-Scottish-child-soldiers-NOT-sent-home-Prisoners-died-hands-Oliver-Cromwell-reburied-Durham.html>

BBC

Report about an appeal by Rev Alyson Buxton of the Parish of Boston, Lincs, for people to attend the funeral at Boston Crematorium of Manfred Jaedke, 61, who she fears could be buried without mourners. Boston Stump Church formally known as St Botolph's, posted the appeal on their Facebook page. Mr Jaedke was found dead on Porcher Way in Boston in July, it was reported. A man has been charged with his murder.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-lincolnshire-37177694>

Mirror

Report about interactive entertainment at the Greenbelt festival in the form of video games - a range of games will be available at the festival and the festival aims to connect topics of spirituality and technology.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/tech/greenbelt-2016-christian-festival-finds-8694980>

Mail

Reports about tributes to Private Conor McPherson, 24, from Paisley, Renfrewshire, who served with the Royal Regiment of Scotland, and died after being shot during a military training exercise in Northumberland. The articles quote Rev Peter Mander, of St John the Evangelist Church in Otterburn.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/first-picture-soldier-who-died-8696403>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3756427/Pictured-Infantryman-24-killed-shot-head-night-time-live-firing-exercise.html>

Tel

Light hearted piece on recruitment for the post of priest in charge for the Church of Saint Andrew and Saint Mary in Grantchester as well as St Mark's Church in nearby Newnham in Ely Diocese saying the successful applicant will live in the same village as the fictional Canon Sidney Chambers from the ITV series Grantchester

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/24/wanted-vicar-of-grantchester--no-crime-fighting-skills-required/>

Blogs

Law and Religion UK: Legal developments July General Synod

<http://www.lawandreligionuk.com/2016/08/24/legal-developments-july-general-synod/>

Centre for Theology and Community: Summer Intern stories

<http://www.theology-centre.org.uk/summer-internship-stories-putting-my-theology-degree-into-action/>

Brightest Day: Hope

<https://bengarry.wordpress.com/2016/08/22/hope/>

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