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## **MEDIA REVIEW - April 14**

### **‘This is Kilkenny, not Mecca’: angry opposition to mosque proposal**

Angry scenes marred a public-information meeting about a planned mosque that took place in Kilkenny on Thursday evening.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/this-is-kilkenny-not-mecca-angry-opposition-to-mosque-proposal-1.3461036>

### **Syria air strikes: US and allies attack chemical weapons sites**

US, UK and France hit chemical weapons sites in biggest military action against President Assad so far.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-middle-east-43762251>

### **Newspaper headlines: UK-Russia tensions 'at boiling point'**

Prime Minister Theresa May prepares to brief Parliament about her plans for Syria, the papers say.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-43761762>

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## **Church of Ireland bishop supports repeal of Eighth Amendment**

A Church of Ireland bishop has said that he intends to vote to repeal the Eighth Amendment in the constitution. Bishop Kenneth Kearon, the Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe, said supporting repeal is “entirely consistent” with the Church of Ireland’s views on abortion as it opposed the original referendum in 1983.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/church-of-ireland-bishop-supports-repeal-of-eighth-amendment-1.3461044>

## **Canadian NGO sending 'observation team' to monitor Eighth Amendment referendum**

The organisation says it wants to observe whether or not both sides “play fair”.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/canadian-ngo-observing-eighth-referendum-3951603-Apr2018/>

## **RHI inquiry: Foster's department 'dysfunctional' says judge**

<https://www.bbc.com/news/amp/uk-northern-ireland-43754969>

## **Keady principal resigns over 'bullying and harassment'**

Letter threatens to leave Keady school head's reputation 'in ruins'.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-43758658>

## **Ulster Rugby set to confirm Paddy Jackson and Stuart Olding departure**

[https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/ulster-rugby-set-to-confirm-paddy-jackson-and-stuart-olding-departure-1-8458684/amp?\\_twitter\\_impression=true](https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/ulster-rugby-set-to-confirm-paddy-jackson-and-stuart-olding-departure-1-8458684/amp?_twitter_impression=true)

## **Irish bishops don't rule out keeping priests with kids**

<http://www.krqe.com/news/world-news/irish-bishops-dont-rule-out-keeping-priests-with-kids/1120468477>

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## **We southern Protestants are respected in Ireland**

I am an active member of the Church of Ireland. I don't like Sinn Fein in the slightest. I can't think of any of my friends or neighbours in Co. Mayo who like Sinn Fein either. I feel no stigma about being who I am where I live. On the contrary, the state provides plenty of financial support both to my church and ...

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/your-say/we-southern-protestants-are-respected-in-ireland-1-8458692>

## **Rural churches are open and here to stay**

The article on the rural Church published in last month's Church Times (Features, 29 March) told many good-news stories. These need to be stitched into a narrative of hope for the rural Church, and my plea is for the General Synod to have a serious debate on rural mission at least once in its five-year life, with an update or review each year.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2018/13-april/comment/opinion/rural-churches-are-open-and-here-to-stay>

