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St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, Choristers await last service before the school holidays

People and places

Ukrainian outreach in Howth

Last Sunday morning St. Mary's church Howth presented a special liturgy of the word in Ukrainian, English and Irish.

As part of the worship the congregation was given candles which were processed and lit in the sanctuary as a prayer for peace and on this unique occasion. It was an ecumenical cross community act of prayer to pray for peace.

Humanitarian Howth is a Drop in Centre for Ukrainian Refugees that takes place at St. Mary's Parish Centre, Howth every Friday afternoon.

The vision is to create a safe place for chat and friendship. It is organised between the churches of Howth, Sutton and Baldoyle and has been incredibly well supported by the local community. Conversation classes are starting this week.

For more information please email Rev'd Philip Heak at humanitarianhowth@gmail.com



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Organ recital in Armagh



St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral in Armagh will host an organ recital by guest organist, Mr Weston Jennings, on Sunday 31 July 2022 at 4.00pm.

Mr Jennings currently lives in Tyler, Texas, where he serves as Director of Music and Organist of First Presbyterian Church, as well as Artistic Director of the Tyler Civic Chorale. He is also the Music Director of New Texas Sinfonia, Texas' newest chamber orchestra.

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Weston's first encounter with the pipe organ was at the age of sixteen while attending the Interlochen Summer Arts Camp in Michigan.

He gained his Bachelor of Music at the Eastman School of Music, followed by his Master of Music Degree from the Yale School of Music and the Yale Institute of Sacred Music.

Prior to his studies at Yale, Weston completed two years in England as the Organ Scholar of Canterbury Cathedral and Chelmsford Cathedral. During this time, he was also appointed the first Organ Scholar to the Royal Festival Hall, London.

Recitals have been given by Weston in America and Europe, including in Westminster Abbey and in St Paul's Cathedral, London, as well as the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Moscow, Royaumont Abbey, France and the Berliner Dom, Germany.

On Sunday 31 July, Weston's Armagh programme will include works by Johann Christian Kittel, Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy, Lefébure-Wély, George Shearing and Léon Boëllmann.

Speaking in advance of his recital, Weston said, "I've been so looking forward to my visit to St Patrick's Cathedral, and I have selected a varied programme that I hope will show off its wonderful organ."

Dr Stephen Timpany, Director of Music in St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, added, "Weston had originally

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planned to play in Armagh Cathedral in 2020, but this had to be cancelled, due to the pandemic. We are delighted that Weston still wishes to play in the Cathedral and he can be assured of a warm welcome in Armagh.”



Meath ordination

Congratulations to Fr Barry White who was ordained a priest on Sunday 17, July, at The Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar for service in the Diocese of Meath.

Called to Castlewellan and Kilcoo



The Bishop of Down & Dromore, Rt Rev David McClay, has appointed Revd Pat Kerr as Priest in Charge of the Parish of Castlewellan and Kilcoo.

Born and raised in Belfast, Pat is currently serving his curacy in St Mary's Church, Princes Risborough, in the diocese of Oxford. His wife Jenni is the Children and Families Worker.

Pat says: "As I approach the end of my curacy, Jen and I have a real sense of God calling us back to Ireland and when we visited a few places over Easter, we both felt a real sense of God's peace in Castlewellan, feeling like this could be home for us."

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“I am really looking forward to being a part of the clergy team in Down and Dromore, serving together to implement Bishop David’s spirit filled 10–year vision for the diocese. We are looking forward to coming alongside the church family, getting to know each other and joining in, exploring where God is calling us to minister.”

A date for the Service of Introduction will be announced in due course.

Applying to Down & Dromore Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme

Are you ready for a new challenge? If you’re between 18 and 25 and have an active faith in Jesus, you are invited to apply to FORGE, an exciting new Ministry Apprenticeship Scheme within the Church of Ireland Diocese of Down and Dromore.

The aims of FORGE are that, through training and service in an apprenticeship model with church leaders and their teams in host churches, young Christians will:

- grow in their faith,
- understand the biblical foundations for ministry,
- gain insight into their strengths and weaknesses,
- acquire new interpersonal, teamworking, leadership, teaching and evangelism skills,
- gain experience in church–based and diocese–wide ministries,
- achieve qualifications in youth or children’s ministry,



develop longstanding friendships with Christian brothers and sisters,

have explored a call to Christian ministry.

Apprentices will be fully involved in the life and witness of their host church and participate in the ministries of the church especially children's and youth programmes. Where available, there will also be the opportunity to gain experience in schools', outreach and compassion ministries. They will also contribute to diocesan-wide ministry programmes such as Saturday Night Live and the Kilbroney Camp programmes

There will be a strong focus on training in-house within the churches and by the diocese. The scheme will start with induction at the beginning of October, and include monthly training days, group visits to Christian ministries, support to work towards qualifications in either children's ministry or youth work and an end of year celebration event.

The FORGE programme will begin on Sunday 2 October 2022 and finish on Thursday 31 August 2023.

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Further details and the application form are available on the FORGE Ministry Apprenticeship page here -
[[<https://www.downanddromore.org/training/forge-ministry-apprenticeship-scheme>]

You can also download an application form from the link above.

Completed application forms should be sent by email to Keith Gardiner at kgardiner@downdromorediocese.org by 12 noon on Thursday 25 August 2022.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 30 August 2022

Down and Dromore is one of 11 dioceses within the Church of Ireland. Led by Bishop David McClay, we are actively committed to evangelism, discipleship and to raising up a new generation of leaders for God's church. Currently we have 111 churches and 9 church plants.

Connor Connections magazine available free online

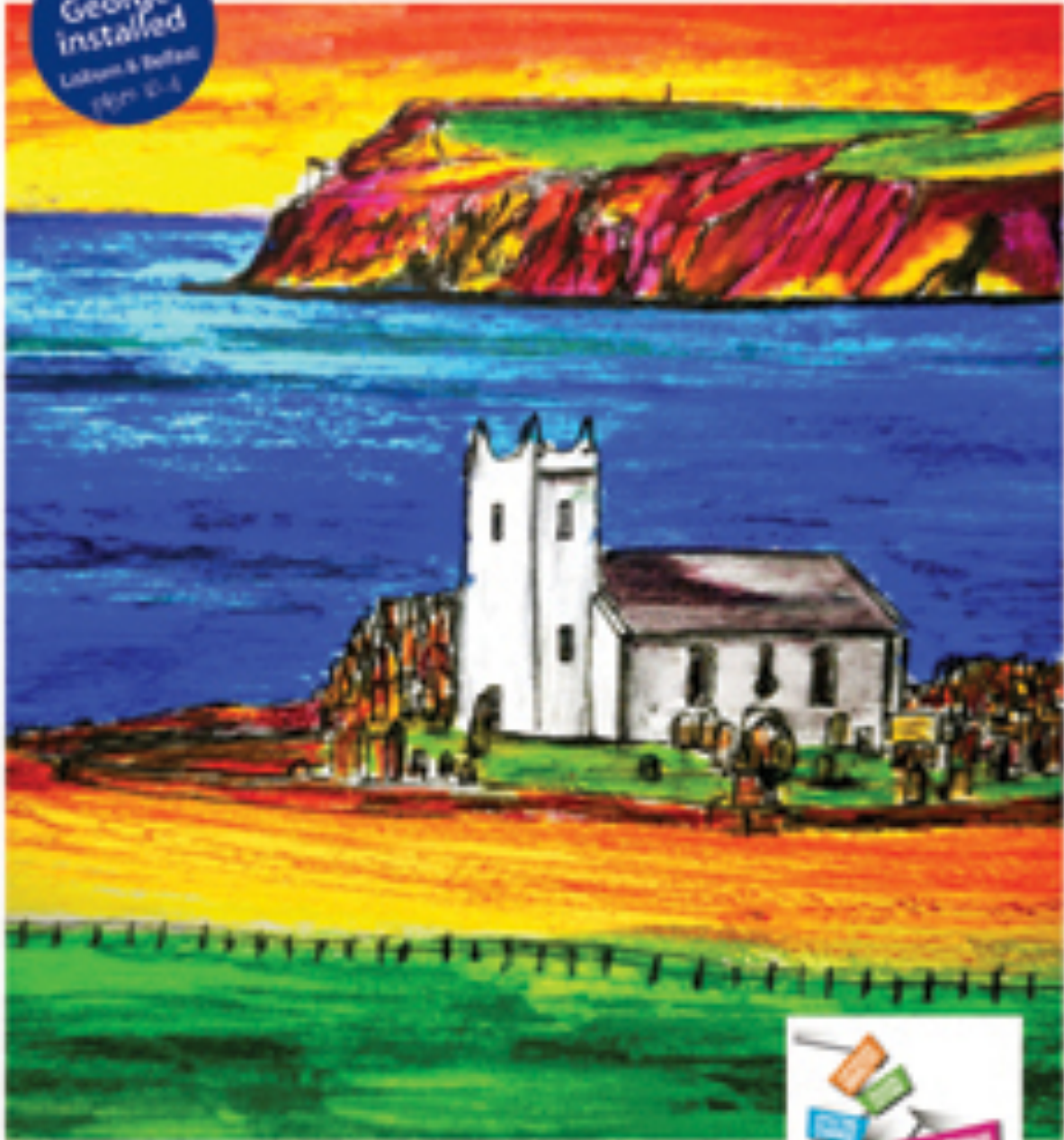
The summer issue of the diocesan magazine Connor Connections, which was distributed in print to all parishioners in the diocese last month, is now available to read online.

It offers the opportunity to people who may live outside the diocese to find out more about life and ministry in Connor through the pages of the magazine.

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Lisburn & Belfast
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The magazine for the Diocese of Connor Summer 2022

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Featuring a very colourful Ballintoy Parish Church on the cover by Randalstown-based artist Johnny Watt (www.artbyjdw.com) Connor Connections is packed with features and news from around the diocese.

Cheryl Graham, wife of the Rev Canon Kevin Graham, rector of Stranmillis, speaks about Seen To Be Heard, a powerful campaign to raise awareness of Secondary Breast Cancer.

A visit St Colman's, Kilroot, which opens its parish hall to a group of refugees and asylum seekers each Wednesday afternoon, offering them space to relax and socialise, and we share some of the harrowing stories of those who attend.

Erin Burnett from the Church of the Resurrection talks candidly about living with autism and how churches can adapt to make attendance at services less challenging for people with autism.

Ballysillan parishioner George Briggs talks about his Maundy Thursday visit to Windsor Castle, where he met Prince Charles, and readers can learn about a very special partnership between Christ Church Parish, Lisburn, and a school in Uganda.

There is a look back at how parishes in Connor responded to the crisis in Ukraine in the early days, and how Lisburn Cathedral parishioners Sam and Silvana Shaw who travelled separately to Poland to aid those fleeing Ukraine, and those staying behind.

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CMSI Mission Director Jenny Smyth and her husband Billy returned to Connor's partner diocese of Yei in February, and they share their thoughts on how people in Yei are rebuilding their lives in the wake of ongoing civil unrest – and the value of church institutions, in particular the Yei Vocational Training College.

The Installation Services for Bishop George in Lisburn and Belfast Cathedrals and the Connor Mothers' Union Festival Service also feature

Royal enthusiast the Rev Canon Derek Kerr talks about his Royal memorabilia exhibition held in Drummaul Parish Church during May, and how this passion evolved.

Vacancies

The Methodist Church has a number of exciting job opportunities around the Connexion! Visit its website for full details:

bit.ly/3RcWCAA

- Worship Director (Part-time) | Richhill Methodist Church
- Youth & Children's Worker (Full-time) | Thomas Street Methodist Church
- Children & Family Worker (Part-time) | Dundrum Methodist Church
- Office Administrator (Part-time Maternity Cover) | Irish Methodist Youth & Children's Department
- Organist/Pianist | Glengormley Methodist Life
- Youth Pastor (Part-time) | Edenderry Memorial Methodist Church

World news

Pope: Nations must work together to adapt to climate change

The Pontifical Academy of Sciences hosted a two-day conference focusing on the theme: 'Resilience of People and Ecosystems under Climate Stress'. In a message, Pope Francis greeted participants and encouraged their efforts to discuss the environmental crisis.

The Pope said: "The phenomenon of climate change has become an emergency that no longer remains at the margins of society. Instead, it has assumed a central place, reshaping not only industrial and agricultural systems but also adversely affecting the global human family, especially the poor and those living on the economic peripheries of our world."

He said the world is facing the twin challenges of "lessening climate risks by reducing emissions" and of "assisting and enabling people to adapt to progressively worsening changes to the climate".

These challenges require everyone to come up with a multi-dimensional approach to protect people and the planet, he added.

Pope Francis once again spoke of the need for an "ecological conversion", saying this process requires

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everyone to be grateful for God's Creation, to live in communion with one another, and to work together to deal with environmental problems.

"Courageous, cooperative and far-sighted efforts among religious, political, social and cultural leaders on local, national and international levels are needed in order to find concrete solutions to the severe and increasing problems we are facing."

He called on the most-developed nations to reduce their own carbon emissions, while also offering financial assistance to "less prosperous areas of the world".

Access to clean energy and drinking water are other issues that world leaders need to address, he said, adding that farmers need help to shift production to more resilient crops.

The Pope recalled the related concerns of loss of biodiversity and the various wars that threaten human survival and lead to "problems of food security and increasing pollution".

"Everything is connected," repeated Pope Francis, adding that "promoting the long-term common good of our planet is essential to genuine ecological conversion".

He noted that the Holy See and Vatican City State have recently acceded to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement.

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In conclusion, Pope Francis encouraged participants in the Vatican resilience conference in their efforts on behalf of people and the planet.

"In working together, men and women of good will can address the scale and complexity of the issues that lie before us, protect the human family and God's gift of creation from climate extremes, and foster the goods of justice and peace."

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Education Sunday 2022

Churches Together in England have posted that Education Sunday will be marked by the churches on 11 September 2022.

The theme for this year is 'You are not lost!'

This year's readings from the Revised Common Lectionary are:

Jeremiah 4.11-12, 22-28

Psalm 14

Luke 15.1-10

1 Timothy 1.12-17

The readings in the Catholic Lectionary are:

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Exodus 32.7-11, 13-14

Psalms 51.3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

1 Timothy 1.12-17

2 Corinthians 5.19

Luke 15.1-32 or Luke 15.1-10

The main focus of resources provided by CTE will be on Luke 15.1-10: the parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

Resources will be added to this page and will include:

- an introduction to the theme

- sermon/homily notes

- suggestions for all-age worship

- prayers

- suggestions for songs and hymns

- outlines for an act of collective worship in school

Links to resources and the history of Education Sunday are at -

[[] <https://cte.org.uk/educationsunday2022/>].

Perspective

Peter Carvill recalls Kilgobbin, County Dublin

I grew up in a wonderful place, the small community of Kilgobbin in County Dublin, my family a Catholic family in what was a Protestant enclave.

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The ruined church of Kilgobbin had been the first church built in Ireland for the Anglican communion, on an old monastic site that gave the place its name. When the Church of Ireland community outgrew that church, a new church was built in Kilternan. Our parish church was St Mary's, Sandyford. Then Sandyford was still a country village, where I remember hens pecking around the street.

There was great mutual respect and kindness in the relations between our family and our Protestant neighbours. We children of the families played together. We got our warm, fresh eggs from the Richardsons' farm across the road from our house where the lady of the house shared with me, when I called over for eggs, her love of plants and gave me cuttings of her treasures to try. She would also sometimes gift us some duck eggs. I and my siblings had the freedom of the farms to explore, discover nature, climb trees, pick blackberries and gather mushrooms.

There was a stream which we called the Ducks' River, which during the summer we youngsters would team up to dam, and in which I learned to tickle trout. Up the road a short distance lived Senator John Ross, a Trinity Senator, whose son Shane succeeded him as a Trinity Senator. They had a wonderful garden, Mrs Ruth Isobel Ross being for a time a gardening correspondent in the Irish Times. Behind our house was Kilgobbin Castle, marking the boundary of the Pale, in the grounds of a house of the same name. A family of Huguenot stock lived there. In their grounds was a great rookery, which gave the background sound of the place, an avian city in itself.

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Kilgobbin was a sweet and harmonious place in those days of the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s, retaining a unique sense of place, an atmosphere of rural industry and antiquity. I cannot imagine a better place to have spent my childhood, and I feel a profound gratitude to those families who made up that community, and for the Christian goodness and decency that transcended our different confessions.

Poem for today

Nod

by Walter De la Mare

Softly along the road of evening,
In a twilight dim with rose,
Wrinkled with age, and drenched with dew
Old Nod, the shepherd, goes.

His drowsy flock streams on before him,
Their fleeces charged with gold,
To where the sun's last beam leans I
On Nod the shepherd's fold.

The hedge is quick and green with briar,
From their sand the conies creep;
And all the birds that fly in heaven
Flock singing home to sleep.

His lambs outnumber a noon's roses
Yet, when night's shadows fall,
His blind old sheep-dog, Slumber-soon,
Misses not one of all.

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His are the quiet steeps of dreamland
The waters of no-more-pain;
His ram's bell rings 'neath an arch of stars,
"Rest, rest, and rest again."

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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