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IRELAND

Irish Prime Minister Enda Kenny is to step down as leader of Fine Gael from midnight, he has announced.

He will continue as taoiseach (prime minister) until the Dail (parliament) chooses a successor. Mr Kenny, who was elected taoiseach in 2011, tendered his resignation in March, but has been acting prime minister since then.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/worldeurope-39953442

Leo Varadkar to push for Northern Ireland to stay in EU single market if he succeeds Enda Kenny as Taoiseach

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/brexit/ leo-varadkar-to-push-for-northern-ireland-tostay-in-eu-single-market-if-he-succeeds-endakenny-as-taoiseach-35726696.html ...

Sinn Fein game harming communities: Foster calls for immediate restoration of Northern Ireland Executive

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/generalelection-2017/sinn-fein-game-harmingcommunities-foster-calls-for-immediaterestoration-of-northern-irelandexecutive-35725092.html ...

An inquest into the IRA killing of 10 Protestant workmen in County Armagh has been told that a key suspect has been linked to almost 50 murders.

The Belfast Coroners' Court inquest into the murders more than 40 years ago was hearing from a barrister for some of the victims' families on Wednesday.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39954543

Irish Gay and Lesbian equality network network to cease operations

http://www.irishtimes.com/news/health/gay-and-lesbianequality-network-to-cease-operations-1.3086744

GREAT BRITAIN

BBC News - Todays newspapers reviewed http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs/the_papers

Christian Today/Premier

Reports that former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has said Britain must not cut back on its overseas aid budget or turn its back on refugees. Lord Williams, who is chair of the board of trustees of Christian Aid, made the remarks in a statement marking the 60th anniversary of Christian Aid Week. <u>https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Rowan-Williams-Don-t-fear-the-future</u>

Mail

Reuters news agency report that investors are to press Shell to explain the finer details of its plan to link executives' bonus pay to lowering carbon emissions, urging more transparency as the world shifts away from fossil fuels. The article quotes Adam Matthews, Head of Engagement for the Church Commissioners.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/ article-4514680/Investors-press-Shell-climatepay-policy-small-print.html?

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Investment and Pensions Europe (IPE)

Report on how the oil and gas industry is responding to demands from investors about their climate change management and disclosure. The article mentions the shareholder proposal co-filed by the Church Commissioners calling on ExxonMobil to carry out and disclose an analysis of how its portfolio would fare in a world where global warming is kept to a maximum of 2C.

https://www.ipe.com/news/esg/oil-and-gasindustry-heeding-some-investor-demands-onclimate-risks/10018964.article

Christian Today

Report that the Prince of Wales has spoken of the need for 'cultural connectivity' and warned of how fears about "the other" are 'stoked and spread' through social media. His remarks were made in a speech at the inauguration of the new home of the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies.

Mail

Further speculative report that Prince Harry's girlfriend Meghan Markle could have a royal wedding at Westminster Abbey, despite being a divorcee. Article quotes a Westminster Abbey spokesman: "The Abbey follows the General Synod Ruling of 2002. Since then it has been

possible for divorced people to be married in the Church of England." <u>http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/</u> <u>article-4516848/Prince-Harry-wed-Meghan-</u> Markle-Westminster-Abbey.html

Eve Standard

News feature on the redesign of Lambeth's Garden Museum. Article mentions rediscovery of a crypt containing 30 lead coffins including the remains of five Archbishops of Canterbury beneath the museum, which is in the former parish church of St Mary-at-Lambeth, south London.

http://www.standard.co.uk/lifestyle/design/ lambeths-garden-museum-gets-a-gloriousmakeover-and-expansion-a3541711.html

INTERNATIONAL

Trump to give speech on Islam in Saudi Arabia

The man who once said "Islam hates us" is slated to give an "inspiring yet direct" speech on his first foreign trip as president. <u>More from Religion News Service</u>

Hollywood exasperated over Trump's botched handling of Israel: 'It's a mess'

www.churchnewsireland.org

Even those who were kvetching about President Barack Obama's policies toward Israel are having second thoughts. <u>More from TheWrap</u>

As Catholic influence in Ireland wanes, some hope abortion will be legalized

The parallel tracks on which the Roman Catholic Church and Irish civil society run appear to be separating. <u>More from Religion News Service</u>

Trinity Broadcasting trial begins with accusations about sex, abuse

After five years, a trial that promises to brutally air the first family of Christian broadcasting's dirty secrets got under way in Orange County Superior Court. More from Orange County Register

China moves to expand DNA testing in Muslim region

Large scale purchases of testing equipment raise concerns that Chinese authorities could be planning to DNA profile all or most Uighurs in Xinjiang, a restive region that's been under a security crackdown. <u>More from ABC News</u>