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## **Leading Irish actors have their say prior to abortion referendum**

Arab News

The Catholic **Church** in **Ireland** has been voicing its opposition to any change in a series of pastoral letters — and urging voters to watch YouTube ...

## **Bishop warns of 'criminal practice' as Church raises the pressure for No vote in referendum** [Independent.ie](http://Independent.ie)

**Irish News** ... Bishop warns of 'criminal practice' as **Church** raises the pressure for No vote in referendum ... vote on May 25 "will determine whether many **Irish** babies live or die" and the matter was "about life and death". ... He was outside his local **church** in Listowel, Co Kerry, collecting for the Fianna ...

## **Mass continues to be held at rural church where sex act filmed** [Independent.ie](http://Independent.ie)

A source told the **Irish** Independent that, as the Garda investigation was still ongoing, no internal action has yet been taken. The **church** is still ...

Mass still taking place in rural **church** in **Ireland** after sex act filmed on **church** altar - RSVP Live

Mass continues to be held at **church** where sex act filmed on altar - Irish Post

## **MEDIA REVIEW - May 9**

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## **Stormont hosts first wedding ceremony for members of public** [Irish News](#)

More than a year after it was vacated by warring politicians, a landmark 'act of union' has taken place at Parliament Buildings. For the first time, a wedding ceremony has been conducted between members of the public in the historic seat of government in Northern Ireland.

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2018/05/07/news/landmark-act-of-union-celebrated-at-parliament-buildings-1323134/>

## **Facebook bans ads from outside Ireland related to abortion referendum**

Belfast Telegraph

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/facebook-bans-ads-from-outside-ireland-related-to-abortion-referendum-36885665.html>

## **Enniskillen bomb families call on Catholic Primate for help** BBC News

Some of the families of those killed in the 1987 bomb call for support from Archbishop Eamon Martin.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-44034700>

## **The Irish Times view on the abortion referendum: The shadow campaign**

Irish Times

It is incumbent on all of us to talk with friends and family about what we are seeing online and whether it should be trusted

[https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/editorial/the-irish-times-view-on-the-abortion-referendum-the-shadow-campaign-1.3486827?mode=amp&utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter&twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/editorial/the-irish-times-view-on-the-abortion-referendum-the-shadow-campaign-1.3486827?mode=amp&utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter&twitter_impression=true)

## **Churches' stance against abortion is 'virtue signalling'**

Irish Times

The Eighth Amendment is morally repugnant and places women in dire situations

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<https://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/churches-stance-against-abortion-is-virtue-signalling-1.3486855?mode=amp&twitterimpression=true>

## **Ireland's abortion referendum: Young liberals look to bury Church's influence**

ChristianToday

The Catholic **Church** in **Ireland** has issued numerous statements against abortion and in favour of the right to life. However it appears to be less ...

## **Removal of 'Baptism barrier' may prompt legal action**

Irish Times

However, minority faiths, such as the **Church of Ireland**, would be allowed to prioritise members of their religion in order to protect their ethos in cases where they are over-subscribed. While Mr Bruton announced the plans last year, the planned amendment has been subject to extensive legal advice from ...

## **CCTV cameras may be installed at historic Lifford church**

Highland Radio

The **Church of Ireland** is considering installing CCTV cameras outside St Lugadius Church in Lifford as a result of what's been described as growing ...

## **Revealed: Northern Ireland's 25 schools set to share £60m funding boost**

[Belfast Telegraph](https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/revealed-northern-irelands-25-schools-set-to-share-60m-funding-boost-36885636.html)

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## **Irish people divided over whether or not Brexit will make Irish unity more likely, poll finds**

[Journal.ie](http://www.thejournal.ie/irish-people-brexit-poll-3999898-May2018/)

Meanwhile, the majority of Irish people believe that Brexit is a mistake, with 92% agreeing that Ireland should remain in the EU.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/irish-people-brexit-poll-3999898-May2018/>

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## **92% believe Ireland should remain in EU**

<http://www.irishexaminer.com/breakingnews/ireland/92-believe-ireland-should-remain-in-eu-841525.html>

## **Sinn Fein condemn SAS flag at Loughgall**

News Letter

Sinn Fein MP Mickey Brady has condemned the flying of an SAS flag at Loughgall as “insensitive”, saying it will only add further distress to the families of the nine IRA men who were killed there 31 years ago. The flag has been erected on the anniversary of the 8th May 1987 incident when eight IRA men launched a large scale attack on the village police station but were killed by the SAS.

Civilian Anthony Hughes was also killed.

[https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/sinn-fein-condemn-sas-flag-at-loughgall-1-8490443/amp?\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/sinn-fein-condemn-sas-flag-at-loughgall-1-8490443/amp?_twitter_impression=true)

## **Mental health and faith: how churches can help to lift the lid and relieve the pressure**

Church Times

As Mental Health Awareness Week approaches, Johanna Derry looks at the help churches can offer

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2018/4-may/features/features/mental-health-and-faith-how-churches-can-help-to-lift-the-lid-and-relieve-the-pressure>

## **Young Christian with autism explores vocation**

Diocese of Chelmsford (press release)

As well as playing a full part in the life of the community over the next year or two he will be actively considering a vocation in the Church of England.

## **NZ, Polynesian Anglicans to consider a new plan to allow same-sex blessings in churches**

The Melbourne Anglican - General Synod to vote on proposal to be under diocesan auspices, with safeguards for objectors.

<http://tma.melbourneanglican.org.au/news/nz-anglicans-same-sex-blessings-030518>

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