



***Archbishop Michael Jackson and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin  
at the Mass in Gardiner Street on Saturday***

## **Archbishops of Dublin Join Jesuits in Remembering Venerable Fr John Sullivan SJ**

Archbishop Michael Jackson and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin attended a special Mass of thanksgiving with members of the Jesuit community on Saturday February 21 to celebrate Pope Francis's elevation of Dublin-born Fr John Sullivan (1861–1933) as a Venerable of the church, which is two steps below sainthood.

The Mass took place in St Francis Xavier Church on Gardiner Street, Dublin, brought together members of the Irish Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland. Fr John Sullivan (1861–1933) was baptised into the Church of Ireland at in St Georges' Church in Dublin. The son of a Lord Chancellor of Ireland, his father was Protestant and his mother was Catholic. Archbishop Jackson's presence at Saturday's Mass recalled Fr Sullivan's earlier life within the Anglican Christian community in Ireland.

Referring to ecumenical nature of the congregation which also included some of Fr Sullivan's relatives who had travelled from England, Archbishop Martin said it was a reminder that "holiness knows no denominational boundaries".

In his Homily he added: "Indeed in our ecumenical reflection and activity we pay too little attention to the fact that Saints can be a

bridge between what is deepest and common in all our traditions.” He stated that ecumenism was not the possession of theologians or activists.

“There is an important ecumenical transformation which comes through personal encounters with authentic Christians of other traditions. There is an important ecumenical transformation which comes through entering into the prayer traditions and the piety of other traditions. John Sullivan’s faith was the product of two traditions and always remained so and was enriched by that fact,” he said. See also following report -

## **Call time on always celebrating with drink in hand - Archbishop**

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin says Ireland must tackle its problem of always linking drink to celebrations.

Independent.ie - He said he was particularly concerned at last week's alcoholic excesses by some of the students taking part in Galway Rag week.

Speaking to the Irish Independent after celebrating a Mass on Saturday for the Irish Jesuit Fr John Sullivan, who the Pope has set on the road to sainthood, the Archbishop of Dublin warned: "We have a problem in Ireland with alcohol.

"We have a culture of alcohol which is the wrong one. I think it is up to all of us to try and get away from that."

He said recent student antics, which included queuing from 8am for entrance to a pub during Galway Rag week, "doesn't edify anybody" and was "not good" for the health of the students themselves.

"We have to learn to celebrate without that (alcohol)," he said.

"When they talk about a celebration, it is always about drink in the end - and we have to get away from that understanding."

Dr Martin acknowledged alcohol can be used responsibly in some cases, but he said Irish society is "a long way away from that".

He called for more education of young people on how to curb the misuse of alcohol.

He also criticised the proposed new bill on alcohol, saying it needs to be extended to include a ban on the drinks industry sponsoring sporting events.

The proposed Public Health (Alcohol) Bill 2015 does, however, intend to legislate for cheap alcohol and set a minimum price for the sale of drink.

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Sullivan was the son of a Lord Chancellor of Ireland, his father was Protestant and his mother was Catholic. More at -

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/call-time-on-always-celebrating-with-drink-in-hand-archbishop-31013303.html>

## **Maud Kells returns to Northern Ireland**

The Rev. Ivor Smith, speaking on behalf of the family and Cookstown's Molesworth

Presbyterian Church, where Maud is a member, said yesterday (23rd February), that it was 'great to have her home'.

"Maud flew home from the DRC via Kampala and London on Sunday with two friends who went out to Uganda last week to support her on the long journey back. I saw her this afternoon and she was in good form and looking well, considering what she has been through.

"Her family and friends are delighted to have her home and thank God that she continues to make a good recovery from injuries she received after the shooting last month.

"Maud asked me again to thank everyone for their encouraging support and prayers which she has found quite humbling. Now she is safely back, Maud will obviously need some time to build up her strength. She also told me that she looks forward to telling her story when she is feeling up to it, but in the meantime we would once again ask that her privacy, and that of her family be respected," he said.

## **Rugby Pundit, George Hook, speaks at Lent Men's Breakfast**



***George Hook speaking in Bull McCabe's Bar to the Lenten Men's Breakfast for the Parishes of Douglas Union with Frankfield***

On Saturday 21st February, rugby pundit and broadcaster George Hook was the guest speaker at the Lent Men's Breakfast held in Douglas. This event, which was the second of its kind held in the parish, filled Bull McCabes bar on the Airport Road in Cork to capacity.

George Hook is well known for his forthright style on radio and television. In his talk, he touched on a theme which he recently aired with Brendan O'Connor on RTE's *The Saturday Night Show*. He described how he has come to a new

appreciation of his Christian faith and of how that faith motivates him in life. In a light-hearted speech, he also shared some anecdotes about growing up in Cork and his predictions for the Irish Rugby Team in this year's Six Nations Championship.

Commenting on this event, Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson said, "It was wonderful to see well over a hundred men from the parish and beyond out early on a Saturday morning to enjoy fellowship together. We are grateful to George Hook for giving freely of his time to come to us and for giving us all something to think about."

Bull McCabes, is owned by the Dunne family who are very involved in the life of the parish. They opened their premises earlier than normal, to host and cater for this breakfast event.

## Clerical

On Sunday afternoon, 22nd February, during Evening Prayer at the Cathedral Church of Saint Fachtna, Rosscarbey, County Cork, the Reverend Trevor Lester was installed as a Canon (Prebend of the Island). The preacher was Archdeacon Adrian Wilkinson. Mr Wilfred Baker acted as Registrar. A large congregation gathered to support the new Canon



Revd Ross Wilson, curate in Willowfield Church, has been appointed as incumbent of the Parish of Orangefield in the Diocese of Down.

Rt Rev Harold Miller, Bishop of Down and Dromore was 65 yesterday.

## **250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Connor parish**



The Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Rev Richard Clarke, will be the Celebrant and Preacher at a service marking the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of St Patrick's

Church, Broughshane, at 11.30am on Sunday March 1.

The service will be conducted by the Dean of Connor and rector, The Very Rev JFA Bond, assisted by the Rev Adrian Halligan, Curate.

## **Hindus urge Pope Francis to discipline Londonderry priest for warning against risks involved in yoga**

Hindus are urging Pope Francis to ‘discipline’ a Londonderry priest who warned parishioners against taking part in yoga and having Indian head massages.

News Letter - Father Roland Colhoun, who is based in the Waterside area of the city, issued caution when saying mass in Drumsurn two Sunday’s ago, when he said he was drafted in at short notice.

He said his sermon was based on the devil and exorcism.

“I mentioned a number of things that are part of the new age movement. It’s so embedded in our

culture now that it has gained a kind of a respectability, but the new age practices, they're certainly not good for us and the Church is very concerned about people employing them and has written specific documents on the new age movement. There is a great body of research (theological, spiritual and physiological) already done on it," said Father Colhoun.

His comments have sparked a global reaction and, on Sunday, Hindu statesman Rajan Zed, in a statement in Nevada (USA) said: "Hindus are urging His Holiness Pope Francis to discipline a Londonderry Catholic priest who reportedly linked yoga to Satan".

"Zed, who is President of Universal Society of Hinduism, further said that yoga, although introduced and nourished by Hinduism, was a world heritage and liberation powerhouse to be utilized by all," said the statement.

More at -

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/hindus-urge-pope-francis-to-discipline-londonderry-priest-for-warning-against-risks-involved-in-yoga-1-6594517>

## Training of layman for ministry reignites church row

A Catholic diocese is embroiled in a row over the training of a layman for the permanent diaconate, despite a bishop's announcement that plans to train men for the ministry were being suspended.

Independent.ie - A group who became known as the 'Women of Killaloe' had highlighted that a male-only diaconate ministry was not in fact needed, as everything a deacon could do could also be done by a lay person.

An announcement was made last September by the then Bishop of Killaloe, Archbishop Kieran O'Reilly, who is now one of the four most senior prelates in the Irish church.

In a letter read out in parishes across the diocese, he pledged that he would not go ahead with the introduction of the male-only permanent diaconate.

But it now has emerged that one layman from Killaloe had already completed his preparatory year for the ministry even before the bishop invited applications training in August 2014.

Furthermore, the diocese has admitted to the Irish Independent that the same man has continued to participate on the first year of the diaconate formation programme along with other 13 other candidates from the dioceses of Cloyne, Waterford & Lismore, Cork & Ross and Kerry.

This is despite Archbishop O'Reilly's announcement that the training plans were being set aside.

Killaloe spokesman Fr Brendan Quinlivan said prior to the publication of Bishop O'Reilly's pastoral letter inviting people to consider training as deacons, "One candidate had begun the process of discernment and participated on a pilot basis in the preparatory course." More at -

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/training-of-layman-for-ministry-reignites-church-row-31013301.html>

## **Confusion over 'threat' to burn down Ballynahinch dispute church**

The recipient of a text message threat that a church at the centre of a bitter dispute "will be burnt to the ground" last night said he and other church trustees are deciding whether to bring charges against the culprit.

News Letter - Ballynahinch Congregational Church trustee Samuel Graham spoke to the News Letter after a PSNI spokeswoman said: "Police have made inquiries in relation to a report of a threat against a church property in the Ballynahinch area and established that there was no such threat."

When asked about Mr Graham's claims that he was told someone had been apprehended, a PSNI spokeswoman told the News Letter their statement remained the same.

Mr Graham is one of the lead protestors in the Ballynahinch Congregational Church saga which hit the headlines in September 2013 after police were called to deal with warring factions within the congregation.

The dispute began over the running of the church. More at -

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/confusion-over-threat-to-burn-down-ballynahinch-dispute-church-1-6594788>

## **One in six Irish prison deaths is by suicide**

The latest figures from Irish prisons show almost one in six deaths over the last nine years has been by suicide.

Journal.ie - Since 2005, some 86 people have died in one of Ireland's prisons. The highest number was in 2006 and last year there were eight deaths.

In [response to a question recently](#) from TD Brian Walsh, Justice Minister Frances Fitzgerald confirmed 15 deaths in prison since 2005 have been by suicide. The issue [was raised in an Oireachtas committee](#) last summer, when a representative from the Irish Institute of Naturopathic Medicine, called on the government to support the introduction of specialised prevention programmes in prisons.

Maureen Mulligan has worked on a similar programme in the UK for 14 years and told TDs that there was a significant reduction in attempted suicide in people who had undertaken the programme. Participants were supported through counselling, natural medicine, anger management, and nutritional and fitness advice.

Fitzgerald said since January 2012, the death of any person in custody or on temporary release is the subject of an independent investigation by

the Inspector of Prisons as well as garda investigations.

She said that the circumstances of each death in custody and incident of self-harm are also examined by a local prevention group in each institution. These groups are required to meet quarterly or more often if necessary and their objective is to identify measure which might contribute to a reduction in the risk of deaths in the future. More at -

[www.thejournal.ie/prison-suicides-1950480-Feb2015?utm\\_source=twitter\\_self](http://www.thejournal.ie/prison-suicides-1950480-Feb2015?utm_source=twitter_self)

## **Archbishop Welby meets and prays with Birmingham youth workers**

Archbishop Justin Welby met with youth workers in Birmingham on Saturday evening, telling them their work would "ensure the future of the Church of England".

The Archbishop spent four hours with the **Urban Devotion** team, which included informal conversation over a Birmingham Balti.

Before the supper, the Archbishop visited Hope House in Perry Common where he saw very



young people praying in three rooms marked Thank You, Sorry and Please.

After visiting the prayer stations the Archbishop prayed for the young people and they prayed for him – their prayers included asking God to look after his family and asking that his work ‘helping people to like each other,’ would be successful.

The Archbishop then spent time at Underground, St Martin’s church youth centre where he met young people who had been struggling at school and at risk of offending who were now working with Urban Devotion and were committed Christians. He also joined local people for worship in the church and spoke about the importance of prayer.

Archbishop Justin said: “Prayer might seem like an inward thing but when we connect with God we are fired out into the community – it’s like an explosion.”

He said that the renewal of the church, and therefore the renewal of society, had always been preceded by a renewal of prayer and of communities of prayer like Urban Devotion. “Your work, more than my work, will ensure the future of the Church of England.”

The visit to Urban Devotion in Perry Common was the first in a **four day visit to Birmingham and region**. During the visit the Archbishop will speak at an interfaith conference to tackle poverty, give a lecture on geo-politics, lead services, enjoy a bake-off with Martha Collison and visit schools and industry.

After visiting Urban Devotion the Archbishop **spent the next few hours with City Pastors** on Broad Street and Southside where he met clubbers and security staff as he patrolled the streets.

The visit to Birmingham reflects the Archbishop's three priorities for his ministry: the renewal of prayer and the religious life; reconciliation; and evangelism and witness.

## **Archbishop's of Canterbury's comments on the Living Wage**

Responding to a question during a visit to the Diocese of Birmingham this morning, Archbishop Justin Welby said:

“It would be great if we were paying the Living Wage everywhere right away. But as the

Archbishop of York said in his Living Wage Commission, we've got to move towards it. . .

“Every cathedral, every diocese, every parish in this country is an independent charity, with its own trustees that has to make its own decisions. We all recognise that no employer can simply increase its salaries overnight. . . We'd prefer to be there and we're getting there as quickly as we can. We have to do it in a way that is responsible to all employees.”

Statement from the Church of England **here**:  
<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2015/02/statement-on-living-wage.aspx>

BBC News report at -  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-31581524>

## Media digest

**Provos' new 'dirty war' on 60,000 households**  
- [Independent.ie](http://www.independent.ie)

Images prove beyond doubt that Provo fuel launderers are feeding lethal toxic waste into the main drinking water reservoir for 60,000 people living on both sides of the border.

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/provos-new-dirty-war-on-60000-households-31011439.html>

## **BBC/Mail/Times/Sun**

Reports that some cathedrals are advertising jobs at below the living wage - despite the Church of England calling on employers to pay at least that amount. They state the living wage is currently £7.85 an hour outside London, but [the Sun newspaper reports](#) a cathedral job advertised at £6.50 an hour in Litchfield and £6.70 at Canterbury. Reports also point out that each parish, diocese and cathedral is a separate institution and central church is committed to paying all the Living Wage by 2017 with vast majority already paid at that level.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-31581524>

<http://www.thesun.co.uk/sol/homepage/news/6343191/Fair-wage-hypocrisy-in-Church-of-England-exposed.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-2964766/Fair-wage-hypocrisy-Church-England-MPs-slam-Bishops-hit-burgeoning-poverty-offering-6-50-potential-staff.html>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/faith/article4362734.ece>

## **ITV**

**Report that the Archbishop of Canterbury began his four-day visit to Birmingham late last night, with a walk in the city centre. Justin Welby met with City Pastors and Street Wardens on Broad Street before they made**

**their way to China Town.**

**<http://www.itv.com/news/central/update/2015-02-22/archbishop-of-canterbury-begins-four-day-visit-to-birmingham/>**

**Guard**

**Article on economic policies of the government says it has been quick to condemn the Church of England for its criticism, but it is not alone, and Cardinal Vincent Nichols has spoken out on the same issue from time to time. The business columnist says ministers protest too much against the publication of the empirical observations of the clergy and there are times when you need turbulent priests.**

**<http://www.theguardian.com/business/2015/feb/22/general-election-better-lucky-right-coalition>**

**Tel**

**Columnist Tim Stanley talks about claims that the Church of England is Left-wing and says Anglican doctrine is thoughtful, mainstream and socially conservative. He says much of the public leadership of Anglicanism is drawn from the Left, but it is also an established Church and part of the constitutional fabric of the nation.**

**<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/health/11427176/>**

[Smoking-is-like-voting-Ukip.-Bad-for-you-but-irritates-the-right-people.html](#)

## **Mail/BBC**

**Reports that a candlelit vigil has been held in Carmarthen for missing schoolboy Cameron Comey. About 350 people attended and candles of hope were lit for the 11-year-old, who went missing near the River Towy on Tuesday. The ceremony took place on King Morgan Bridge on Sunday evening and began as the sixth day of searching was called off. Reverend Leigh Richardson, vicar of St Peter's Church, [told Wales Online](#): "It was incredible, the feeling of emotion was palpable."**

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/cameron-comey-search-missing-11-year-old-5212116>

<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-wales-south-west-wales-31569415>

## **BBC**

**Report that new "quieter" bells in a Bath church have been rung for the first time to celebrate the end of the project to restore them. The eight bells and their frames were restored in the seven-month project, at a cost of £115,000 after being judged too loud. The church said the work had been a success as**

**the volume of the bells was now  
"approximately as loud as a vacuum cleaner".**

**<http://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-somerset-31566269>**