



# CNI

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**April 7 at 10.30**

## **IRELAND**

### **Dramatic fall in Irish religious belief**

BBC - Census figures show a 74% rise in the number of people who say they have no religion.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-39516154>

### **One in 10 Irish people say they have no religion, the second largest group behind Roman Catholics**

The Journal - Births, deaths and everything in between: Here's what you need to know about Census 2016.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/census-2016-statistics-3326599-Apr2017/>

### **SDLP suspends three councillors over abortion vote**

News Letter - The suspension of three of the SDLP's seven-strong Belfast City Council team – including its group leader and deputy – over a disagreement about abortion protests heralds an end to past indiscipline.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/sdlp-suspends-much-of-belfast-team-in-abortion-protest-row-1-7904595>

### **RHI scheme firms 'folding' due to subsidy cut**

BBC - A group representing RHI boiler owners says it has had reports of companies shutting down as reduced tariffs affect their businesses

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39516156>

### **UUP MEP Nicholson on scolding incident in EU Parliament**

News Letter - The Ulster Unionists' MEP has spoken out after publicly scolding one of the EU's most senior negotiators because he "wasn't paying attention" to a speech about Northern Ireland.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/next-time-eu-boss-will-listen-to-me-nicholson-1-7902233>

## **Irish authorities evasive over Kingsmills, lawyer states**

News Letter - A lawyer acting for families of the Kingsmills massacre victims has accused the southern authorities of “throwing up legal mechanisms” to prevent cooperation with the legacy inquest into the IRA attack.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/dublin-throwing-up-mechanisms-to-prevent-kingsmills-cooperation-1-7904511>

## **A blue plaque will be unveiled today in Belfast to the Irish Volunteer who tried to ‘call off’ the Easter Rising.**

News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/belfast-blue-plaque-for-man-who-tried-to-call-off-easter-rising-1-7903806>

[BBC](#)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39522085>

# **GB**

## **BBC Newspaper review**

UK papers had printed before USA attack. A Supreme Court ruling on school holidays and GP surgery closures make Friday's front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39522124>

## **Guard**

Report that the Dean of St Albans, Dr Jeffrey John, who is in a civil partnership, has been passed over to be a bishop for a seventh time since he was asked to step aside from his appointment as Bishop of Reading in 2003. Article notes he was put forward for the post of Bishop of Sodor and Man in February, but failed to make it on to the shortlist despite positive feedback. A CofE spokesperson is quoted: "We do not comment on Crown Nominations Commission business. We would resist strongly any suggestion that selections for senior appointments are influenced by the sexuality of candidates." - Text in full on CNI today, see Press Watch.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/apr/06/openly-gay-clergyman-passed-over-seven-times-for-promotion-to-bishop-jeffrey-john-reading>

## **Tel**

Report on short films released by the Heads Together charity about opening up about mental health and feelings including footage of the Archbishop of Canterbury's daughter Katharine Welby-Roberts, who speaks about how opening up to her mother helped her to seek help for depression.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/health/archbishop-canterburys-daughter-opens-depression-new-film/>

Link to video

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/health/archbishop-canterburys-daughter-opens-depression-new-film/?playlist=structure%3Awomen>

## **Exp**

Article on what is Palm Sunday?

<http://www.express.co.uk/life-style/life/788833/Easter-Palm-Sunday-when-is-Christian-holiday-this-year>

## **Ind**

Report that Muslim mothers will have more babies than Christian women by 2035, a new study by the Pew Research Centre has found, as Islam is the world's fastest-growing major religious group.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/muslim-babies-outnumber-christian-births-2035-islam-religion-popular-fastest-growing-a7669576.html>

## **Ind**

Further comment article on the controversy over the naming of Easter egg hunts sponsored by Cadbury on National Trust properties.

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/theresa-may-easter-cadburys-jihadis-muslims-religion-christian-country-infidels-a7670521.html>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

### **Trump launches first US targeted missile strike on Assad regime**

The Journal - Trump confirmed the first American targeted strike against Assad's regime.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/us-launches-59-missile-syria-attack-3328303-Apr2017/>

### **Trey Pearson releases first music video since coming out as a gay Christian rock star**

In it, a young gay man sings during a church service, then shares a kiss with his partner to applause from the congregation

[More from Religion News Service](#)

### **Jewish leaders cheer ouster of Steve Bannon from NSC post**

Bannon is the former head of Breitbart News and he has boasted that he made the news and commentary website into a platform for the anti-Semitic so-called alt-right movement. He had been on Trump's National Security Council.  
[More from The Forward](#)

### **Nation's largest Jewish denomination encourages congregations to protect undocumented immigrants**

Reform leaders say Jewish teaching compels followers to treat "strangers in our midst with justice and compassion."  
[More from thinkprogress.org](http://thinkprogress.org)

### **Muslim births projected to outnumber Christian births globally by 2035**

Christianity, nevertheless, will remain the world's largest religious group, a new Pew Research Center study shows.  
[More from Religion News Service](#)

### **The spiritual agony behind America's opioid crisis**

Imagine, for a moment, that addiction is a response to spiritual agony, writes Damon

Linker. Then consider the role of substance abuse in our lives.

[More from theweek.com](#)