



*That steely gaze,
the relentless
expression - it
can only be the
evil White Witch
who bound
Narnia in snow
and ice for 100
years.*

Stunning Narnia statues to grace Belfast's new CS Lewis Square

These are the first stunning images of the Narnian characters which will soon be gracing the new CS Lewis Square in the heart of east Belfast.

Belfast Telegraph - The seven sculptures, which will eventually become a key hub in the centre of the Connswater Community Greenway, are currently under construction at the Co Donegal studio of artist Maurice Harron, who was commissioned by Belfast City Council to build them.

Eventually, visitors to the square, close to Holywood Arches, will be greeted by characters from The Lion, The Witch And The Wardrobe, including the White Witch, Mr Tumnus, Robin, and Mr and Mrs Beaver.

One of the highlights will be a three-metre high bronze installation of Aslan the lion, who was voiced in one of the films by our own Liam Neeson.

The sculptures will be located on drumlins within the square, and enhanced with seasonal planting and individual LED lighting similar to that already in place at another key Greenway location, the Sam Thompson Bridge in Victoria Park.

Story panels will encourage visitors to read more about the characters and their creator.

The area around the planned civic square already boasts strong links to Lewis, who was born in Dundela Avenue and grew up in nearby Strandtown.

The space is expected to host outdoor performances, markets and other events when it opens in late 2016.

More at - <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/stunning-narnia-statues-to-grace-new-cs-lewis-square-34250962.html>

New Christian Comic Series Opens World of Wunder for Kids

A whole new world of 'wunder' has been opened up for children with the launch of the *Wunderland* series of story trails on Advent Sunday. The stories are written by the Rector of Bray, the Revd Baden Stanley, and animated by artist Darren Nesbitt of Taney parish. The first edition, which focuses on Advent, was launched by Archbishop Michael Jackson yesterday, the first Sunday in Advent, in Christ Church Bray.

The *Wunderland* comics – spelt with a 'u' because the stories are for 'you' – are aimed



The Revd Martin O'Connor, Archbishop Michael Jackson, Nicholas aka Micky Walker, Darren Nesbitt and the Revd Baden Stanley.

primarily at children aged from eight to 12 years. They will be published monthly and the first edition is a bumper issue for Advent. The words and artwork combine to bring wonder and enchantment to children and help them engage with familiar Bible stories.

Launching *Wunderland* yesterday, Baden explained that the stories were born in the parish
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rectory over 16 years ago when he, during an illness, he started to come up with stories for his sons Jonathan and Luke which gave life to forgotten toys. Apart from the toys, the central character is Nicholas who walked the streets alone until God called him to a new mission.

“These stories have been birthed here in Bray, in the rectory,” he told parishioners yesterday. “You have walked these stories with us. This is where *Wunderland* began. God has put these stories in my heart to inspire children of all ages... These stories are for everyone and I hope you join us in their journey.”

Officially launching *Wunderland*, Archbishop said the spelling of the word with a ‘u’ brought about incorporation, inclusion and involvement.

“*Wunderland* in many ways breaks fresh ground. At its heart there is the reality of what it is to be human and at its core is that God is at the heart of humanity,” he stated.

The Archbishop preached at the Service of Holy Communion before the launch

Orders for the first issue can be placed by contacting the Revd Baden Stanley at wunderlandtrust@gmail.com or (087) 9484407.

Subsequent issues will be available through the website www.wunderlandtrust.com. They will also be available through schools, churches and Sunday Clubs.

The high quality production will cost €5 per issue. Schools that become distribution centres get 10 percent discount.

Anyone who would like to support the project to bring wonder to a new generation can contribute to Wunderland's GoFundMe campaign at www.gofundme.com/wunderlandtrust.

Keep up to date with all the *Wunderland* happenings at <https://www.facebook.com/WunderlandTrust>

East Belfast church's feeding the 5000 day

'The Larder' food bank in St Christopher's, Mersey Street, Inner East Belfast, has held a 'Feeding the 5000 Day' and launched a campaign to gather 5000 signatures to present to MLAs and MPS.

The 5000 signatures will be handed over to remind local politicians that words like



About to catch a fish finger sandwich: John Kyle (PUP Councillor Belfast City Council) Sammy Douglas MLA (DUP), Revd Adrian McCartney, Bishop Harold Miller and Chris Lyttle MLA (Alliance)

compassion, generosity and kindness are valid motivations when making policy.

Fish Finger sandwiches and tasty soup and bread were on the lunch menu on 1 December, echoing the familiar Bible story of Jesus feeding the 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fishes.

MLAs Chris Lyttle (Alliance), Sammy Douglas (DUP), Belfast City Councillor, John Kyle (PUP)

and Bishop Harold Miller were present for the launch, along with leaders of local community agencies, clergy and food bank volunteers.

‘The Larder’ is a ministry of St Christopher’s Church, which has sprung back into life after being closed in 2011. In the first week of November 2015, The Larder gave out emergency food to its 5000th person in under three years and the idea for the campaign was born.

Revd Adrian McCartney, who leads the Christian Community there and oversees The Larder said: “The vision for The Larder was always, not that we would just redistribute food, but that we would find ways for people to enjoy the privilege of that little boy in the Bible story who was able to share.

“No matter what joy people have in receiving the food it’s only half the story. The joy that others have in collecting it and giving it away is equally transforming.”

Adrian noted that when the 5000 had had enough they stopped and there were leftovers.

“How do we learn as a society live within enough rather than grab more so that others end up without enough? he asked.

“We want to sign our names to the idea that there is enough to share, if we could find ways to share it, but it requires changes of attitudes and that’s what our 5000 signatures are about.”

Bishop Harold Miler commended the campaign and said:

“It really is not acceptable that we can’t organise our society in such a way that everybody is fed, and all of us have to take responsibility for that. It really is great that The Larder is raising the issue in this creative way.

[Please take action now by signing the online petition at change.org](#)

Church of Ireland lay worker accused of sexual abuse of 10 boys

A former lay worker with the Church of Ireland has appeared in Dublin Circuit Criminal Court accused of sexual abuse of ten boys between 1977 and 1990.



Patrick O'Brien

Sunday World - Patrick O'Brien (76) is facing 75 counts of indecent assault at numerous locations throughout the State including Kildare, Westmeath, on a boat in Loughrea in Co Galway and at St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin.

Mr O'Brien, with an address at Knocklyon Road, Templeogue, in Dublin, was previously sent forward for trial from Dublin District Court. He appeared today before Judge Martin Nolan for arraignment.

Niall Nolan BL, defending, asked for the arraignment to be adjourned and said he was anxious not to take a trial date at this point. Counsel said that as a sentencing matter it would take a substantial amount of time.

Judge Martin Nolan adjourned the case until December 18 next. No plea has been entered yet on the charges.

Judge Cormac Dunne previously ruled that the media could identify the accused following an application by RTÉ at Dublin District Court.

Former priest Henry Moloney guilty of sex assault on pupil

A former priest has been found guilty of indecently assaulting a secondary school student in the 1980s in the Republic of Ireland.

BBC News - Henry Moloney worked at the time as a choirmaster and music teacher at Rockwell College, near Cashel, County Tipperary.

The 77-year-old, of Kimmage Manor, Dublin, was found guilty of seven counts of indecent assault on the schoolboy.



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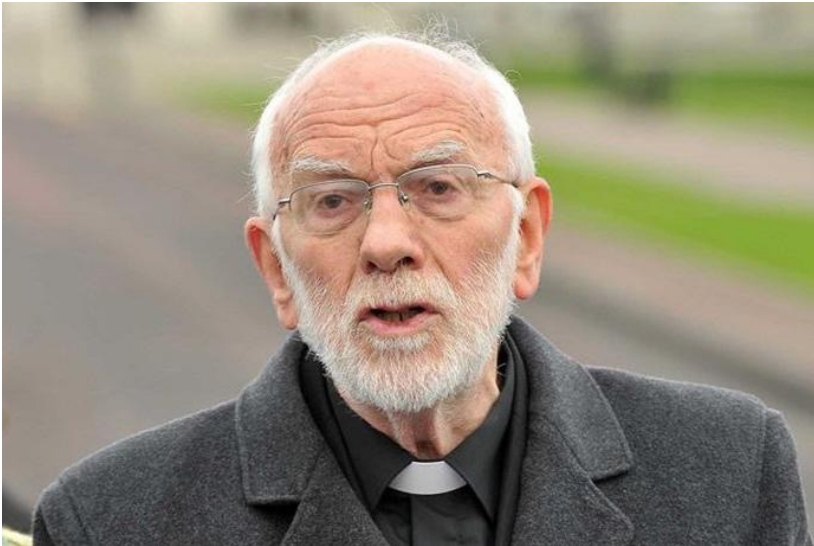
The victim had told Clonmel Circuit Court how the abuse began near the start of a school year after Moloney asked him to join the choir.

He said although he knew what had happened was wrong, he thought no-one would believe him instead of a priest.

The offences all took place in the course of one school year, in the college's chapel and in Moloney's room there.

Moloney is due to be sentenced on 15 December.

Methodist tribute to Fr Gerry Reynolds



On hearing of the death of Fr. Gerry Reynolds, the President of the the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev. Brian Anderson issued the following statement:

"Albert Einstein once remarked, 'Peace can only come through understanding', and these words summarise Fr. Gerry's life. While a Redemptorist priest, he was at the cutting edge of the emerging peace process. A quiet man, Fr. Gerry impacted on society, crossing religious barriers not least through his Unity Pilgrims who weekly

visited churches of various denominations. I do believe that Fr. Gerry was a man who walked on the two feet we call Peace and Justice."

Canadian veteran of the ecumenical movement, dies at 100

Canadian ecumenist Ralph C. Young, whose career led him on a pilgrimage from Christian youth work in his native maritime provinces to global ministries of inter-church dialogue and coordination, died in Geneva, Switzerland on 26 November at the age of 100.

Born on 29 April 1915 in Bideford, Prince Edward Island, Young was the child of a Methodist manse. During his childhood, Methodists became part of the United Church of Canada (UCC). Following studies at Mount Allison University in New Brunswick, Young took up a series of positions in the youth and student streams of the ecumenical movement. After serving of the staffs of the Maritime Religious Education Council and the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), he became secretary of the UCC's Board of Men.



Ralph C. Young at his office in the WCC in 1962

In 1961, Ralph Young was called to service in the World Council of Churches (WCC) as executive secretary of their department of the laity, and as a co-editor of the periodical “Laity” alongside movement giants Madeleine Barot of France and C.I. Itty of India.

As a result of closer ties among churches due to the work of the Second Vatican Council, he pioneered in relations between the WCC and the Roman Catholic Laity Council. In the early 1980s, he worked in the WCC’s commission on inter-

church aid, the Africa desk and the Poland programme.

Although officially retired from the WCC in 1980, in 1983 Young was employed as Geneva secretary for the World Methodist Council. He continued in this position until 2001. His funeral took place in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Geneva on 2 December 2015.

Media digest

Same-sex marriage in Northern Ireland is for Stormont to decide on, the Attorney General told a court - News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/gay-marriage-is-a-matter-for-stormont-1-7094948>

NI abortion law: Ruling could allow terminations for girls under 16 - BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-34976103>

Protect unborn lives, don't end them: Northern Ireland abortion ruling criticized

Catholic World Report

Irish pro-life advocates have said Monday's Northern Ireland court decision against ... The Catholic Church teaches that the duty to care for and protect human life extends ...

<http://www.catholicworldreport.com/NewsBriefs/Default.aspx?rssGuid=protect-unborn-lives-dont-end-them-northern-ireland-abortion-ruling-criticized-66445/>

Catholic **Church** watchdog audits: No criminal convictions in 53 allegations made against 44 ...

Belfast Telegraph

The latest tranche of audits from the Catholic **Church's** safeguarding watchdog has examined 53 allegations made against 44 priests, brothers or ...

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/catholic-church-watchdog-audits-no-criminal-convictions-in-53-allegations-made-against-44-members-of-religious-orders-34253759.html>

Loyalist band overturns 'sectarian songs' convictions on appeal

the Irish News

It was previously claimed they took part in a rendition of the Famine Song while marching in a circle at St Patrick's **Church** on Donegall Street.

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/2015/12/02/news/loyalist-band-overturns-sectarian-songs-convictions-on-appeal-340652/>

Jamie Bryson calls for march ban to be overturned

the Irish News

Mr Bryson said last night the commission should now overturn its decision to ban Bangor Protestant Boys from marching past the same **church** during ...

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/2015/12/02/news/jamie-bryson-calls-for-march-ban-to-be-overturned-340573/>

Association of Catholic Priests voices 'disquiet' over Vatican's selection of Irish bishops

National Catholic Reporter

The Association of Catholic Priests in **Ireland** is to write to the Vatican's ... disquiet" over the current selection process for bishops in the Irish **church**.

<http://ncronline.org/news/global/association-catholic-priests-voices-disquiet-over-vaticans-selection-irish-bishops>

Peter Robinson adds to criticism of loyalists' anti-refugee parade

the Irish News

LOYALISTS opposed to Syrian refugees coming to Northern **Ireland** have faced ... the picket when details of the parade were revealed last week in The **Irish News**. ... In a hard hitting editorial this week's **Church of Ireland Gazette**, the ...

<http://www.irishnews.com/paywall/tsa/irishnews/irishnews/irishnews//news/2015/12/02/news/anti-refugee-parade-faces-more-opposition-340409/content.html>

A Christmas-time appreciation: Harry Clarke. an Irish stained glass master

Boston Irish Reporter

Both windows were made by commission in the 1930s for a **church** in Co. Kilkenny, but were never collected from the studios. Although the pieces ...

<http://www.bostonirish.com/travel/christmas-time-appreciation-harry-clarke-irish-stained-glass-master>

BBC

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu has begun a six-month pilgrimage around the North East. Archbishop Sentamu will spend six days in each of the 21 deaneries of the Diocese of York and will be walking "a sizeable distance" through them all. The pilgrimage started with a visit to Whitby, in the Archdeaconry of Cleveland. He will travel through the Archdeaconry of the East Riding and finish at York Minster on 22 May next year.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-34975830>

BBC/Times/Guard/Ind/Tel/Mail

MPs will decide later whether to back UK air strikes in Syria against militants from ISIS. A 10-hour House of Commons debate will culminate in a vote on whether the UK should join the US, France, Russia and others bombing targets in Raqqa, the group's stronghold, and other areas. The Prime Minister, David Cameron says ISIS is a threat to Britain's security. The Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn opposes bombing (see Comment below), but has given his MPs a free vote. The *Times* reports the results of an online poll which show that less than a half of respondents support the airstrikes.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-34980504>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4629745.ece>

<http://www.theguardian.com/politics/2015/dec/01/cameron-accuses-corbyn-of-being-terrorist-sympathiser>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/government-admits-there-could-be-extremists-among->

[david-camerons-70000-moderates-in-syria-a6756486.html](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/conservative/12028017/David-Cameron-tells-Tory-MPs-Ignore-the-terrorist-sympathisers-and-vote-for-Syrian-bombing.html)

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/politics/conservative/12028017/David-Cameron-tells-Tory-MPs-Ignore-the-terrorist-sympathisers-and-vote-for-Syrian-bombing.html>
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3341996/Prime-Minister-David-Cameron-urges-Tory-MPs-not-vote-against-bombing-Syria.html>

London SE1 Website

A small housing estate in Waterloo built by the Church of England in the 1930s is to be demolished and redeveloped under plans revealed last week. The properties in Waterloo were bought from the Church Commissioners a decade ago. 200 new properties will be built on the site.

<http://www.london-se1.co.uk/news/view/8560>

Times

An article in praise of the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at King's College Cambridge, which the BBC has broadcast live every Christmas since 1928, ten years after it was first sung.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/arts/article4629190.ece>

Ind

Feature on the creator of the Broadway Show, *Hand of God* which is coming to London. Robert Askins' satire is set in a Christian puppet ministry – a church class where children enact Bible stories through puppetry – only for one of the puppets to be possessed by the Devil. *Hand of God* opens in the West End in February.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/arts-entertainment/theatre-dance/features/hand-to-god-is-a-satire-full-of-sock-and->

[awe-that-makes-book-of-mormon-look-tame-a6756286.html](http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/dec/01/awes-that-makes-book-of-mormon-look-tame-a6756286.html)

Comment

Guardian: Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn writes that David Cameron has failed to show that bombing Syria would work.

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2015/dec/01/cameron-failed-show-bombing-syria-isil-work-jihadist>

Student Newspaper: It is wrong to ban the Church of England's advert.

<http://www.studentnewspaper.org/it-is-wrong-to-ban-the-church-of-englands-advert/>

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