

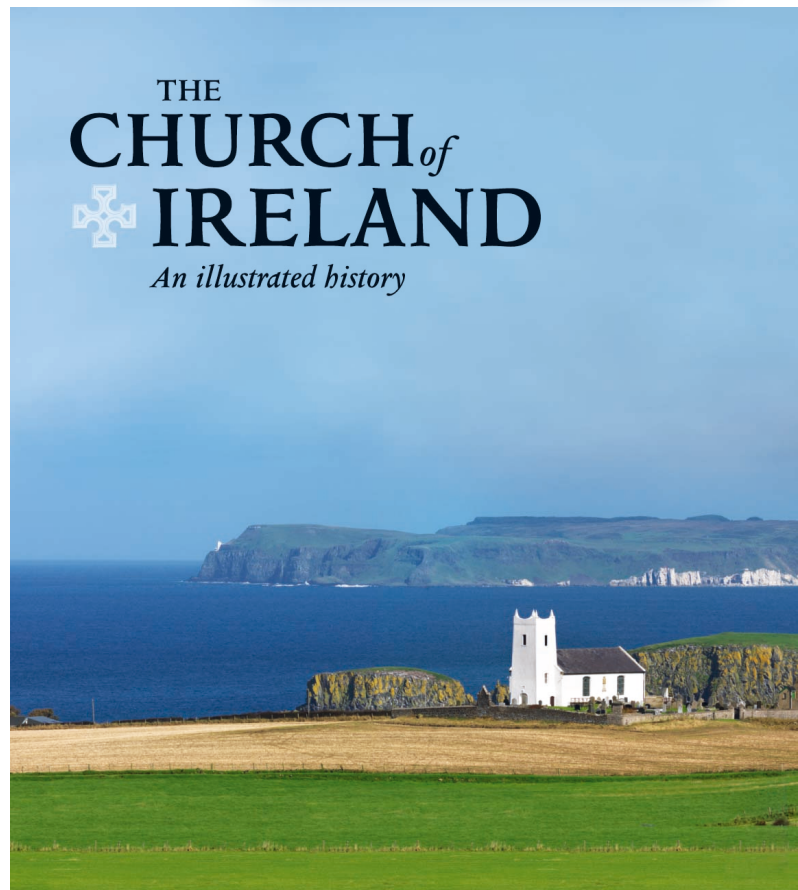
Church of Ireland illustrated history "remarkable"

A colourful and comprehensive new book entitled *The Church of Ireland – An Illustrated History* published by [Booklink](#) is to be launched in both Belfast and Dublin.

The Belfast event will take place at [St Anne's Cathedral](#) on Tuesday 3 December at 6.30pm, launched by The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, and the guest speaker will be Professor Brian Walker who was a consultant editor of the new book.

The Dublin event will be launched by The Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin, and Archbishop Richard Clarke, on Thursday 5 December at Church House, Rathmines, Dublin 6 at 7.00pm.

The new 400-page book is produced in hardback and full-colour. The Archbishop of Armagh and Archbishop of Dublin state in their foreword to it: "This volume comprises the work of over sixty historians, editors and photographers from all over



Ireland with a diverse range of interests and approaches.

Prayer for Today

Risen Christ,
as you journeyed with the two who travelled the Emmaus Road,
travel with us on our journey of faith. in our encounters on the way
give us compassion to listen to the other's story
give us patience to explain what may seem obvious to ourselves
give us courage to make ourselves vulnerable towards the other,
so that others may encounter You through us
and we may rediscover You through them.

"Each tells the story of the Church in his or her own way and the variety of this material reflects the diversity within the Church of Ireland itself... This book achieves the remarkable task of covering every parish or union/group of parishes, with illustrations of over two thirds of all the churches."

Speaking ahead of the launch, Booklink Publisher (and co-consultant editor), Dr Claude Costecalde, says: "Informed and inspired by the past, the Church of Ireland looks forward with confidence and eager expectation to the future."

"This illustrated book presents its rich heritage and history in an attractive contemporary style that will appeal to every generation. It reveals at the same time the modern presence of the Church in every diocese. *The Church of Ireland – An Illustrated History* is a record of the past with an invitation to reflect on the life of the Church in the twenty-first century."

See <http://booklink.ie/churchofireland/>

Tributes to Fr. Alec Reid

The death has occurred November 22nd, of Fr. Alec Reid, an Irish Redemptorist, who played a major role over many years in working for peace and reconciliation in the North of Ireland. Fr. Alec was 82 years of age.

His role was usually in the back-ground, but in March 1988 he was photographed kneeling beside the body of a British soldier who had just been shot dead. This image went all over the world a day or two later when the photographer reluctantly allowed it to be published. It has become one of the iconic images from that time in Ireland.

The story was told in a special BBC programme in March 2013, 25 years after the events, entitled '14 Days'. "Watching 14 Days on BBC Northern Ireland last night was the most powerful sermon on

following Jesus I have experienced in a long, long time", wrote one person from Fitzroy Presbyterian community. As Rev Ken Newell, the now-retired minister of Fitzroy Presbyterian, says

"I saw in the photograph Alec himself looking straight into the camera, and I just saw a man of compassion, a man of prayer, a man of faith. It's an astonishing picture because one of the soldiers was lying semi-naked in the shape of a cross, and his body was blood-splattered. And in that I saw an amazing link with the crucifixion of Christ."

Fr. Alec was born in Nenagh, County Tipperary in 1931. We understand that he played hurling with the Tipperary Minors before leaving home to join the Redemptorist Congregation in August 1949. He was professed as a Redemptorist in 1950 here in Esker, Athenry, and was ordained priest seven years later in Cluain Mhuire, Galway. He ministered for most of his life in Belfast, and for a period in Dundalk. He passed away peacefully in St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin on November 22nd, 2013.

The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland:

'In expressing my sympathy to Fr Alec Reid's family and the members of the Redemptorist Community on the news of his death earlier today, I pay sincere tribute to the way in which he accepted that his obedience to the call of Christ would lead him on a sometimes dangerous and lonely path to building peace in Northern Ireland.

'He was a brave man, who deserves the admiration of us all.'

Funeral arrangements

Remains will be reposing at Marianella Chapel, Orwell Rd, Rathgar, Dublin

6 .**Monday** 25th, Mass in Marianella Chapel at 11am

Following this Mass Fr. Reid will be taken to the Redemptorist Clonard Church, Falls Rd, Belfast BT13 2RL

Fr. Reid's remains will be reposing at Clonard Church as follows:

Monday 25th from 4pm to 9pm and
Tuesday, 26th from 9am to 9pm.

7:30pm Ecumenical Service of Gratitude for Fr. Reid's life and ministry

Wednesday, 27th Funeral Mass at 12 Noon in Clonard Church, Belfast.

The Secret Peacemaker: Fr Alec Reid and the Irish process - RTE programme

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53ZuVw-FCRw>

Funding boost for youth groups

Two local organisations in Newtownabbey are set to benefit from a multi-million pound investment by the Department of Education in the voluntary youth sector.

Newtownabbey Times - Croi Eanna in Glengormley and the 314th Girls' Brigade [Company](#) in Monkstown are among 53 organisations across Northern Ireland that will share in a £12million windfall.

The 314th Girls' Brigade at the Church of the Good Shepherd will receive £150,000 towards the cost of creating a new dedicated youth area, provision of new break out rooms, new store rooms, insulation improvements and replacement of the heating system.

Croí Éanna, based on the Hightown Road, is the umbrella organisation that promotes and encourages the Irish language,

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culture, music and sport in Glengormley. It will receive £5,000 to modernise the existing mobile accommodation at the site, improving accessibility to the office block, toilets and storage facilities.

"This funding will be used for a variety of projects, including the refurbishment and upgrade of buildings to ensure youth facilities meet current health and safety standards through to the demolition of old buildings and construction of new, fit-for-purpose facilities," said Education Minister, John O'Dowd.

"It will benefit communities and will help the staff and volunteers in the youth [sector](#) deliver an improved service to the young people they cater for. This service is invaluable, particularly for those who face barriers to learning, and provides an opportunity for the development of skills and the improvement of educational outcomes outside of the formal learning environment."



Belfast Mission housing support extended

The Methodist Church's Belfast Central Mission's (BCM) successful Belfast based Housing Support for Older People project has recently expanded to offer support to people in the Armagh and Dungannon area.

Armagh and Dungannon Housing Support for Older People provides support to help

people aged 60 yrs and over to remain independent and continue to live in their own homes for as long as possible. BCM Housing Support for Older People provides support to help people aged 55 yrs and over to remain independent and continue to live in their own homes for as long as possible.

The service is for a minimum of six weeks and a maximum of two years, in which time the older person can "float in and out" as their needs change. It is designed for those who will benefit from a time limited period of support. The service is also available to support those who are having to make a decision about their long term care and may feel better informed after a period of community based support.

Housing Support for Older People:

- Supports service users to source and/or maintain their tenancy and accommodation and remain at home if that is their wish
- Offers support focusing on increasing motivation and self confidence
- Supports service users to look after themselves and their home

- Empowers service users to manage all aspects of their money and personal administration
- Supports service users to combat social isolation and build supports
- Promotes positive lifestyle choices to enable service users to maintain or improve their physical health
- Supports the service user to enhance their emotional wellbeing and provides details of other services available in the community
- Encourages service users to engage in activities they find interesting and satisfying
- Helps service users find other support services if they require additional support with other issues

For more information on the service, visit our [Housing Support for Older People](#) page or contact the Project Manager Leona Larkham: llarkham@belfastcentralmission.org or alternatively on: 028 8775 0175.

CCGB choir in the limelight

Seagoe's Church Girls' Brigade choir had the honour of singing at the recent Church Lads' and Church Girls' Brigade Annual Dinner at Brownlow House, Lurgan.



The Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Reverend Richard Clarke, and the Brigade National Secretary, Martin Lambourne, were the guests of honour and before the meal was served the girls sang a mix of sacred and secular songs.

Following dinner, presentations were made to the new Commanding Officer of the Ulster Regiment, Melvyn

Lockhart, and to his outgoing predecessor, Darryl Hewitt. Melvyn was presented with his scroll of office by the Archbishop and Darryl was appointed a Deputy Governor by the National Secretary. The new Commanding Officer also announced that his second in command was to be Irene Hewitt from the Seagoe Company.

Derry Conference on Christian Faith And Culture

‘Do Christian faith and culture still speak to one another?’ This is the subject of Faith and Culture, a unique youth conference to be hosted by four senior church leaders in Ireland. Over 200 school pupils from across the community will take part in the event on Tuesday 26th November at St Mary’s College, Derry / Londonderry.

The four senior church leaders include Archbishop Richard Clarke, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh; Rev Dr Rob Craig, Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland; Archbishop Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic Coadjutor Archbishop of Armagh and Rev Dr Heather Morris, President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. They will join with the two hundred sixth formers for this very special

meeting together to explore faith and culture.

The church leaders will join two hundred 6th Formers from schools across the city as they explore and celebrate the relationship between faith and culture. The event originated from discussions between Bishop Ken Good and some of his colleagues. They believed that there was an important opportunity during this City of Culture Year to explore with young people if culture speaks spiritually to them.

Talking of the event Bishop Good said, ‘The Churches have thoroughly embraced the special celebration of culture in our city this year. This is not surprising given the rich intertwining roots of culture and faith. For fifteen hundred years Christian faith had a profound impact on culture. A great deal of art, literature and music had its roots in Christian spirituality. In fact the Church was one of the main patrons of culture for centuries. In this more secular age the impact of faith on culture is easily forgotten. This event will explore how culture and faith can still relate positively to one another.’

The students will have an opportunity to explore how faith may be expressed through a variety of cultural experiences such as music, dance, art, pottery, weaving, and much more. The programme will take them on a journey of reflection and discussion culminating in a sharing of how culture and faith have moved them. Each of the four senior church leaders will also talk about how a particular expression of culture has moved them.

Faith and Culture will take place at St Mary’s College, Northland Road, Derry / Londonderry on Tuesday 26th November 2013.





International Day to End Violence against Women

25 November is the International Day to End Violence against Women!

The [United Nations](#) is commemorating this day with a play, "Wounded to Death", hosted by the Permanent Mission of Italy to the UN and [SayNO - UNITE to End Violence Against Women](#). It's a theatrical piece by Italian playwright [Serena Dandini \(OFFICIAL\)](#) featuring a series of powerful monologues by women victims of domestic violence, performed by renowned international personalities. Watch the live webcast on 25 November at 4pm EST! <http://owl.li/qYy2K> [#orangeurworld](#)

This week

The **Bishop of Derry & Raphoe** will attend the National Churches Trust 60th Anniversary Service in Westminster Abbey on Thursday, while at the **Clogher Clerical Association** meeting, in Clones, Valerie Thom will talk about the Church Army.

In **St Mary's cathedral, Tuam**, on Friday morning the Annual Schools' Service will be held. In the evening, at 8pm, the Archbishop of Dublin will institute the **Rev'd**

Norman McCauseland to the incumbency of Raheny and Coolock. Mr McCauseland, who was ordained in 1989, has served in the dioceses of Armagh, Cloyne, Ossory, and Dublin, has worked with CMSI and the Missions to Seafarers, and was Chaplain-Tutor in the Church of Ireland Theological College.

Tearfund Regional Event

A very warm invitation is extended to everyone to attend a two evening special Tearfund regional event to be held in Greystone Road Presbyterian Church, Antrim, [on Wednesday 27th November](#) and [4th December](#) starting at 8.15 pm.

Light refreshments will be available from [8 pm](#) and Tearfund Christmas cards will be available to purchase. "The purpose of these two evenings is to help God's people to gain a better understanding of what the Bible has to say about our responsibility to the poor." On the first evening the Tearfund / Compassion film LIVE 58 will be shown.

Church agency launches Kenyan maternal and child health project

With funding from the European Union, Christian Aid is launching a £1.2 million (Ksh170 million) maternal and child health project in Narok County, south-western Kenya, where just one in five mothers have access to a skilled midwife during childbirth.

In a region of 850,000 people, where the vast majority of pregnant mothers still rely on traditional birth attendants and an alarmingly low number (17 per cent) attend

sufficient antenatal sessions, the four-year project which launches on 21 November, hopes to reach 68,000 pregnant women and 131,000 children under five.

"Maternal and infant mortality, and malnutrition levels among children under five are worryingly high in Narok country, while vaccination coverage is less than 70 per cent," says Dr John Kitui, Christian Aid's Community Health Programme advisor.

"It is also harder to access clean water in Narok than anywhere else in the country, and the number of adequately equipped health facilities, access to which are hampered by many factors including long distances between facilities and poor road networks, is far too low to meet the increasingly high demand for such services.

"However, we believe that lives can be saved and these trends can be significantly reduced, even reversed, by ensuring that mothers-to-be understand the vital importance of skilled delivery, family planning, breastfeeding and nutrition practices, as well as through overall improvements in health services including antenatal, emergency obstetrics, neonatal and postnatal care.

"We will focus on improving the coverage of immunisation services for young children, Integrated Management of Childhood Illness (IMCI), improving nutrition among under-fives and pregnant women, strengthening referral systems for malnourished and sick children, and pregnant women and breastfeeding mothers, as well as collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture on food security interventions," adds Dr Kitui.

The innovative project, to be implemented in partnership with Narok County government and four civil society organisations, aims to create sustained demand for family planning, including encouraging the participation of men and

supporting more youth-friendly reproductive health services.

"As opportunities and challenges emerge as a result of the new Kenyan Constitution, we want to work with the Ministry of Health and civil society organisations to improve the health authorities' capacity to supervise and coordinate better health services at both district and county levels," says Dr Kitui.

The launch will take place at Ewaso Ng'iro Health Centre in Narok South, and will be officiated by the Governor of Narok County, Hon Samuel Kuntai Ole Tunai.



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