



## **Dublin Young Adults event with Rob Bell, New York Times bestselling author**

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Dublin and Glendalough Young Adults present An Evening With Rob Bell at the Sugar Club, 8 Lower Leeson Street, Dublin on Sunday August 7 from 7pm to 10pm.

Rob Bell is The New York Times bestselling author of *Love Wins*, *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, *The Zimzum of Love* and his most recent book *How To Be Here*. iTunes named his podcast, 'The RobCast', Best of 2015. He's been profiled in The New Yorker, he's toured with Oprah on her 'Life You Want Tour', and in 2011 Time Magazine named him one of the 100 Most Influential People In The World.

Rob has a regular show at Largo, the legendary music and comedy club in West Hollywood and is currently touring his 'How To Be Here Experience' around the world. He and his wife Kristen have three children and live in Los Angeles.

The 'How To Be Here Experience' is an evening event with Rob Bell exploring the ideas in *How To Be Here*.

Describing his book he says: "Do you ever feel like you're skimming the surface of your own

existence? Like you have more options and technology and places to go and things to do than ever and yet it feels at some level like you're missing out? Like you're busy, but it's not fulfilling? That's why I've written *How to Be Here*, to help us live like we're not missing a thing. Because that's what we all want, right – to feel like we're fully present, here, and nowhere else, creating a life worth living”.

Tickets for the evening are available at  
[www.robbell.com](http://www.robbell.com)

<https://store.robbell.com/products/the-how-to-be-here-experience-evening-edition-dublin>

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## God has ‘accompanied’ Poland often in its history, says Pope Francis

God chose to manifest his power not by amazing feats of greatness but rather through small acts of humility, choosing to enter the world as a child born of a woman, Pope Francis has said.



The Lord’s “humble love” is reflected throughout Poland’s history, particularly through “meek and powerful heralds of mercy,” such as St John Paul II and St Faustina Kowalska, the Pope said at a Mass yesterday outside the Marian shrine of Jasna Gora in Czestochowa.

“Through these ‘channels’ of his love, the Lord has granted priceless gifts to the whole Church and to all mankind,” the Pope said.

The Mass marked the 1,050th anniversary of the baptism of Poland, which celebrates the Christianisation of the country following the baptism of Mieszko I, the first ruler of the Polish state.

Prior to leaving Krakow for Czestochowa, the Pope visited the convent of the Sisters of the Presentation and stopped at a nearby hospital to visit Cardinal Franciszek Macharski, retired Archbishop of Krakow.

The 89-year-old cardinal, who is in “serious condition”, succeeded St John Paul II as Archbishop of Krakow following his election as pope in 1978.

With thick clouds gathered over the Jasna Gora Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, Pope Francis arrived by car rather than helicopter, as planned. Jesuit Fr Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, said officials had told the Vatican it might not be safe for the helicopter to land.

In Czestochowa, hundreds of thousands of Poles lined the street leading up to the shrine, which houses the famed icon of the “Black Madonna,” traditionally held to have been painted by St Luke the Evangelist.

St John Paul had a special devotion to the famed image. After his election, the Polish pope visited the shrine on June 4, 1979, and entrusted his pontificate to Mary.

Pilgrims waving banners and flags anxiously awaited the arrival of Pope Francis who, like his predecessor and many Poles, shares a deep connection and reverence to Mary.

## **Child sex abuse enquiry investigating 7,000 submissions on Anglican church**

**The inquiry into child sex abuse** in England and Wales is investigating 7,000 submissions of evidence relating to the Anglican church, according to the counsel to the inquiry.

In a preliminary hearing yesterday at the Royal Courts of Justice, Ben Emmerson QC updated Justice Goddard, who is chairing the inquiry which could last at least another five years. He said that 114 sources of information were being considered, along with case studies relating to church abuse, including in the Chichester Diocese.

The Anglican section of the inquiry is expected to focus to a considerable extent on abuse by the former Bishop of Lewes, Peter Ball, who was jailed last year over crimes committed in the

1980s. A legal representative of Ball was in court today.

Emmerson said that more than 7,000 items of disclosure had been received from the Archbishop's Council, and from police forces and survivors including 'core participants'. So far 188 applicants have been granted core participant status by Goddard. Of these, 36 relate to the Anglican church. See also News links below.

## News briefs

**+++ The Yorkshire Philharmonic Choir -** conducted by Andrew Padmore with Thomas Moore on the organ, will sing Eucharist in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, at 11am on Sunday July 31, and will give a Recital at 12.30pm that same day. All are welcome.

**+++ Reverend Canon Richard Noel Moore -** The death has taken place of the Reverend Canon Richard Noel Moore, who passed away peacefully at his home, Evergreen House, 37 Mullanahoe Road, Tamnavalley, Ardboe, Dungannon on Tuesday 26th July. Canon Moore was ordained for the curacy in the Parish of Templemore (Saint Columb's Cathedral, [churchnewsireland@gmail.com](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.com)

Londonderry) on 21st September 1957. He was Rector of the Parish of Clondehorkey (Ballymore) from 1960–1966, Rector of The Parish of Stranorlar from 1966–1976, and Rector of The Parishes of Glendermott and Newbuildings 1976–2000. Canon Moore was pre-deceased by his wife Barbara, who died on 20th November 2009. He is survived by his daughter Caroline. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held in Saint Andrew's Church, Killyman, today Friday 29th July at 2.00p.m., followed by burial in the adjoining churchyard.

**+++ Archdeacon of Limerick** - The Revd Simon Lumby, Priest-in-charge, Killarney, has been appointed Archdeacon of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe. His installation will take place during Evensong in St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on Sunday 18th September.

**+++ Rector of Nenagh** - The Revd Roderick Smyth, curate assistant at St John's, Malone, Diocese of Connor, has been appointed Rector of Nenagh Union of Parishes. His institution will take place on Friday 16th September in St Mary's Church, Nenagh.



**+++ New Anglican Centre proposed at Santiago de Compostela** - The *Iglesia Española Reformada Episcopal* is proposing to build an Anglican Centre at Santiago de Compostela - a site considered by many to be the third holiest pilgrimage destination after Jerusalem and Rome. The new Anglican Centre at the end of the *Camino de Santiago* – or Way of St James – will cost in the region of \$5 million USD (approximately £3.8 million GBP). A US-based charitable organisation has been established with the help of supporters based at Trinity Church, Wall Street.

**+++ Archbishop William's play on Shakespeare's lost years** - A play written by the former Archbishop of Canterbury and Wales, Rowan Williams, about the "lost years" of celebrated English playwright William Shakespeare has opened in a theatre in Wales. *Shakespeare* is set in 1581 and depicts Shakespeare as a Roman Catholic at the time of Elizabeth I's suppression of the "old religion." The play is fictional but draws on a creative interpretation of known events.

**+++ Kirk roadshow on the future direction of the Church** - Kirk leaders will be visiting 15

different places across the length and breadth of Scotland to hear members' thoughts on the future direction of the Church of Scotland. Commissioners at the 2016 General Assembly approved the roadshow plan so that as many church members as possible can weigh in on the Church's future. 'On the Road' will visit 15 different places across the length and breadth the country, bringing information about the challenges facing the Church nationally, sharing new ideas and stimulating discussion about the future shape of the Church, its ministry and its discipleship.

## **News links to reports on faith, politics and education**

### **Abortion: Assembly's fatal foetal abnormality working group revealed**

BBC News

Six officials who make up the Assembly's working group on fatal foetal abnormality are revealed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36906448>

### **Cancelled literacy and numeracy programme had 'positive impact'**

BBC News

A cancelled government education scheme helped thousands of pupils improve their English and maths results, a report finds.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-36908819>

### **Christian Today/Premier**

Reports the appointment of Sarah Snyder as the Archbishop of Canterbury's new Advisor on Reconciliation (*see above*). She will work from Coventry Cathedral, where the Archbishop's reconciliation ministry is based. Articles note her role will have a particular emphasis on supporting the Church in contexts of violent conflict or post-conflict and helping the Church to be an agent of reconciliation and conflict-transformation.

Archbishop Justin is quoted.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Archbishop-Justin-Welby-announces-new-Advisor-for-Reconciliation>

### **Christian Today/Premier**

Reports that the C of E has sent more than 7,000 submissions of evidence to the UK's Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, IICSA (*see statement above*). At a preliminary hearing in London the chair, Dame Lowell Goddard, was told all of the documents were relevant to her investigation. IICSA is looking into whether the Church and other public bodies have taken seriously their duty of care to protect children from sexual abuse in England and Wales. The C of E's National Safeguarding Adviser, Graham Tilby, is quoted.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-reveals-7-000-documents-to-abuse-inquiry>

**C of E Statement** on the Goddard inquiry preliminary hearing

<https://www.churchofengland.org/media-centre/news/2016/07/statement-on-goddard-inquiry-preliminary-hearing.aspx>

## **BBC**

Further coverage of a CofE priest who says senior church leaders in 2012 and 2013 failed to act on disclosures about his alleged abuse. The priest also says that a retired bishop failed to take action at the time of the abuse in the 1980s. Article notes that under the Church of England's Clergy Disciplinary Measure a complaint must be made within one year of the alleged misconduct and an application for permission to make complaints out of time has been lodged and is being considered.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-36905483>

## **Ind/Tel/Guard/Exp**

Further coverage of security of churches following the Normandy attack. The *Independent* reports an interview given by Colonel Richard Kemp, a former chair of the government's Cobra crisis response group. In it he says that community-funded guards, security fences and CCTV ought to be considered by churches in the UK. A C of E spokesperson is quoted.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/france-church-attack-normandy-rouen-latest-news-isis-jacques-hamel-priest-a7157576.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/07/26/british-security-services-warn-attack-in-uk-is-very-likely/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2016/jul/27/uk-churches-alert-not-alarmed-after-catholic-priest-killed-in-france>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/694052/police-appeal-churches-britain-alert-security-ISIS-Normandy-priest-slaughtered-terror>

## **Tel**

An analysis article suggests that "Isis knows its priorities - and killing Christians is one of them".

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/07/27/analysis-isil-knows-its-priorities---and-killing-christians-is-o/>

## **BBC**

Reports the opening of the former Archbishop of Canterbury's first professionally produced play. Set in 1581, Rowan Williams', *Shakeshafte*, opens this week at Swansea's Dylan Thomas Theatre. The work, which deals with the so-called lost years of William Shakespeare's life, imagines he was a Catholic fleeing Elizabeth I's Protestant spies. Although it was written in 2014, this week will be the first time the play has been performed in public, to coincide with the 400th anniversary celebrations of Shakespeare's death.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-36897552>

## **Comment**

Times: "Will Britain at last stand up for Christians?", writes Tim Montgomerie

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/comment/priests-death-should-jolt-us-into-helping-persecuted-christians-kkf00cmg3>

## **Obituary**

Telegraph: Gerard Noel editor of the Catholic Herald

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/obituaries/2016/07/27/gerard-noel-catholic-herald-editor--obituary/>

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