

# News links to reports on faith, politics and education

### Sinn Fein good at arguing for united Ireland - it's unionists that worry me

Belfast Telegraph comment

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/news-analysis/sinn-fein-good-at-arguing-for-united-ireland-its-unionists-that-worry-me-35410623.html

### RHI scandal could threaten DUP's Stormont veto

Irish News

A poor performance at next month's assembly poll could signal the end of the DUP's automatic veto over Stormont votes.

http://www.irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/

## Funding stories insinuate wrongdoing - Orange Order Grand Master

Irish News

Platform by Edward Stevenson, Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland

- There has been much recent attention by your newspaper on the successful list of recipients of the Community Halls Scheme, administered by the Department for Communities. <a href="http://www.irishnews.com/news/">http://www.irishnews.com/news/</a>

## Christians should oppose American ban on refugees, says papal nuncio

Irish Times

http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irishnews/christians-should-oppose-american-banon-refugees-says-papal-nuncio-1.2958486? utm\_source=dlvr.it&utm\_medium=twitter

### Pope Francis is leading a huge, quiet revolution in the church

Irish Times

FR. Gerry O'Hanlon writes - Cardinal Kasper has had some interesting things to say about what is going on in the Catholic **Church** under the papacy of Francis. In particular he ... <a href="http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/pope-francis-is-leading-a-huge-quiet-revolution-in-the-church-1.2957105">http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/pope-francis-is-leading-a-huge-quiet-revolution-in-the-church-1.2957105</a>

### Married gay priest says Catholic Church has got God's message 'very wrong'

Irish Times

The gay Co Clare Catholic priest Fr Bernárd Lynch has said the Catholic **Church** has done terrible damage to gay people by getting the message of ...

http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/married-gay-priest-says-catholic-church-has-got-god-s-message-very-wrong-1.2958118

### New UCC President - Its not rocket science to fund universities

Irish Examiner

Taking over today, Patrick O'Shea discusses student funding, the arts and science, and how UCC benefits the community.

http://www.irishexaminer.com/viewpoints/ analysis/new-ucc-president-patrick-oshea--itsnot-rocket-science-to-funduniversities-441609.html

## Theresa May holds the initiative as she makes promises on the border

Slugger O'Toole Brian Walker writes http://sluggerotoole.com/2017/01/31/theresamay-holds-the-initiative-as-she-makes-promiseson-an-open-border/

#### **Crime, Trump and life-saving joggers**

BBC NI newspaper review

Crime and policing take the lead in Wednesday's papers, as the chief constable urges people to do more to tackle dissident crime.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38824678

#### Trump's new EU 'assault' and fairer fares

BBC UK newspaper review

Rail fare costs and criticism of the EU by the Trump administration make Wednesday's front pages.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-38821255

### BBC/Times/Guardian (scroll down)/Christian Today

Reports on opposition voiced by religious leaders to the temporary travel ban imposed by US president Donald Trump including comment from the Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Liverpool and the Bishop of Durham. The

executive order issued by Mr Trump bans people from seven Muslim majority countries from travelling to the US and has suspended the US refugee resettlement programme.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-us-canada-38819813

http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/americantravel-ban-is-a-propaganda-gift-for-isis-claimsrudd-lkk2pf8mt

https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/live/ 2017/jan/30/trump-travel-ban-executive-orderworld-protests-live

#### ITV/Guard/Christian Today/Sheffield Telegraph

Reports following the appointment announced yesterday of Philip North, Bishop of Burnley, as the new Bishop of Sheffield (see News from the Church of England, above)

http://www.itv.com/news/calendar/2017-01-31/next-bishop-of-sheffield-announced/

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/jan/31/opponent-of-womens-ordination-appointed-as-bishop-of-sheffield

http://www.sheffieldtelegraph.co.uk/news/new-bishop-of-sheffield-hopes-to-tackle-dangerous-and-toxic-divisions-in-society-1-8362837

#### BBC/ITV/Guard/Mirror

Reports that Latvian antiques dealer Vasilijs Apilats, 61, of Edleston Road, Crewe, has been jailed at Chester Crown Court for nine months after having previously been found guilty of stealing the 19<sup>th</sup> Century icon The Raising of Lazarus from Chester Cathedral in 2014. <a href="http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-38810039">http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-38810039</a>
<a href="http://www.itv.com/news/granada/2017-01-31/art-thief-who-stole-18th-century-icon-from-chester-cathedral-jailed/https://www.theguardian.com/artanddesign/2017/icon/21/artiruran.design/2017/icon/21/artir

2017/jan/31/antiques-dealer-vasilijs-apilatsjailed-for-stealing-painting-from-chestercathedral

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/pink-panther-burglar-stole-religious-9730005

#### **BBC**

Report that a gay man from Guernsey has refused to pay for the upkeep of his parish church because of the church's stance on same sex marriage.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-guernsey-38807945

#### **ITV**

Reports the remarks of the Vice Dean of Guernsey Rev Mike Keirle following the publication last week of a report by the College of Bishops on marriage and same sex relationships. http://www.itv.com/news/channel/2017-01-31/ church-of-england-has-much-to-repent-to-lgbtcommunity/