



Participants in the Foundational Leadership Programme who received their certificates.

Young Dublin Adults Receive First Ecumenical Leadership Certs

Participants in the Foundational Leadership Programme for Young Adults were presented with certificates to mark the completion of the course at an awards ceremony recently. The programme was a joint initiative of the Catholic

Archdiocese of Dublin and the Church of Ireland Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough and was aimed at giving young adults the skills to be more active in their parishes.

Andy Waller, Andy Sloane, Jonathan Byford, Dee Kelly, Sam Tsang, Karl Kerrigan, Miriad Kavanagh, Frances O'Brien, Rasi Korobhoi, Natalie Doherty, Ciara Murphy, Jennifer Leonard and Tim Harden all received certificates. They were presented with their awards in St Paul's Church on Arran Quay by the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, the Very Revd Dermot Dunne and the Episcopal Vicar for Evangelisation and Ecumenism in the Archdiocese of Dublin, Fr Kieran McDermott.

During the ceremony Fr McDermott spoke on the phrase "Heart Speaks to Heart", taken from John Cardinal Henry Newman. He also talked about raising the bar in being leaders of integrity and faith. Dean Dunne handed out the certificates and spoke kind words to each individual participant.

Ger Gallagher of the Office of Evangelisation and Ecumenism thanked the young adult leaders for their commitment and passion for leadership. Greg Fromholz, Dublin and Glendalough's Young Adults' Officer, said it had been an honour to



Fr Kieran McDermott and Greg Fromholz.

have participated in this growing community of leaders. He stressed that they had pioneered a ecumenical first – a multi-tradition supported, leadership year.

The Foundational Leadership Programme drew young adults from both Roman Catholic and Protestant backgrounds. The ecumenical training programme was aimed at young adults wishing to learn how to be active faith leaders in their communities and churches and was devised by the Young Adults Ministry of Dublin and Glendalough and the Office for Evangelisation and Ecumenism of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin. The team of

Greg Fromholz, Dublin and Glendalough Young Adults Officer; Ger Gallagher of the Archdioceses of Dublin; Br Martin Bennett of the Capuchin Friary; Anna Maloney, Post-Primary Diocesan Adviser; Paul Keegan of Holy Trinity Rathmines delivered the course.

Located in Christ Church Cathedral and St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin, the programme involved participation in workshops, team exercises and discussions and reflective learning through a learning log and theological reflection. Participants received active mentoring and throughout the course they were addressed by experts in their fields who aimed to equip them to lead effectively in their church, aid spiritual exploration, work with volunteers and serve their local community.

Contributors included the Revd Dr William Olhausen, Paula Connolly from Inner City Helping Homeless, Scott Evans and Greg Fromholz, Sr Éibhlís, [Br Martin Bennett](#), Fr Phillip Baxter, Br Richard and Andrew McNeile.

The programme was not just about creating church leaders but about inspiring the church through them. Their next steps are to go back to the churches that sent them and to use their newfound skills in different areas including

working with the homeless, in their universities, as youth leaders or alongside their priest or rector in their parish. They will receive bi-monthly mentoring and will also be involved in preparations for the second course, plans for which are now well underway.

Unique liturgical music workshop at Roscrea

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A unique liturgical music workshop which will also focus on the future of the Catholic Church in Ireland is taking place in County Tipperary next month. Music Ministry Together (MMT) is a new five-day summer school held at Cistercian College Roscrea, for youth and adult leaders who have a passion for liturgical music and the desire to serve as ministers in their parishes, schools and communities.



Ian Callanan, Composer and musician

Music Ministry Together is led by internationally known composer, teacher, and liturgical musician Ian Callanan and a dynamic team of adult directors and tutors (all volunteers). The program seeks to fulfil its mission of engaging and empowering young music ministers with a particular emphasis on contemporary church music and liturgy. It is an experiential course, where the participants not only learn new music but are also introduced to various styles of Liturgy, the Eucharist, Sacraments and Catechesis.

Director Ian Callanan told CatholicIreland that the idea came to him in two ways firstly "when

we are looking at leadership in church choirs throughout the country we hear back from young people how they might view their role as a choir leader but they never define it as a ministry. They don't marry the music with the liturgy the same way for example that a Eucharistic minister might". He added that he also got the idea from "a colleague in the US where such workshops have been very popular."

Mr Callanan who works as a full-time music composer and liturgist thinks that the holding of such workshops comes at an exciting time for lay people in the future of the Catholic Church in Ireland.

"We are going to have less and less priests in Ireland over the coming years and we will be forced to think outside mass for liturgy. For example the liturgy of the word (service without a priest) is going to become more and more popular as the number of priests declines in parishes. We therefore need to get young people more involved in the church outside of the formal structure of the mass and one of the ways to do this is through music. What the workshop will try to do is marry music and a passage from scripture. It will try and see the liturgy within a piece of music. It will examine what the

composer was trying to do in relation to the liturgy”.

The workshop runs from August 4th to 9th and will feature a number of highly qualified staff who have all been Garda vetted. Among those is famous singing priest Fr Liam Lawton who will visit the workshop on Thursday August 6th. Also the Abbot of Cistercian Fr Richard Purcell OCSO and Spiritan Fr Brendan Foley CCSP will be involved as well as Donal Noonan the founder of a homeless choir in the US a move which inspired the RTE programme of the same name in Dublin last year.

As well as music and liturgy the workshop will contain Taize prayer, service of reconciliation and a service of light. The workshop is geared at people aged 15 and upwards with about 60 people expected to be taking part on the day. More information can be had by viewing the workshops website www.youthministry.ie while bookings can be made by contacting by emailing info@musicministry.ie or contacting Ian Callanan at (086)2490779.

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Visiting choirs at St Anne's, Belfast

The Fitzwilliam College Chapel Choir from Cambridge University will sing choral services in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, during the week commencing Monday August 10.

This is one of a number of guest choirs who will be in St Anne's over August. They include St Polycarp's Choir, Finaghy, who will be in the Cathedral on August 30.

The Chapel Choir is comprised of 16 – 20 undergraduate and graduate students, both male and female. Most of the members of the choir are students at Fitzwilliam but volunteers are also drawn from other Cambridge colleges.

The choir's main duty is to provide music for the weekly evening service, held in the award-winning College Chapel, which boasts some of the best choral acoustics in the university, singing full Choral Evensong, Communion Masses, Requiems, Carol Services, Evening Prayer and Compline across the year.

Fitzwilliam Chapel Choir sings several 'joint' services a term with other Cambridge colleges. The choir also regularly sings Choral Evensong as a visiting choir in some of England's finest



The Choir of St Polycarps Parish church

cathedrals including Ely, Peterborough, St Edmundsbury and Norwich. The choir sings an annual joint service with St Edmund's Hall, Oxford.

The choir has undertaken several overseas tours to Italy, Spain, The Netherlands and France. Director of Music is Katharine Parton.

St Anne's looks forward to welcoming choir members to Belfast for their week of residence in August, which will conclude on Sunday August 16.

During August, St Anne's will welcome a number of visiting choirs. Musicus Amicos will start the month off on August 2 and return on August 23.

Musicus Amicos, founded July 2014, is a group of musical friends who sing occasionally in churches and cathedrals. They will be welcomed back to St Anne's where they have sung in the past when the Cathedral Choir has been on holiday.

Lux, a newly-formed chamber choir, will sing at the 11am service, and possibly the 3.30pm service along with the Cathedral Choir, on Sunday August 9. The later service will be a celebration for the Guide Dogs for the Blind.

Lux, under the direction of Matthew Quinn, consists of 12 of the finest young singers from all denominations and backgrounds across Northern Ireland.

On August 30 at 11am the Cathedral welcomes some familiar faces in the form of Cantores Sancti Annae, a group made up of past members of Sopranos and the Girls' Choir from the Cathedral.

That afternoon, at 3.30pm, St Polycarp's Parish Choir, Finaghy, recently returned from a five day tour of Cambridge, will sing. The Choir, which

sang Choral Evensong in Westminster Abbey two years ago, is directed by Simon Neill.

Archbishop Neary to lead the 2015 Reek Sunday national pilgrimage on Croagh Patrick

This Sunday, 26 July, Archbishop Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam, will lead the 2015 national Reek Sunday pilgrimage on Ireland's holy mountain Croagh Patrick in Co Mayo. The annual pilgrimage has been carried out uninterrupted for over 1,500 years, and the theme for this year's Reek Sunday pilgrimage addresses how faith offers us real hope in our lives. Croagh Patrick has over 100,000 visitors annually, with up to 20,000 making the pilgrimage each Reek Sunday in July. Everyone is welcome.

On Sunday, on the summit, the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available from 7.30am until 2.00pm. The first Mass will be celebrated at 8.00am and every half hour thereafter until the final Mass at 2.00pm. The 10.00am Mass will be celebrated in the Irish language.

Croagh Patrick is a physically demanding pilgrimage. Pilgrims who intend to make the climb are asked to follow the instructions of stewards. While it is a custom for some to make the climb barefoot, pilgrims should come prepared for changeable weather conditions, and are advised to bring suitable warm/waterproof clothing, good footwear, walking stick/staff and water, and to be mindful of the safety of themselves and others.

A virtual tour of the mountain, can be viewed on the website of the Archdiocese of Tuam www.tuamarchdiocese.org and on the website of Westport parish www.westportparish.ie also contains additional information about the Holy Mountain.

Carrigaline Parish's Small Change collection for FTM

Parishioners from Carrigaline Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Cork held a 'small change collection' in a number of parish homes earlier this year. They raised €291.64 for the charity 'Feed the Minds' (FTM).



Parishioners from Carrigaline Union of Parishes in the Diocese of Cork holding a cheque made out to the charity 'Feed the Minds' (FTM), with (on the left) their rector, the Revd Elaine Murray.

The Carrigaline Union of parishes (an Eco Congregation and a Fair Trade Parish) is proud to be a supporter of FTM in their efforts to help marginalised people transform their lives through education.

As FTM state on their website 'Education makes a world of difference' and this is true whether we find ourselves in the south of Ireland or in the Global South.

Cork priest to be auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles

This week Pope Francis appointed Corkman Msgr. David G. O'Connell, as one of three new auxiliaries for the archdiocese of Los Angeles. The Cork born monsignor studied for the priesthood in All Hallows, Dublin where he was ordained on 10th June 1979 for the Archdiocese. In his current parish he has often seen the results of gangland wars, and supported parishioners affected by violence.

"I've always thought that the Catholic parish is the real player in making life better for the people in these areas," he said. "To do that well, we have to cooperate with the sheriff or the police or anybody else that we can to help combat violence and make the situation better for the people in these areas."

He said he was very moved and "a bit nervous" about his new appointment.

"I have had the privilege of being a priest of this Archdiocese for 36 years since I was ordained in 1979 in All Hallows' college in Dublin, Ireland. I regard it as a great blessing in my life to have had the opportunity to serve here," he said.

“The greatest joy of my life is being a pastor. It is a privilege to be part of people’s lives especially in their time of suffering and need. I think our parishes and schools are powerful instruments of transformation of people’s lives and of neighborhoods,” he said.

He expressed a hope that as an auxiliary bishop he can continue to be a good pastor for the people.

“We all have a great example in Pope Francis who, even though he has the cares of the whole Catholic Church on his shoulders, continues to reach out to the poor and the rejected in a very loving and compassionate way. It’s a great time to be Catholic,” he said.

He returns home to Cork on regular visits to family and was quoted by an American newspaper as saying he enjoys the ‘craic’ in Ireland. A far cry from his home, LA puts him in the thick of urban problems and well as doing his parish work he organizes regular retreats for fathers. He considers them as a key to changing communities, and leads the retreats in the mountains focusing on how to be good fathers, husbands and men for the community.

His fellow auxiliary bishops elect include Msgr Joseph V. Brennan and Fr. Robert E. Barron who

is a broadcaster and founder of Word on Fire, a global media ministry. Commentators are already suggesting the new bishops are very much on the 'periphery' that Pope Francis has urged all Catholics to seek out.

The Los Angeles Archdiocese covers an area with a population of 11,852,427, and of them Catholics make up 4,276,930, priests number 1,111, permanent deacons 383, and religious 2,229.

Churches reflect on climate finance at UN financing for development conference

“Prolonged droughts coupled with sudden floods are the face of climate change in Ethiopia,” said Endeshaw Kassa of the Ethiopian Evangelical Church Mekane Yesus. Observing that small-holder subsistence farmers are suffering the most, Kassa warned that “as water becomes scarce, crops fail, livestock perish; communities are forced to leave the land.”

Kassa was speaking at a side event at the 3rd United Nations Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, last week.

Addressing the theme “Climate finance: Investing in the most vulnerable, building a just and sustainable future” – the event was organized by the World Council of Churches (WCC) and the ACT Alliance.

Kassa shared that rural communities in Ethiopia are already responding to the challenge posed by climate change. They are planting drought-resistant crops and building water-harvesting facilities. “These initiatives need to be supported and scaled up,” he argued.

Athena Peralta, the WCC’s consultant for the Economic and Ecological Justice Programme, said that “mobilizing resources to enable impoverished and vulnerable communities to adapt to climate warming and transition towards low-carbon, climate-resilient development is a key challenge”.

“It is also a matter of justice,” she said.

Peralta went on to say that financing interventions to address global ecological challenges must support the impoverished, women, as well as rural and coastal communities.

“We must make sure that the financial burden of coping with climate change is not transferred to nations who contribute least to greenhouse gas emissions, possess scant financial resources, yet still are particularly exposed to climate change,” she said.

Alix Mazounie of the Climate Action Network (CAN) said that “rich nations must substantially increase their level of support for climate finance in addition to official development assistance.” While sharing recommendations from CAN, she added that subsidies provided to fossil fuel industries should be phased out and renewable energy projects be supported.

Mazounie said that a financial transaction tax at global, regional and national levels would raise revenues enabling climate-vulnerable nations and communities to face up to climate change.

Moreover, “private finance must be subject to accountability to ensure that they meet human rights and ecological sustainability criteria. These proposals should be considered in the Addis Ababa Accord,” she said.

The WCC statement on *Eco-justice and Ecological Debt* and the report *Economy of Life for All Now: An Ecumenical Action Plan for a*

New International Financial and Economic Architecture call upon rich nations, primarily responsible for climate change, to transfer resources to impoverished nations to pay the costs of climate-proofing.

The former specifically calls for the cancellation of illegitimate debts. This form of climate debt reparations could free up resources for building climate resilience. The payment of reparations could be realized through implementation of carbon and other pollution taxes.

Media digest

Guard/BBC

Reports on the consecration of the Venerable Rachel Treweek, as the Bishop of Gloucester and the Revd Canon Dame Sarah Mullally as Bishop of Crediton. They state they were the first women to be consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, at Canterbury Cathedral. Rachel Treweek, who is the first woman to be appointed as a diocesan bishop and will join the House of Lords in the early autumn, was urged by the preacher, the Bishop of Stepney, Adrian Newman, to shake up a "middle-aged white male" role, they state. She

told the *Guardian* that she didn't feel like a pioneer and hoped to become the new normal.
<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/jul/22/rachel-treweek-becomes-bishop-of-gloucester-dont-feel-like-a-pioneer>
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33628371>

Tel

Article on how banks should not worry about being liked but concentrate on generating profits for investors and fuel the financial wheels of commerce. It mentions the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, questioning the City's standards, when he said that there was a "culture of entitlement" that emanated across the industry, pinpointing what he viewed as a "disconnect from what people saw as reasonable in the rest of the world". James Quinn concludes that banks don't need to be liked, as they're not breaking the law, are paying their taxes and are generating employment and wealth.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/banksandfinance/11756885/Bankers-should-stop-worrying-about-being-liked-they-never-will-be.html>

BBC

Report on whether religions are doing enough to root out abuse. Looks at how the Jehovah's

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Witnesses dealt with claims of abuse. It states churches have tightened up their child safeguarding policies, with the Methodist Church [conducting its own recent inquiry](#) into abuse allegations dating back to 1950. It says that inquiry led to calls for the Church of England to hold a [fresh internal inquiry](#) of its own, separately from the overarching national public inquiry that has just begun, and from the investigation it published in 2010.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33609927>

Times

Tim Montgomerie writes about faith and leaders saying newly elected Lib Dem leader Tim Farron's faith is a strength, not a fatal flaw. He argues that it would be absurd to judge our finest leaders - from Churchill to Kennedy - by a single one of their traits.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/columnists/article4505724.ece>

Mirror

Article on candidates considered for printing on the new £20 notes, says Eadfrith of Lindisfarne (d. 721), also known as Saint Eadfrith, was among the list. It states the hardworking monk is believed to have spent 10 years writing and illustrating the Lindisfarne Gospels - one of the most treasured works of the period now housed

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in the British Library. He went on to become the Bishop of Lindisfarne.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/unexpected-20-note-candidates-leigh-6120308>