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### King's carriage for Nuncio

**The new Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, getting into his carriage (or rather the King's) at Archbishop's House, Westminster last week, bound for Buckingham Palace, waved off by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Westminster.**

At a special Mass to welcome the new Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Cardinal Vincent Nichols described the Catholics of England and Wales as "a faithful people" with a "depth of faith in our history and in our hearts."

Just hours after presenting his credentials to the newly crowned King Charles III, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía attended a Westminster Cathedral Mass of welcome on the solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord, 18 May.

The Apostolic Nuncio is the personal representative of Pope Francis to the Court of St James's - the royal court for the Sovereign of the UK. His role is equivalent to that of an ambassador, representing the Holy See to the UK Government.

Cardinal Nichols said a new nuncio is a "gift" to us all and "a way of strengthening our communion with Peter and of us taking our place in the Catholic Church throughout the world." See News Report page 14

## People and places



### **Celebrating 150 Years of St Jude's, Belfast**

**The Bishop of Down & Dromore, the Right Reverend David McClay has rededicated St Jude's Church, Belfast, 150 years after its foundation.**

The occasion was a Sesquicentennial Service of Thanksgiving and Rededication on Saturday evening 20 May. It was attended by parishioners past and present and members of the congregation of Knockbreda Parish.



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The evening was happy celebration of past ministry and anticipation of what's to come. Former rector, Canon



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Norman Jardine and his wife Heather attended, along with Mrs Marlene Moore who represented her late husband and former rector Revd Billy Moore. Norman and Marlene read the lessons and several generations of parishioners led the prayers.



The church was planted by neighbouring Knockbreda Parish Church which had the vision to build a new church on the Ormeau Road within their growing parish. It was completed in 1873 and was the first Church of Ireland church to be built after disestablishment. Canon Bill Press (photo above) who is the current rector of Knockbreda, preached on Psalm 100, the Jubilate.

After the service, as people enjoyed looking at the historical exhibition around the church, refreshments were served along with generous slices of the anniversary cake.



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On the evening (Saturday 20 May), the parish also premiered a short film, The Life of St Jude's.

## Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival Service

Some more photos from the Clogher Diocesan Mothers' Union Festival Service held in St Patrick's Monaghan on Friday 19th May.







## Ascension Day Custom at St John's College

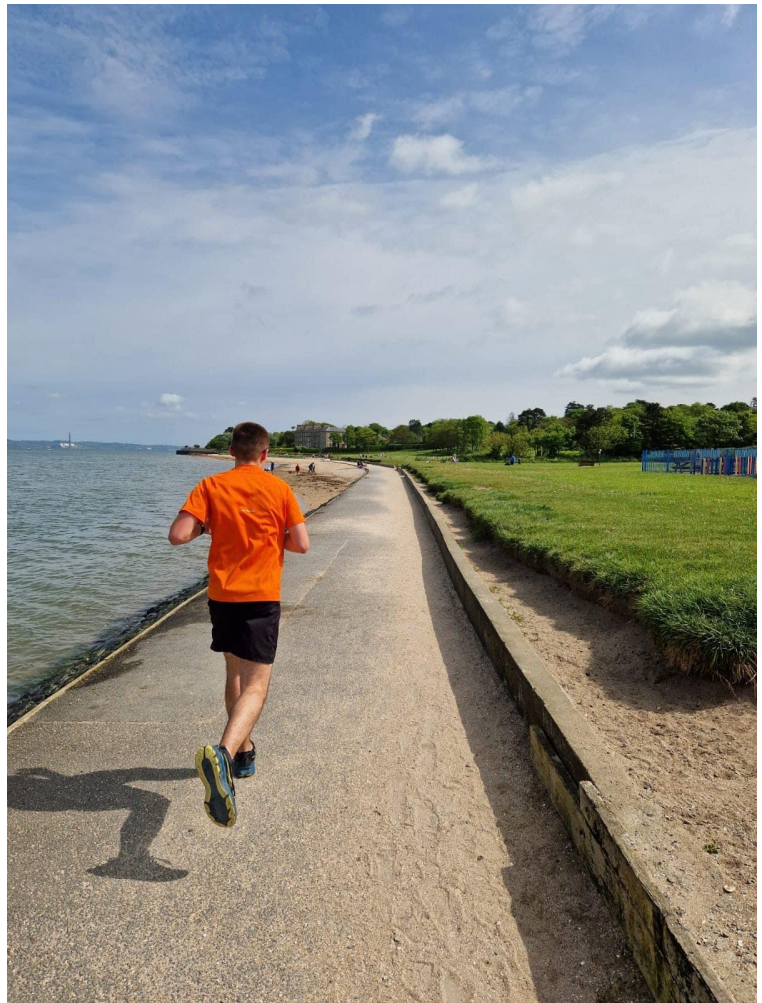
**Each year on Ascension Day, which celebrates the Christian belief in the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven, members of St John's College Choir ascend the 163 feet high spiral staircase to the very top of the Chapel tower to sing the Ascension Day carol. The event is a College tradition going back over a hundred years.**



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# Queen's chaplaincy - The Hub to circuit Lough Neagh on cycles for their Uganda project

On Saturday a group of 8 cyclists including staff, church members and friends of the Hub are cycling from The Hub around





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## Lough Neagh in order to raise money for their trip to Uganda.

There will be lots of updates on Saturday on the Hub's social media pages but they would love you to get behind these guys and encourage them by donating some money



to this worthy cause, as they cycle over 100 miles . Link at - <https://www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/hublapsthelough>

Last week Tom, one of the Hub's students, ran from Belfast to Bangor to raise awareness and funds for Abaana. His first stop was First Waakisa Ministries Trust NI charity shop. His dad kindly joined him for the last miles of the run.

It's a few days until this trip of a lifetime for these incredible students. Please pray for them as they continue to prepare

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their hearts for God to move in and through them as they undertake building work, sharing the gospel and caring for the spiritual and practical needs of our brothers and sisters in Kampala.

The team from the Hub at Queen's will be building latrines at St Mary's Primary School to provide proper sanitation for all pupils.

## Royal Maundy Money Recipients 2023 from Armagh

**Mr Brian Gilbert and Mrs Zena Dawson, who attended the Maundy Thursday Service in York Minster on 6th April.**

Zena was recognised for service to her community as Principal of Kingsmill Primary School, Child Protection Officer for the Boys Choir in St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh and for her volunteer work in the





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Armagh Robinson Library.

Brian was recognised for his life long service to youth work in the Methodist Church and more lately his leadership of 'Young at Heart Clubs' for older folks. He has been a local Christian Aid Treasurer and the Manager of the Orchard Credit Union in Armagh.

## **New Diocesan Secretary of Cork, Cloyne and Ross**

**John de Montfort has been appointed Diocesan Secretary, as successor to Billy Skuse, who will retire on 31st August. John will commence his work in the Diocese on 1st August in order to facilitate induction and transition of roles.**

John de Montfort was born in Sri Lanka, where his father, Henry, was in the tea trade. His family lived there until 1977, when his father moved to Kenya to set up a Tea Broking company. He went to Canford School in Dorset, UK and then on to Reading University, where he graduated in History. After graduation, John spent two years in the antiques trade, particularly in porcelain, before starting training as a Chartered Management Accountant while working for Abbey National Bank. While in London he participated in amateur dramatics, appearing in 'Midsummer Night's Dream' and Goldoni's 'Servant of Two Masters'.

After qualifying, John served as Financial Controller for Rupert Cavendish Antiques, which specialised in Swedish furniture and Design. A chance meeting some years earlier

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led to John joining the international mine clearance charity, the HALO Trust, in 1998 and he lived in Dumfriesshire, Scotland to serve as Finance Officer for the organisation. His duties involved control visits to the various countries that HALO operated in, including Afghanistan, Cambodia, Mozambique and Angola.



John is married to Emily, from Celbridge, County Kildare. They met in London and moved to Ireland in 2000 where John worked as Financial Controller of Bubble Brothers, a wine retailer in Cork City. He later worked for Hobart Enterprises in Mallow, County Cork which deals in Chemicals and Agricultural products throughout the world. He has most recently worked in Financial Reporting at the Cork Office of the Bank of New York Mellon.



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John lives with Emily in Buttevant, County Cork. They have one son, Frederick, who is training to be a teacher. John participates in productions run by the Doneraile Drama Society and is a keen gardener, amongst other interests. His father was brought up in Castletownroche, County Cork where his grandfather, Archibald, was Rector.

Announcing John's appointment, Bishop Colton said:

"I am delighted to make this announcement and about the fruitful outcome of our recruitment process to find a successor to Mr Billy Skuse who has served us so creatively and faithfully since 2015.

"John de Montfort will clearly bring a wide range of gifts, professional qualifications, as well as a broad worldview and rich tapestry of life experiences to this demanding and diverse portfolio of roles in our Diocese, and to the significant number of charities which we partner and support. I am greatly looking forward to working with him".

The Diocesan Secretary is the lead officer within the diocesan administrative and financial structures of the United Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, working closely with the Bishop in advancing the ministry and mission of the Diocese, and serving the people of Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

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## News reports

### New Papal Nuncio presents credentials to King Charles III

**The new Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain last week presented his diplomatic credentials to King Charles III.**

Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, a Spaniard who speaks six languages, then left Buckingham Palace to formally read out his mandate during a Mass at Westminster Cathedral, London, which was celebrated by Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the president of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

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At a special Mass to welcome the new Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Cardinal Vincent Nichols said - “ The bonds between the Bishop of Rome, our Holy Father, and the Catholics of this country have always been strong. They continue to be so. We are a faithful people.

“There are many in our history who have given their lives, their wealth, their health, to maintain this fidelity and witness to it. One lies here in the Cathedral, our own martyr, Saint



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John Southworth, whom we venerate and honour with great love.

“It is, then, with this depth of faith – in our history and in our hearts – that this evening we welcome our new Apostolic Nuncio, His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, sent among us as the personal representative of Pope Francis. Your Excellency, dear Archbishop, you are most welcome and we assure you of our prayers for you, now and throughout your years of service to the Apostolic See.

Madrid-born Archbishop Maury Buendía replaces Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, an Italian who was named by the Holy Father as prefect of the Dicastery for the Eastern Churches in November 2022.

A career diplomat, Archbishop Maury Buendía has previously served as Apostolic Nuncio to Romania, Moldova, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Among the most pressing business he will face as “Apostolic Nuncio to the Court of St James” will be to find a successor to Cardinal Nichols because the Archbishop of Westminster is now aged 77 and two years over the mandatory age of retirement.

The new nuncio must also find a new bishop for the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle, which has been in turmoil following the sudden and premature retirement of Bishop Robert Byrne, 66, in December amid serious “errors of judgement”.

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Archbishop Maury Buendía, 67, was born into an Andalusian family and studied under the Jesuits at Malaga before attending university in Madrid.

He studied philosophy and theology at the Conciliar Seminary of Madrid and was ordained a priest for the archdiocese in June 1980.

He went on to gain a degree in dogmatic theology at the Pontifical University of Salamanca in 1985 and then a doctorate in canon law from the Angelicum university in Rome in 1987.

He entered the Holy See's diplomatic service in July 1987, serving in diplomatic missions in several countries such as Rwanda, Uganda, Morocco, Egypt, Slovenia and Ireland. He was also a professor at the National Seminary of Nicaragua.

In 2004, he was called to the Section for Relations with States within the Secretariat of State of the Holy See with responsibility for south east Europe.

Four years later, in 2008, he was appointed titular Archbishop of Italica and Apostolic Nuncio to Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

Pope Francis appointed him Apostolic Nuncio to Romania in 2015, and to the Republic of Moldova in January 2016.

Besides Spanish, Archbishop Maury Buendía speaks or has good knowledge of English, Italian, French, Russian and Slovene.



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# The Ecumenical Impact on Evangelization

AN ECUMENICAL CONVERSATION



**Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle**  
Pro-Prefect for the Section of Evangelization of Dicastery for Evangelization



**Archbishop Stephen Cottrell**  
Archbishop of York, Church of England and Primate of England

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Wednesday <b>24 May 2023</b>	from <b>11:30 am</b> to <b>12:30 pm</b>	<b>Anglican Centre in Rome</b>

**PROGRAMME**

- Welcome Speeches
- Address - His Eminence **Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle** (10 mins)  
- His Grace **Archbishop Stephen Cottrell** (10 mins)
- **A Conversation between two Church Leaders** (20 minutes)
- Interaction with the audience
- Vote of Thanks

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## **The Ecumenical Impact of Evangelisation**

The Archbishop of York is currently visiting the Anglican Centre at Rome. Yesterday morning he met with Pope Francis. You are invited to join him at an ecumenical conversation on Wednesday morning from 11.30 am to 12.20. Details, see page above.

## **Explore the vision for the updated Lambeth Calls**

This webinar will explore the vision for Phase 3 and the updated Lambeth Calls, as well as the discussion program centred around Discipleship. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear from the new Steering Group and special guests.

Two dates are available. The webinars will feature contributions from Archbishop Julio Murray, Bishop Jo Bailey Wells, Bishop Anthony Poggo (Secretary General of the ACO) and members of the Steering Group. Join them to learn more about the vision for Phase 3 and the updated Lambeth Calls.

The webinar will also kick start a discussion programme that starts with the Lambeth Call on Discipleship and share reflections from Bishop Moon Hing, the Chair of the Discipleship Call Drafting Group. New, free resources for group discussion will also be shared. The webinar is open to all.



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Register at -

[\[https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/\]](https://www.lambethconference.org/phase-3/)

## Poem for today

### To My Daughter Betty by Thomas M. Kettle

In wiser days, my darling rosebud, blown  
To beauty proud as was your Mother's prime.  
In that desired, delayed, incredible time,  
You'll ask why I abandoned you, my own,  
And the dear heart that was your baby throne,  
To die with death. And oh! they'll give you rhyme  
And reason: some will call the thing sublime,  
And some decry it in a knowing tone.  
So here, while the mad guns curse overhead,  
And tired men sigh with mud for couch and floor,  
Know that we fools, now with the foolish dead,  
Died not for flag, nor King, nor Emperor,  
But for a dream, born in a herdsman shed,  
And for the secret Scripture of the poor

## Speaking to the soul

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