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Dr Rosemary Black in Santiago at the end of her Camino walk fundraising for South Belfast Foodbank - report below

People and places

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Dr Rosemary Black, a parishioner of St John's, Malone, this month walked the Camino Frances from Sarria to Santiago de la Compostela in Galithia in Spain – a distance of 117km.



In completing this challenge, Rosemary has to date raised £1928.75 for South Belfast Foodbank, part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust. Rosemary has volunteered with the Foodbank for the past five years since retiring as a hospital doctor.

[Statue of a pilgrim on the route](#)

Accompanied by her

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daughter Lucy, Rosemary walked the Camino from July 3-9. Having suffered from arthritis and undergoing a hip replacement six years ago, she said the walk was both a personal challenge and a celebration of the fact that, due to surgery, she could now manage it.

Rosemary thanked everyone who sponsored her, saying the funds raised will help South Belfast Foodbank continue its work and provide food for many individuals and families over the months to come. Donations can still be made here - <https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/walking-the-camino-for-south-belfast-foodbank>

C of I Parishes raise over £336k for Ukraine

The Church of Ireland's Bishops' Appeal has released an incredible £170,648 and €192,876 to support partner agencies in bringing humanitarian relief within Ukraine and in surrounding countries.

The total amount raised is equivalent to £336,428 of which Down and Dromore contributed £40,000.

Christian Aid Ireland has channelled funds into supplying hospitals with tens of thousands of medical kits and supplies, as well as providing large shipments of essential items both within Ukraine and to areas of concentrated refugees in neighbouring countries. Habitat for Humanity Ireland has focused on providing shelter in Poland and Romania, setting up tents with heating and in Romania, providing...



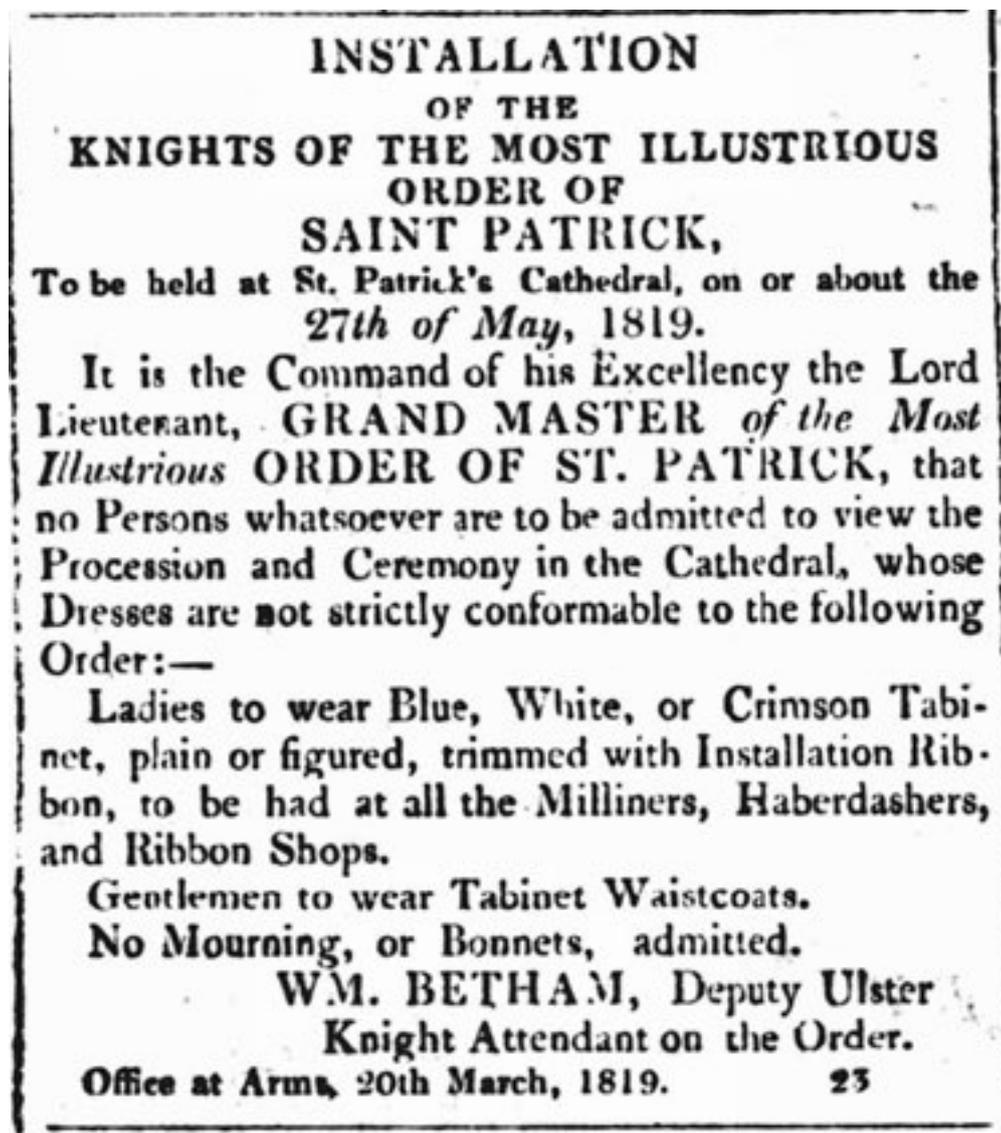
...electricity for short term stays as well as converting unused spaces in towns and cities into homes suitable for stays of approximately 6 months. They are also liaising with local Governments to place people in families and to support those who are journeying on to reach their destination safely.

A most recent funding release has donations channelled to Tearfund Ireland who are sending 76 shipments of essential food and non-food items to warehouses within Ukraine to be sent from there to support internally displaced people in multiple districts throughout the country. This will enable over 300,000 people meet their basic survival needs.

As millions flee and million more are displaced internally, the need for a response is great. The Church of Ireland is grateful to all those who have donated and to our key partners who are working tirelessly to bring hope and comfort at a time of such devastation and loss.

Bishops' Appeal is the Church of Ireland's overseas aid and development fund.

Music for the Knights of St Patrick is focus of gifted archive



The Church of Ireland's RCB Library Archive of the Month turns to a musical note as music historian Dr David O'Shea explores the recent accession of an original manuscript copy of Sir John Stevenson's 'Te Deum and Jubilate in the key of C, sung at the

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installation [sic] of the Knights of St Patrick 1819' in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Dr O'Shea's article also provides a concise introduction to Sir John, who is the Irish composer perhaps best known for his piano arrangements of Irish Melodies with poet Thomas Moore.

The document was donated to the RCB Library by Sarah Cannon last year, following contact with Dr Stuart Kinsella, Archivist of Christ Church Cathedral, and Dr O'Shea who both put her in touch with the Library where the archives of both Dublin cathedrals – St Patrick's and Christ Church – which contain significant musical-related materials are located.

The provenance of the document is a bit of a mystery. It was given to Sarah by her father, the Revd AM Cannon of Penrith, but it is not known how the manuscript came to be in his possession. Dr O'Shea's article offers us a colourful picture of Dublin and one of the principal cathedrals of the Church of Ireland in 1819.

The Library is grateful to Sarah Cannon for her kind donation, and for the collaboration provided by both Dr Kinsella and Dr O'Shea, which ensured that its final home would be here.

This manuscript, which is digitized to accompany the online presentation, makes a welcome addition to our extensive manuscript collection, now numbering some 1,133 individual collections. As Dr O'Shea notes, there is an “ephemerality of concert works, performed only once or

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twice, compared with the endurance of church works, performed repeatedly in the context of daily cathedral services.”

The Archive of the Month is available online at www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

August 5 deadline for Benefact Group Good Awards grants

Benefact Group’s Movement for Good Awards is giving away a further €500,000 to support charity projects in Ireland north and south that have a lasting impact on communities.

For the fourth year running, the Benefact Group is giving away a total of €1million to charities through these awards. Applications for the larger grants of €10,000 or more are now open and close on Friday August 5.

Charities supporting education and skills, rural or community development, heritage, arts or culture, climate or environment, and human rights or equality are invited to apply online at: www.movementforgood.com/largergrants

In 2021, Dublin-based charity Common Ground, an arts development organisation, and Sligo-based charity Kids’ Own, a children’s arts organisation and publishing house; both received a €10,000 grant to fund great projects.



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This year Ecclesiastical Insurance Ireland is inviting more charities to apply. The funding can be used within three years and for a blend of project and core funding costs.

David Lane, Managing Director for Ecclesiastical Insurance Ireland, said: “We understand the importance of longer-term funding for charities, especially when trying to bring ambitious new ideas to life and get larger transformative projects off the ground.

“Through our larger grants, we are actively championing innovation, giving charities the backing they need to propel their plans forward and turn creative ideas into practical solutions that benefit society. “As a company whose purpose is to contribute to the greater good of society, charitable giving is at the heart of what we do. We hope to see a number of strong applications from Ireland between now and the 5th of August, so we can continue to help charities at a time when they need it most”

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In June, 250 €1,000 awards were donated. A further 250 €1,000 grants will be awarded in September and a further 120 €1,000 grants will be given away in December.

For more information and an application guide which details how to apply for the larger grants visit:

www.movementforgood.com/largergrants

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News briefs

Opera Hibernia recitals in Derry church venues

St Augustine's Church and St Canice's Church in Eglinton are among the venues which will host performances by Opera Hibernia this month. Opera Hibernia, which

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is committed to nurturing the next generation of emerging artists, will be presenting a 'mini concert series' in the North West, featuring national and international performers.

St Augustine's will host a recital of Songs from Around the World at 7.30pm on Monday 25th July; St Canice's will host an evening of 'Songs from Britain and Ireland' at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26th July.

Developments in Bray

A warm welcome awaits Rev. Niall Stratford to Christ Church on Sunday morning. Niall will be supporting the parish during the coming months.

The Service this Sunday 17th July at 11am is a service of Holy Communion.

Next Sunday, July 24th, is the Bray Air Display, and there will be traffic and parking restrictions. If you are able to join us, we will have a short said service at 11am.

All services continue to be available at www.churchservices.tv/christchurchbray or via the parish website www.christchurchbray.ie where you will also find pdf versions of the full service sheets.

Double Consecration service at York Minster

The Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell presided at a double Consecration service at York Minster yesterday.



The Reverend Canon Arun Arora, Vicar of St Nicholas Church, Durham, and Honorary Canon of Durham Cathedral

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was consecrated as the Suffragan Bishop of Kirkstall, in the Diocese of Leeds.

The Reverend Canon Robert Saner-Haigh, Residentiary Canon of Newcastle Cathedral and Director of Mission and Ministry for the Diocese of Newcastle, was consecrated as the next Suffragan Bishop of Penrith in the Diocese of Carlisle.

Two key appointments for C of E

Press release from the Prime Minister's Office - Appointment of the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary: 15 July 2022 The Prime Minister has announced that he has appointed Mr Jonathan Hellewell, L.V.O., to be the Prime Minister's Appointments Secretary. (This post is key in the process of shortlisting candidates for key positions in the C of E)

Press release from the Church of England - Simon Gallagher appointed Director of Central Secretariat for the Archbishops' Council and Clerk to the Synod 14/07/2022 Simon Gallagher, currently Director of Planning at the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities, has been appointed Director of the Archbishops' Council Central Secretariat and Clerk to the Synod.

Funding package for integrated education in NI is biased - Irish Catholic reports

The decision to give integrated schools in the North a £1.9 million funding package has been described as "bias" and

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disregards “the current emergency crisis within our education system”. The Irish Catholic reports.

Aontú’s Gemma Brolly asked, "with undervalued staff on the brink of strike, endless damning reports and under resourced schools, surely the priority of the Secretary of State, every governing body and representative should be to repair our education system in its entirety?"



Rev. Dr Greg Faulkner and his wife Melanie along with members of Trinity Presbyterian Church, New Jersey visited the Livingston Centre at Killinchy Parish Church on Thursday this week.

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Excellent attendance at the St Columb's Cathedral's 2nd organ recital in Derry. This week the organist was Nicky Morton, next Thursday it will be Jack Wilson. All welcome.

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Archdiocese of Armagh joins movement to withdraw investments from the fossil fuel industry

Ten of Ireland's 26 dioceses have now withdrawn their investments from the fossil fuel industry, a key plank of the policy of Pope Francis on the protection of creation.

The Archdiocese of Armagh is amongst the latest dioceses to withdraw investment in favour of renewables and is encouraging others to follow suit.

Primate of all-Ireland Eamon Martin said "God is calling us to be caring stewards of creation, to protect and nourish our planet and its resources."

Worlds news

Vatican bishop warns Catholic missionaries in Hong Kong of China's looming crackdown

The Vatican's unofficial representative in Hong Kong had warned Catholic missions in the city that tough days are ahead for them as China is increasingly restricting religious freedom.

"Change is coming, and you'd better be prepared," Mexico-born Monsignor Javier Herrera Corona, a bishop who served in the city for six years before his term ended in March, told the city's Catholic missions that month, Reuters

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reported. "Hong Kong is not the great Catholic beachhead it was."

Herrera-Corona warned about the coming restrictions in four meetings with the Catholic missions in Hong Kong between last October and March.

The 54-year-old from Mexico who is now an archbishop in the Republic of Congo and Gabon said that Hong Kong's closer integration with China could lead to mainland-style restrictions on religious groups.

According to Reuters, Herrera-Corona and other envoys at the unofficial mission in the city had begun discreetly moving cases of archives overseas for safekeeping even before the National Security Law was enforced in 2020, ending a high degree of autonomy for Hong Kong following the 1997 British handover.

Hong Kong's National Security Law can restrict fundamental freedoms and has four categories of crimes: succession, subversion of state power, local terrorist activities and collaborating with foreign or external foreign forces to endanger national security.

"The law also positions Beijing as over the Hong Kong judicial system in cases deemed related to national security," the U.S.-based watchdog group China Aid reported. "This means that the judges in these cases must be Beijing-approved. Hong Kong residents can now also be taken to China, where they will face a courtroom with allegiance to the government."

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In May, Chinese officials arrested 90-year-old former archbishop of Hong Kong Cardinal Joseph Zen for charges related to Hong Kong's National Security Law. He was arrested with trustees of the 612 Humanitarian Relief Fund, who backed protesters in the 2019 pro-democracy protests.

Earlier this year, a Chinese state-owned newspaper accused churches and Cardinal Zen of inciting Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests and called for greater control over Hong Kong by the Chinese Communist Party.

Late last month, the Rev. Jonathan Aitken, an Anglican priest, former United Kingdom cabinet minister and member of Parliament, also warned about restrictions as Chinese President Xi Jinping marked the 25th anniversary of the city's handover from Britain to China.

"The skies are darkening for religious freedom in Hong Kong," Aitken said during a speech at the National Club in London on June 29, UCA News reported. "There are increasingly ominous signs" that religious freedom in Hong Kong is "next on the hit list by the destructive forces" of Xi's regime.

China has often been accused of rights abuses against religious minorities, including Christians, Tibetan Buddhists, Falun Gong practitioners and Uyghur Muslims.

China has been labeled for years by the U.S. State Department as a "country of particular concern" for egregious religious freedom violations.

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The U.S. has accused the Chinese Communist Party of committing genocide against the Uyghurs, a Muslim ethnic minority of approximately 12 million people heavily concentrated in the Western province of Xinjiang. Estimates suggest that over 1 million people, including Uyghurs and other mostly Muslim ethnic groups, have been held in tightly-controlled concentration camps in Xinjiang.

In those camps, prisoners are taught to be secular citizens who will never oppose the ruling Communist Party. Those who have fled from the region have spoken of forced abortions and the torture they experienced.

China has continually denied allegations of unjustly detaining Uighur and other ethnic minority Muslims.

Poem for today

Hymn to the Sun by Michael Roberts

'Voy wawm' said the dustman
one bright August morning -
But that was in Longbenton,
under the trees.

He was Northumbrian, he'd never known
horizons shimmering in the sun,
men with swart noontide faces sleeping, thick with flies,
by roadside cherry trees.

He was Northumbrian, how should he know
mirage among blue hills,
thin streams that tinkle silence in the still
pulsating drone of summer -

How should he know
how cool the darkness in the white-washed inns
after the white road dancing, and the stones,
and quick dry lizards, round Millevaches?

'Fait chaud,' as each old woman said,
going over the hill, in Perigord,
prim in tight bonnets, worn black dresses, and content
with the lilt of sunlight in their bones.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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