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At St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, one of the vergers – Aaron – took on the unenviable task of cleaning the Boyle Monument! This is certainly not for the faint-hearted. The team of vergers, together with the cleaners, work tirelessly to keep the Cathedral in good condition, whether that's on the floor or up on the roof.

People and places

Choral combination to mark anniversaries

The Clare Chorale and Ballyclare Male Choir join for an Anniversary Celebration Evening Service on Sunday 12 March in Second Ballyeaston Presbyterian Church at 7pm.



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This is a very special year for both choirs as Ballyclare Male Choir celebrate 90 wonderful years and The Clare Chorale their 20th anniversary. It's sure to be a wonderful evening of memories and music when both choirs will sing and also perform a piece or two together.

Supper will be provided by the church catering team afterwards in the church hall. Please don't miss this night of great music, history, congregational singing and thanksgiving.

RUC crest dedicated in Colebrooke church

A RUC crest from a police station was dedicated at poignant church service.

The RUC Crest which was once in Fivemiletown RUC Station has now been erected in St. Ronan's Parish Church, Colebrooke and dedicated by the Bishop of Clogher.

The service conducted by the Rector, the Revd John McClenaghan was attended by the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd Dr. Ian Ellis, who was the preacher; His Majesty's Lord Lieutenant, Viscount Brookeborough and Lady Brookeborough as well as members of the RUC GC Association in East Tyrone and Fermanagh.

The service also celebrated the service and sacrifice of the RUC and RUC Reserve.

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Bishop Ellis, in his address, said an occasion such as this, of the laying up and dedication of the Fivemiletown RUC station crest, gave everyone an opportunity to consider and be thankful for the work for the police in our community.

“It will also cause us to reflect on the cost of that service over the period of our troubles in NI in the lives lost and hearts and homes broken.”

Lawyer and priest to serve as Diocesan Chancellor



The Archbishop of Armagh has appointed the Reverend Terence Dunlop, a Church of Ireland priest and practising lawyer in the Lady Chief Justice's Office, as Diocesan Chancellor.

The Archbishop said, ‘I was delighted when the Reverend Terence Dunlop accepted my offer to become Chancellor of the Diocese of Armagh, in succession to Sir Paul

Girvan PC. I have known the new Chancellor since we studied together for Orders nearly thirty years ago, and look

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forward to working with him as my principal Diocesan Legal Adviser, particularly in matters relating to the Constitution and Canons of the Church of Ireland'.

The Reverend Terence Dunlop commented, 'I am very honoured to have been invited by the Archbishop to take on this role and I look forward to being of whatever use I can to assist him in ensuring the maintenance of proper ecclesiastical order and good governance within the diocese in furtherance of the church's mission and calling.'



MONAGHAN METHODIST CHURCH

GOSPEL CONCERT
THURSDAY 9TH
MARCH 2023
8PM

in

"The Four Seasons Hotel"

Live Issue & Lorraine Vance

DOORS OPEN FROM 7.30PM

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PAYABLE AT DOOR

**Proceeds to Monaghan Church
Restoration Fund**

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The Reverend Terence Dunlop was ordained priest in 1998. He is currently a lawyer in the Lady Chief Justice's Office and Secretary to the Judicial Studies Board for Northern Ireland. The new Diocesan Chancellor has a Master of Laws degree (LLM 2003) in Canon Law from Cardiff University and is a member of the Ecclesiastical law Society.



Ormeau Churches Together

praise and prayer service

launching prayer walking on the Ormeau		Sunday Evening 5th March 7pm - 8pm
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join Christians from all
churches of the Ormeau
in Cooke Church
for the launch of a new resource to
help us pray 'Your Kingdom Come'
as we walk our Road together....
www.prayerwalking.co.uk





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PRAYER POINTS

Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain.

PSALM 127:1a



PRaise

Praise God for the **new SU group** starting up in Kesh Primary School this month!



SCHOOLS

Please pray for the following **school engagements**:

ASSEMBLIES

2nd - Fivemiletown College
3rd/6th/10th/13th/29th - Enniskillen Royal
3rd - Aghadrumsee PS
7th - Jones Memorial PS
10th - Florencecourt PS
21st - Irvinestown PS
23rd/24th - Willowbridge Special
28th/30th - Moat PS
31st - Newtownbutler PS

SU GROUPS

7th/21st - Fivemiletown College
23rd - Kesh PS
24th - Devenish College
27th - Inters-SU

RE LESSONS

1st/8th/22nd/29th Ballinamallard PS
2nd/23rd/30th - Fivemiletown PS
6th/13th/20th/27th - Enniskillen Model PS
7th/21st/28th - Enniskillen Integrated PS
8th/15th/22nd - Enniskillen Integrated PS



COMING UP

INTER-SCHOOLS' FORMAL

Our annual **inter-school formal** is being held on the 16th March in Corick House Hotel at 7.00pm. This is open to any pupil in year 11-14. (Final date for booking tickets is 9th March).

E3 FUNDRAISING COFFEE MORNING

We'd love you to come along to our annual **coffee morning** on Saturday 25th March. It's being held in the Bridge Centre, Enniskillen Presbyterian Church from 10.30am-12.30pm



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Musical cleric to be Archdeacon of Armagh

The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Rev'd John McDowell has appointed the Rev'd Canon Peter Thompson to be the Archdeacon of Armagh, following the retirement of the Venerable Terry Scott. The appointment will take immediate effect.

Commenting on the appointment the Archbishop said “I am delighted that Canon Thompson has accepted my invitation to become Archdeacon of Armagh and to work alongside Archdeacon Elizabeth Cairns as my executive officers in the Diocese.

Canon Thompson has been a very busy and effective Rural Dean and his involvement in the musical life of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh has enriched the life of the cathedral and the Diocese. My prayers will be with Peter and his family as he takes up this senior role.”

Canon Thompson said “I am both humbled and honoured at the opportunity to serve the diocese and Church in this new way. I am grateful to the Archbishop for his confidence and trust, and conscious of the diligent pastoral care and leadership provided by former Archdeacons. The challenges and opportunities of mission and ministry in a post-pandemic society are greater than ever before, and I look forward to being involved in the leadership of the diocese as we rebuild our parish life and refocus our vision for the future.”



Canon to see more of Glenavon FC in retirement

Derry & Raphoe Diocese have bid a fond farewell to Canon Paul Whittaker and his wife Carol, upon Paul's retirement after almost four years as Rector of Leckpatrick and Dunnalong.

The couple said goodbye to the parishioners of both parishes at this Sunday morning's services. We wish them both every blessing, long life and the best of health for this new phase in their lives.

Canon Whittaker arrived in Leckpatrick in 2019, after 14 years in Errigal and Desertoghill (Garvagh), and succeeded the Rev Irene Lytle who retired in September 2017.

The diocese stated - Paul and Carol's joint ministry will be greatly missed in Bready and Leckpatrick. The couple made

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a fantastic team (and Paul will now be able to watch another more often - his beloved Glenavon FC).



New Diocesan Director of Ordinands for Cork, Cloyne and Ross

The Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton, has appointed the incumbent of Abbeystrewry Union of Parishes, the Reverend John Ardis, to be the new Diocesan Director of Ordinands.

John Ardis will take over from the Reverend Peter Rutherford, who has fulfilled this role, but who will retire from stipendiary ministry in April.

Bishop Colton said - I am immensely grateful to lay people and clergy who take on additional roles voluntarily in the

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Diocese. One such crucially important role is that of Diocesan Director of Ordinands, nurturing vocations, accompanying people on their journey of testing a vocation to ordained ministry and their training.

I am delighted that the Reverend John Ardis has agreed to take on this task. During my years as chairperson of the Bishops' Selection Conference John has accompanied me as chaplain to some of those conferences. I also warmly thank the Reverend Peter Rutherford for all he has done during his term as Diocesan Director of Ordinands.



"Christ says that He is 'humble and meek' and we believe Him; not noticing that, if He were merely a man, humility and meekness are the very last characteristics we could attribute to some of His sayings"

C.S. Lewis - Mere Christianity

#KenDennison

A FUTURE FULL OF HOPE

**AGHYARAN
2023**

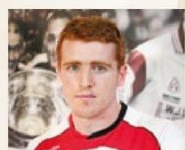
**MONDAY-FRIDAY: MASS EACH MORNING AT 6.45AM
EVENING TALK & REFLECTION AT 7.30PM**



Marie Lindsay

FAITH AND FAMILY - SUNDAY 5TH - 6.00PM - OPENING MASS

Coming from a big family, Marie is married to Colly and together they have five children who are now grown up. She is a woman of deep faith and this is both her anchor and her guiding light in life. Marie devoted her 35 year career as an educator to inspiring generations of young women in the city of Derry and beyond. Since retirement, Marie continues to be immersed in the task of handing on the faith in her own family having recently become a granny to six young grandchildren.



Peter Harte

FAITH AND FOOTBALL - MONDAY 6TH - 7.30PM

Tyrone All-Ireland and All Star winner Peter Harte has a very busy life at home, at work and on the football field. He speaks openly about the importance of faith in all of these areas of his life. Good faith, he says, helps you to live your life in a certain way. He learned this lesson in his childhood home and he now tries to sow the same seeds of faith in his roles as husband, father, teacher and footballer. Our role ultimately, Peter believes, is to help each other get to heaven!



Marguerite Hamilton

FINDING GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME - TUESDAY 7TH - 7.30PM

As a woman of deep faith, Marguerite has served as a role model and a leader throughout her forty years as a teacher and principal in Thornhill College in Derry. She is a member of the Columba Community, established by Fr Neal Carlin. The work of this Basic Christian Community is Prayer, Christian Teaching, Counsel, Reconciliation and Healing. For people of faith what anchors us, what enables us to look to the future with hope and courage is our belief in the One who says in scripture, "I am constant in my affection for you." This insight inspires Marguerite to speak of the call received by every Christian in baptism.



Brenda Bannon

USING OUR GIFTS IN PARISH LIFE - WEDNESDAY 8TH - 7.30PM

Brenda was an R.E teacher in Loreto Grammar School, Omagh for 37 years until she retired in 2020. In that time, she encouraged students to participate in faith programmes beyond the classroom such as Parish outreach, prayer and liturgy teams and Witness to Faith teams. In the parish of Drumragh, she has been active through Youthquake, SPRED and Faith and Light groups for those with special needs. Brenda has also taught adults preparing for Youth Ministry in many dioceses of Ireland. She will encourage all of us to let our light shine and to realise that everyone has a part to play in building the Kingdom of God.



Richard Moore

FORGIVENESS - THURSDAY 9TH - 7.30PM

'I was about 10 feet away when a soldier fired the rubber bullet that struck me on the bridge of my nose. I didn't hear the bang of the discharge. All I remember is that everything went blank. And that was the moment my life changed forever.' Richard Moore was ten years old when he was shot by a British soldier, on his journey past an army base on his way home from school. He never regained his sight. Years later, in an extraordinary turn of events, Richard met and befriended the man who shot him. He went on to establish the charity 'Children in Crossfire'. He was described by the Dalai Lama as 'not only my friend but my hero'.



Fr Kevin Hayden OSB

THE ART OF LISTENING - FRIDAY 10TH - 7.30PM

After life as a chaplain in Dublin's toughest areas, Fr Kevin - christened Desmond Hayden - is a Benedictine Monk in Ampleforth Abbey, Yorkshire. The silence of monastic life helps the monk and all those who visit to experience calmness, for in a world where we are surrounded by noise the voice of God is often drowned out. In these stressful times the art of listening becomes ever more important and Fr Kevin is a skilled facilitator in developing this quality which will help our prayer and our conversations with each other.

SATURDAY 11TH - 6.00PM - CLOSING MASS

News reports

Events and services at York Minster for World Autism Acceptance Week

An exciting programme of events for World Autism Acceptance Week will take place at York Minster from Wednesday 29 March until Sunday 2 April. The theme for this year's activities is 'Spectrum Colour'.

Activities and events at the cathedral will focus on the needs of people living with neurodiverse and sensory conditions. Capacity inside the cathedral will be reduced at key times during the week to create a 'Mindful Minster' - a peaceful and calm visiting environment for people with these conditions.

York Minster's five day programme includes creative art workshops, storytelling, dance, drama, singing and mindfulness sessions. The medieval Chapter House will be the venue for a sound installation on Saturday 1 April where visitors will be able to experience the waves of a sound bath. The cathedral will also trial British Sign Language Interpretation at two services of Choral Evensong during the week.

Hannah Parker, Head of Visitor Experience and Chair of York Minster's Inclusivity and Accessibility committee, said: "York Minster is pleased to be participating in World Autism

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Acceptance Week for the first time. We have worked with local partners to design an inclusive and accessible programme of activities and events for people living with neurodiverse conditions. To make this happen, we will reduce visitor numbers so there will be fewer people in the cathedral to create 'relaxed hours' – quiet times when noise in the Minster will be minimised to avoid sensory overload which can be disturbing and overwhelming for people living with these conditions.

“A big part of our mission at York Minster is to include, engage and inspire the people we welcome. By participating in Autism Acceptance Week we hope to provide a welcoming and inclusive space in the city and York Minster is proud to support that vision.”

For full details of York Minster's programme for Autism Acceptance Week, go to: www.yorkminster.org.

In the media

Newtownards 'book-eating' bus inspires readers

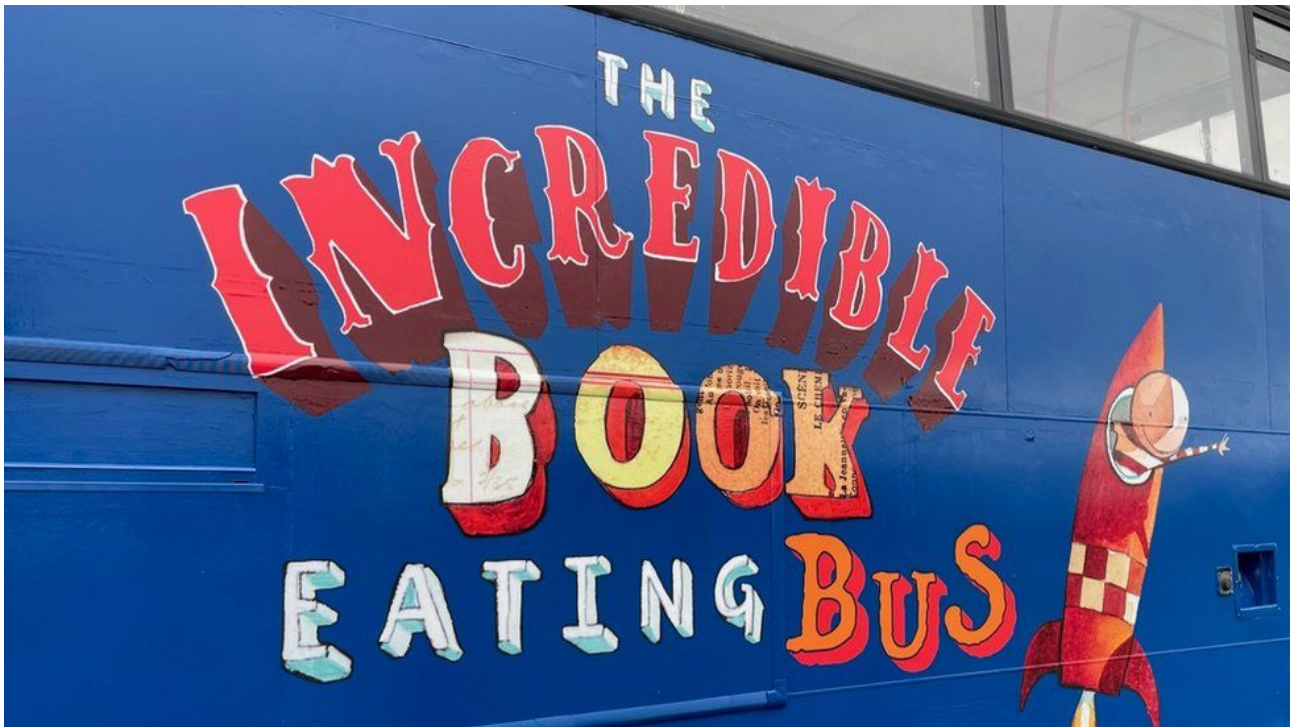
BBC NI. Robbie Meredith writes - A unique "Book-Eating Bus" is inspiring readers young and old in a County Down estate and beyond.

West Winds Primary School in Newtownards has converted an old double-decker bus into its school library.

According to school principal, Niall Manogue, the library is the result of hard work by parents, pupils and staff.

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The well-known children's author Oliver Jeffers also lent his support and illustrations to the project.



The 150-pupil school found itself without the room for a library, according to Mr Manogue. More at - [\[https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-64797682\]](https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-64797682)

Inside the UK's Mormon missionary bootcamp

BBC News - Harvey Day writes - Every year, thousands of young Mormons go on missions to try to recruit others into the religion. The BBC was given access to their UK boot camp, where they learn how to teach Mormon beliefs and use social media to reach potential converts.

When 19-year-old Rebekah Cooper started her mission, she had to give up her first name, stop making phone calls to her friends and surrender any time to be on her own, other than to use the toilet or shower.



Known only as Sister Cooper during her religious mission, she also began a strictly-planned daily schedule - of prayer, study, exercise, volunteering in the community and seeking out potential converts - starting at 06:30 every morning and ending with a nightly curfew.

Along with general Mormon rules based on religious scriptures like a ban on premarital sex and drinking tea and coffee, missionaries aren't allowed to stay out late or watch TV or movies. Typical Gen Z pastimes like gaming and TikTok are also forbidden.

Rebekah is one of tens of thousands of young Mormons around the world who volunteer to take part in missions every year, with the goal of recruiting others to join the religious group. More at -

[<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-64790111>]

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books



Urban parish bio-diversity

An urban church community has developed an abandoned patch of church land into a thriving garden, teeming with wildlife and benefitting the locals. 🌱

Find out more at cofe.io/BiodiverseGarden

Convoco sing Rest by Ralph Vaughan Williams

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Soprano: Marisa Curcio, Christine Jay, Kethrellan Peterson,
Clara Swartzentruber

Alto: Marissa Chalker, Jess Kerler

Tenor: Sam Denler, Jonathan Hartwell, Kev Schneider

Bass: Lucas DeJesus, Erik Potteiger

This footage was recorded in St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Chestnut Hill - Philadelphia by kind permission of the church
staff.

Audio by Sam Denler. Video & Graphics by Erik Potteiger

<https://youtu.be/DQuclf4-wBk>

Poem for today

Lines Written in Early Spring
by William Wordsworth

I heard a thousand blended notes,
While in a grove I sate reclined,
In that sweet mood when pleasant thoughts
Bring sad thoughts to the mind.

To her fair works did Nature link
The human soul that through me ran;
And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.

Through primrose tufts, in that green bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreaths;
And 'tis my faith that every flower

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Enjoys the air it breathes.

The birds around me hopped and played,
Their thoughts I cannot measure:—
But the least motion which they made
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.

The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I must think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.

If this belief from heaven be sent,
If such be Nature's holy plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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