



MEDIA REVIEW - June 13

Newspaper headlines: May escapes defeat and 'wins the day'

BBC - Theresa May's close call in the Commons on the government's Brexit bill leads most of Wednesday's papers.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-44463079>

Should Queen's University break its link with The Presbyterian Union Theological College?

Sluggie O'Toole - One relationship that is especially important for the Presbyterian Church is with Queen's University. The Presbyterian Church trains its ministers at Union Theological College. But Union does more than that. All undergraduate degree courses in Theology at Queen's are taught at Union. In light of what looks like an official policy of discrimination against LGBTQ people, should Queen's now break its links with Union Theological College?

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<https://sluggerotoole.com/2018/06/12/should-queens-university-break-its-link-with-the-presbyterian-union-theological-college/>

Same-sex policy won't be changed, insists former Presbyterian moderator

Belfast Telegraph

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/samesex-policy-wont-be-changed-insists-former-presbyterian-moderator-37003765.html>

We're called to honour and love Christ, even if this means conflict with society

Belfast Telegraph - Stafford Carson, Principal of Union College and Chair of Presbyterian doctrine committee writes

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/were-called-to-honour-and-love-christ-even-if-this-means-conflict-with-society-37003617.html>

Gay evangelicals claim they are being 'forced out' of churches in the UK

The Christian Times

Pink **News** reported that a former youth leader in northern **England** had been asked to resign for being in a civil partnership, even though he remained ...

Will LGBT families be represented at world meeting in August?

Irish Times - Fr Tony Flannery writes - The fourth international gathering of the Church Reform Network takes place in [Bratislava](#) this week, from June 11th to 15th.

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This network, which is made up of leaders of church reform movements around the world, has been in existence for the last seven years, and it has grown in numbers and representation. This year 50 people will gather, coming from all five continents of the world. Four people will be there from [Ireland](#), representing We Are Church Ireland and the Association of Catholic Priests.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/will-lgbt-families-be-represented-at-world-meeting-in-august-1.3527003>

Don't make Irish people of faith into pariahs, says Taoiseach

Belfast Telegraph

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/dont-make-irish-people-of-faith-into-pariahs-says-taoiseach-37003727.html>

Irish Catholic hospitals 'will have to perform abortions'

[BBC](#) - Irish PM says individual medics could opt out of performing procedures, but not entire institutions.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-44461824>

Taoiseach planning measures to 'recognise the wrongs' done to those criminalised for homosexuality

The [Journal.ie](#) - Ireland officially passed legislation which finally decriminalised homosexuality on 24 June 1993.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/decriminalisation-of-homosexuality-ireland-anniversary-4066921-Jun2018/>

Irish Government approves plan to hold blasphemy referendum in October

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[TheJournal.ie](http://www.thejournal.ie) - A referendum on the role of women in the home will also be held in October.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/blasphemy-referendum-4067420-Jun2018/>

[Mairead McGuinness MEP welcomes plans to hold referendum on blasphemy clause in Irish ...](#)

Leitrim Observer

Mairead McGuinness, MEP for Leitrim and first Vice-President responsible for the European Parliament's relations with churches, **religions** and ...

Child who choked on food at Belfast church event is laid to rest

Belfast Telegraph

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/child-who-choked-on-food-at-belfast-church-event-is-laid-to-rest-37003720.html>

[Pope Francis to visit holy shrine at Knock, Co. Mayo in August as part of Irish trip](#)

IrishCentral

Archbishop Eamon Martin, the leader of the Catholic **Church in Ireland**, stated that there are many out there who are disappointed and saddened to ...

[Pope Francis to face protests in Ireland over illegal church adoptions](#)

Irish Times

Pope Francis to face protests in **Ireland** over illegal church adoptions He accused the **religious** congregations involved of “basically extorting, ...

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[There is still a place for the core values of Christian faith](#)

Irish Times

... version of Catholic **Ireland** is now dead (“Catholic **Ireland** is now a **religious** ... Not everyone is called to preach but all of us are to be “good **news**” for ...

[Republic's secularisation brings Protestant and Catholic churches closer](#)

Irish Times

But the **Church of Ireland**, which represents the largest Protestant denomination on the island of Ireland, was far from neutral on the referendum.

[How Ulster Unionists Block Brexit](#)

The New York Review of Books

It now attracts significant support from members of the Irish episcopal Protestant church (known as the **Church of Ireland**), but its roots are in hard-line ...

