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Image of the day – CS Lewis home ground

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The sanctuary of St Mark's, Dundela, which CS Lewis and his brother knew well in their childhood. Their grandfather was the rector. There is a memorial window to the Lewis parents donated by their sons.

On May 17 the CS Lewis group at the University of Ulster is holding a mini-symposium at the Riverside Theatre, Ulster University, Coleraine Campus. Entitled "CS Lewis and the land of his birth : re-rooting Lewis in the land of Ulster and the island of Ireland". See Page 4 for further information.

People and places

Inter-church Amazing Grace mission in Derry

It's just over three weeks to the start of the 'Amazing Grace' mission - a joint initiative involving four local churches: St Augustine's Church, St. Columb's Cathedral, Carlisle Rd Methodist and First Derry Presbyterian Church.

The programme includes a Service of Healing and Wholeness at the Cathedral, Services of Worship and Praise at which Rev'd Canon Dr Heather Morris will be the guest speaker, an Easter Crafts event for children, and a series of lunchtime talks. There's still a very small number of

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places available for the drama, 'Forever Mine' at St Augustine's. See page 12 for details of services and events.

Ballintoy & Dunseverick Carol Singers aid local school



Last week was like a return to the cold dark days before Christmas. Back then Ballintoy & Dunseverick Carol Singers braved the cold nights around the countryside spreading cheer and collecting for Dunseverick Primary School's Sensorary and Nurture Room. Thanks to the generous local public the group was able to present a cheque of £1,135 for this very beneficial project. The Rector, Rev Patrick Barton presents the cheque.



CS LEWIS & THE LAND OF HIS BIRTH:

RE-ROOTING LEWIS IN ULSTER & THE ISLAND OF IRELAND

A mini-symposium

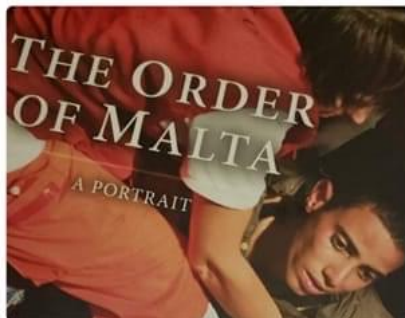
17 MAY, 1-5PM @ RIVERSIDE THEATRE, UU

Speakers: Dr David Clare, Dr Sharon Jebb-Smith, & Rev Paul Clayton-Lea

Book a seat @ Riversidetheatre.org.uk

**Organised by The CS Lewis Group @ UU
in cooperation with
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Conversations for The Common Good at QUB Chaplaincy

Recently the Order of Malta Ireland - QUB with The Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB had the pleasure of jointly welcoming and introducing Caroline Haughey OBE KC to a packed Chaplaincy audience and lead a discussion in the Chaplaincy's 'Conversations for the Common Good' series

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The subject of Caroline's hugely insightful and thought provoking discussion was: The Evolution of Modern Slavery in the 21st Century and the Church's response.

The 'Conversations for The Common Good' series is the brainchild of Order of Malta QUB' member and Queen's University student Jamie Nugent (pictured above).

Following Caroline's presentation and Q&A, a joint presentation of a transcript of the Michael Longley poem 'Canticle' and a copy of Horsler & Andrew's book Order of Malta - A Portrait' was made by the Chaplaincy and Order of Malta QUB'.



The blessing of the River Moy at Foxford and prayers for the safety of all who fish and enjoy the river in the coming season.



A Living Breath
PRODUCTION

Forever Mine

*The love story behind
the world's best-loved hymn*

Wednesday 22nd March
St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare
7:30PM Admissions: €10

In Partnership with Kildare Centre of Mission
amazinggrace.ie/forever-mine

Amazing
Grace 1773-2023 250



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MEATH & KILDARE
DIOCESES



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

SVP
Society of St. Vincent de Paul

ST MARTHA'S SVP FOODBANKS
BRIAN.OMALLEY@SVP.IE

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers sought for Dublin food banks

St Martha's organises 6 SVP foodbanks in Dublin's north-east and south-east inner-city. They serve 450+ family units weekly. Their 70+ weekly volunteer task slots include drivers, IT, fundraising and scheduling.

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact brian.omalley@svp.ie



Moderator visits Markethill livestock sales

During his recent visit to Newry presbytery the Moderator of the PCI visited Markethill livestock sales meeting church members others involved in the rural economy



Help bring
prayers,
community
and kindness to
the inside of a
prison, and
help families
stay
connected

Mothers' UNION

MU Prison outreach

In the UK & around the world, Mothers' Union volunteers support families when a parent goes to prison. This Mothering Sunday, you could help support a

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family through the impacts of a prison sentence.
makeamothersday.org/shop/



YOU ARE INVITED TO

A Spring Concert

WITH KING'S CHORALE

Agherton Parish Church,
The Diamond, Portstewart
Saturday 25th March, 2023
at 7.30pm

CONDUCTOR MARK SPRATT	GUEST ARTISTE RICHARD DOUGLAS	ACCOMPANIST PAULINE MAGOWAN
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Beneficiaries: Agherton Parish Church
Suggested Donation: £10

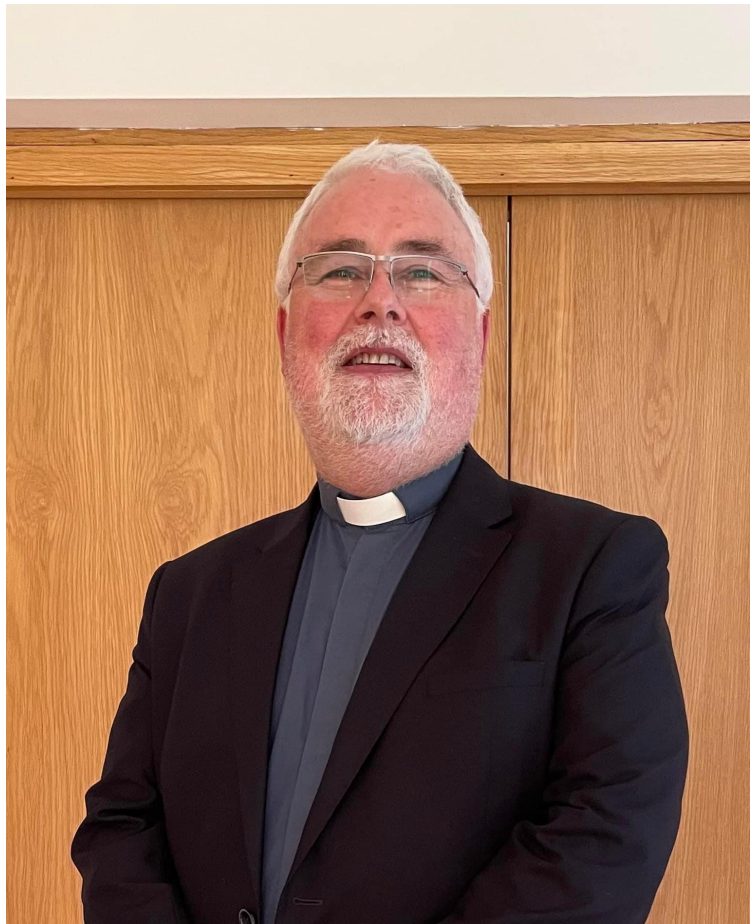
Tickets available from
Agherton Parish Centre
Tel: 028 7083 3277



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New Archdeacon of Ossory and Leighlin

The Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory the Right Reverend Adrian Wilkinson, has announced that, following the institution of Archdeacon Ruth Elmes as Incumbent of Dalkey on Friday 10th



March, the new Archdeacon of Ossory and Leighlin is the Reverend Canon Mark Hayden. Archdeacons are appointed by the bishop, and their role is to assist the bishop in his or her pastoral care of the diocese, as well as in general oversight and administration. The Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory has two archdeacons and Archdeacon Hayden will be working with the Venerable Bob Gray who is Archdeacon of Cashel, Ferns, Waterford and Lismore.

Bishop Wilkinson said: 'As someone who is in the early months of his episcopate, I am delighted that Mark Hayden has accepted my invitation to take on this additional work within his ministry. He has served his parish and contributed to the life of this Diocese for over two decades. The bishop and archdeacons work closely together, and he will bring many valuable gifts, insights, and abilities to his new role'.

AMAZING GRACE – **A Journey in God's forgiving love....**

Wednesday 29 March – Sunday 2 April 2023

Worship & Praise -

Wednesday 29th March, 7.30pm, *St. Augustine's Church*
Thursday 30th March, 7.30pm, *Carlisle Rd Methodist Church*
Sunday 2nd April, 7.30pm, *First Derry Church*
(Guest speaker – Rev'd Canon Dr Heather Morris)

A Service of Healing and Wholeness

Saturday 1st April, 7.30pm, *St. Columb's Cathedral*

Drama – Forever Mine

Friday 31st March, 7.30pm,
St. Augustine's Church
(tickets on Eventbrite)



Lunchtime Talks

(followed by refreshments)

Thurs 30th March

First Derry, 12.30pm

The making of the drama

'Forever Mine'

(Ruth Garvey Williams)

Friday 31st March

Carlisle Rd Methodist, 12.30pm

Ending Gender Based Violence

'No More One in Three'

(Jacqui Armstrong)

For Primary School Ages

Saturday 1st April - First Derry, 2pm

Easter Crafts

ALL WELCOME – ALL EVENTS ARE FREE OF CHARGE

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Archdeacon Hayden trained for the priesthood in Clonliffe College and was ordained as deacon in 1992 and priest the following year. In 1999 he was accepted into the ministry of the Church of Ireland and following a curacy in Monkstown in the Diocese of Dublin, he became Rector of Gorey Group of Parishes in 2001. Mark has an interest in military history and is the author of several books on the subject. In 2007 he wrote 'Changing Collars' about his experience of ministry in both the Roman Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland. Mark is married to Lorraine and they have two sons Luke and Daniel.

Canon Hayden said: 'I am deeply honoured by our Bishop to be asked to be Archdeacon. I follow in the footsteps of many great people who have carried out this role, not least my dear friend Archdeacon Ruth Elmes. I look forward to this new chapter in my ministry'.

While Archdeacon Hayden's appointment takes immediate effect, he will be licensed and installed at Evensong in St Canice's Cathedral on Sunday 7th May at 3pm.

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News reports

Scots Moderator delivers Loyal Address to King Charles III

Rt Rev Dr Iain Greenshields, Moderator of the General Assembly, has delivered a Loyal Address to His Majesty King Charles III, as part of a tradition that stretches back to the 17th century.

The Church of Scotland is one of 27 bodies that were invited to send representatives to Buckingham Palace to take part in the ancient ceremony of pledging loyalty to the monarch.

In the 17th century hundreds of groups were involved in the ceremony, but today it is a much smaller group that includes Scotland's oldest universities – Aberdeen, Edinburgh, Glasgow and St Andrews—local government bodies such as the Greater London Authority, and other Churches including the Church of England and the Catholic Church in England and Wales.

The House of Commons and the House of Lords take part in a similar event, delivering what's called a Humble Address to the reigning monarch on special occasions.

The last time the ceremony was held was in 2012, to celebrate Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee. Other important occasions where the Church took part in the ceremony were in 2002 for the Golden Jubilee,

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1977 for the Silver Jubilee and on the Queen's accession to the throne in 1952.

In contrast to the courtly language of the past, the 2023 Loyal Address, presented to King Charles to mark his accession to the throne, will be a shorter and simpler statement that talks about the Church's role in serving communities and the challenges facing the country.

After assuring King Charles that he is held in prayer the

address recalls "the legacy and shining example of the dedicated service given to us all by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth throughout all the days of her life.

"This life of service to others was an outstanding witness by Her Late

**Saturday
18th March**

COFFEE MORNING

Hosted by the Snodgrass family
in aid of Omagh Hospital Renal Unit

at Sion Mills Presbyterian church hall
Saturday 18th March
10am ~ 2pm

Majesty to the One whom she served faithfully in Her daily life. We recall the prayer of Her Late Majesty for the wisdom and strength to carry out the solemn promises she went on to make on the occasion of Her Coronation and trust that this recollection will offer continuing inspiration and example to Your Majesty and us all."

The address goes on to look at the challenges of climate change and the conflict in Ukraine.

"The care for our global environment is a challenge that impinges upon the life of each human being, whom we believe bears the image of God, and we share the deep concern of Your Majesty to achieve that balance and harmony which in turn will promote peace.

"That the continent of Europe should once more be riven by conflict is a matter of profound concern to us all... We join our prayers to the prayers of all those who long for peace and the renewal of hope in our time. Alongside this, we continue to offer our support to those who have been displaced by conflict and, in particular, those who have come to our shores in search of safety."

Looking at the role of the Church in serving communities across the country the address says:

"Within the local parishes that the Church of Scotland is privileged to minister in, we see all too clearly the impact of material poverty and that which impoverishes the spirit. In walking beside those most impacted, we seek to live out our vocation to minister to all and in so doing to embody the hope of life renewed and community restored."

The address concludes with a reminder that God is the source of all of our rights and privileges.

"In the Accession Oath taken by Your Majesty, we heard the renewed promise to maintain and preserve the rights and privileges of the Church of Scotland. We are conscious that we have no rights save those which are granted to us, and to all, by the grace and mercy of God and no privilege beyond that of service. It is with humility that we renew our pledge of loyalty to Your Majesty and with it a determination to continue our service in the name of the One who came, not to be served, but to serve."

Tenth anniversary of Pope Francis

Today 13 March 2023 the Church celebrates a decade of the pastoral leadership of Pope Francis.

Commentating on this landmark date for his Petrine ministry, and reflecting on the Holy Father's interest in the people of Ireland, and how he has opened doors for all through synodality, Dr Nicola Brady, chair of the Synodal Pathway of the Catholic Church in Ireland, said,

"Pope Francis' vision of synodality is both a significant challenge and a great gift to the Church. It is challenging us to think deeply about what it means to be followers of Christ in the fractured and wounded world of today. Pope Francis demonstrates, through his leadership, how we can follow the example of Christ in creating space for encounter, deep

listening and compassion with particular attention to those who are most vulnerable and marginalised.”

Dr Brady continued, “Through this synodal process we are already seeing new spaces for encounter developing at all levels of Church life – from listening sessions in local parishes to the first European Synodal Assembly in Prague last February – and relationships are being formed, deepened and renewed as a result, sending a powerful message of hope.”

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Methodist 50 Days of Prayer 2023

Announcing: 50 Days of Prayer 2023, from Easter Sunday 9th April to Pentecost Sunday 28th May – Churches across the Connexion are invited to take part.

“We continue to come before God in prayer, seek God’s vision, and invite the Holy Spirit to awaken us for the challenge of “Living wholeheartedly as followers of Jesus for the transformation of the world.”

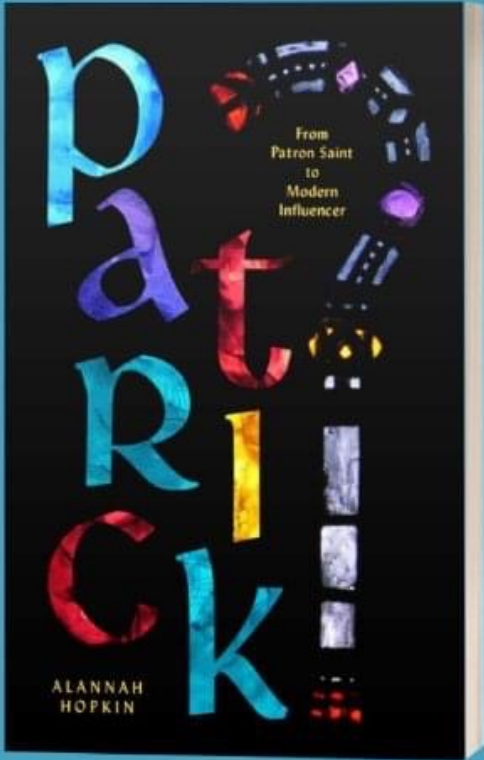
Key info:

- Thursday 16th March, 10am - 10pm
- Prayer space open at Edgehill House, Belfast
- Wednesday 29th March, 8pm

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Prayer Resource Evening on Zoom
– Monday 15th May, 8pm
Connexional Prayer Meeting on Zoom

More details here with additional resources still to come:
bit.ly/3yiayRJ



NEW ISLAND

New Island Books and The Saint Patrick Centre
cordially invite you to the launch of

Patrick

by Alannah Hopkin

WEDNESDAY | 15TH MARCH | 6PM
ST PATRICK CENTRE, 53A MARKET SQ, DOWNPATRICK

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Tim Campbell
DIRECTOR OF THE SAINT PATRICK CENTRE

Launch of new publication on Saint Patrick

The Saint Patrick Centre is launching a major new publication on Saint Patrick on Wednesday 15th March at 6pm. “Join us and award-winning author Alannah Hopkin as we launch 'Patrick 'From Patron Saint to Modern Influencer'.”

Poem for today

My Heart Leaps Up

by William Wordsworth, 1770 - 1850

My heart leaps up when I behold
A rainbow in the sky:
So was it when my life began;
So is it now I am a man;
So be it when I shall grow old,
Or let me die!
The Child is father of the Man;
And I could wish my days to be
Bound each to each by natural piety.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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