



Media Review - Sunday February 12 at 1.30 pm

UK Newspaper headlines: Trump to 'snub Parliament'

BBC News

Speculation about US President Donald Trump's state visit to the UK appears in the Sunday papers.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-38947218>

Sinn Fein expenses row firm shuts down

Belfast Telegraph

Research Services Ireland was paid over £700,000 by MLAs including Michelle O'Neill.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/sunday-life/sinn-fein-expenses-row-firm-shuts-down-35434230.html>

Foster "Once again we stand at the political crossroads"

Sluggie O'Toole

Arlene Foster has taken the Irish News to write a platform piece seeking to debunk myths about

her relationship with Sinn Fein. On the Irish Language Act she said ...

<http://sluggerotoole.com/2017/02/11/foster-once-again-we-stand-at-the-political-crossroads/>

Bertie Ahern says Theresa May's Brexit strategy is putting peace in the North at risk

The Journal

Ahern said any attempt to create a physical border would be “create a lot of bad feeling”.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/brexit-bertie-observer-good-friday-3235718-Feb2017/>

Republic of Ireland banned 226 people from predominantly Muslim countries subject to Donald Trump's travel ban

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/republic-of-ireland-banned-226-people-from-predominantly-muslim-countries-subject-to-donald-trumps-travel-ban-35440190.html>

Irish police: Eight people deported to the UK in border operation

BBC News

An illegal immigration operation in the Republic of Ireland leads to eight people being deported to the UK.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-38943531>

Angela Merkel offers cash handouts for migrants to leave

Daily Mail

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4213978/Merkel-offers-cash-handouts-migrants-leave.html>

Illegal Irish in the US prepare for the worst under Trump

Irish Times

'I had a check-in with Homeland Security recently. The news was not good'

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/us/illegal-irish-in-the-us-prepare-for-the-worst-under-trump-1.2971259>

Tom Clonan: Ireland never rewards whistleblowers like Maurice McCabe and me - it punishes us

The Journal

Ireland treats whistleblowers differently to most other countries – as I found out, writes Dr Tom Clontan.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/readme/tom-clonan-whistleblowers-3233836-Feb2017/>

Tusla knew McCabe sex claims were false but kept them on file for two years, HSE claims

The Journal

The HSE said it was one of its staff members not Túsla which made the error relating to the McCabe allegation.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/hse-maurice-mccabe-apology-smear-3234572-Feb2017/>

New memorials to commemorate Irish who died in Flanders

Irish Times

Belgian monuments will honour soldiers killed during first World War battles. Two new memorials are to be erected in Belgium this year to remember the Irish who died during the first World War battles in Flanders in 1917

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/new-memorials-to-commemorate-irish-who-died-in-flanders-1.2971260>

Sun/Mail/Mirror

Reports that the family of Katie Rough has released a poignant video tribute to her ahead of her funeral on Monday in York Minster, to be led by the Archbishop of York. A 15-year-

old girl has been charged with the murder of the seven-year-old girl.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2842184/katie-roughs-family-tribute-funeral/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4215292/Katie-Rough-s-family-release-poignant-tribute-video.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/katie-roughs-family-release-heartbreaking-9802118>

BBC/Guard/Sun/ITV/ Tel

Articles written in advance of the ‘take note’ debate to be held later this week at the General Synod on the House of Bishops report on marriage and same sex relationships. The coverage focuses on criticism of the report made in an open letter signed by 14 retired bishops, led by the former Bishop of Worcester, Peter Selby. A Church of England spokesperson is quoted. The Telegraph reports that the Church of England is set for a ‘renewed clash’ on the subject of same sex marriage when the debate takes place.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38940915>

https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/11/church-of-england-faces-lgbt-rights-rebellion?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2843847/retired-bishops-have-criticised-the-church-for-not-listening-to-gay-people/>

<http://www.itv.com/news/2017-02-11/church-of-england-accused-of-ignoring-authentic-voice-of-lgbt-people/>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/11/anglicans-braced-new-clashes-gay-marriage-church/>

Yorks Post

Personal account by survivor Mark Stibbe of his abuse at the hands of John Smyth. An ongoing Channel 4 news investigation has led to police now looking at allegations of violent physical abuse by Mr Smyth from 1978-82 when he was chair of trustees of the non-denominational Christian charity the Iwerne Trust.

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/opinion/mark-stibbe-big-boys-do-cry-after-john-smyth-s-bloody-abuse-1-8381135>

S Times

Report that a former headmaster of Winchester College has spoken of his regrets over not alerting police to allegations around John Smyth at the time. He is quoted saying "Somehow it didn't occur to one at that point to bother the police. I think now in retrospect, in respect to this ghastly man, it probably would have been more sensible to do that, but people at the time . . . the boys on the whole didn't want that to happen."

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/headmaster-i-wish-id-told-police-of-smyth-abuse-fears-cc55lmhhq>

Guard/Sky/ITV/Ind/Scotsman/Channel 4 News/ Mirror/Mail

Further coverage of reaction to the news that the Government is to close the UK scheme to accept unaccompanied child refugees introduced following an amendment to the Immigration Act brought by Labour peer Lord Dubs. A petition signed by around 50,000 people was delivered at Downing Street by Lord Dubs yesterday condemning the sudden closure of the scheme, with religious leaders joining Lord Dubs at his petition presentation. The Bishop of Croydon, Jonathan Clark, is pictured alongside Lord Dubs. The articles note the Archbishop of Canterbury's [statement](#) and his interview on the BBC World at One yesterday condemning the closure of the scheme.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/11/theresa-may-under-increasing-pressure-to-restart-dubs-scheme>

<http://news.sky.com/story/thousands-demand-ministers-rethink-child-refugee-plan-10764041>

<http://www.itv.com/news/2017-02-11/petition-urges-government-to-keep-taking-child-refugees/>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/dubs-amendment-refugee-petition-close-child-theresa-may-a7575296.html>

<http://www.scotsman.com/news/politics/petition-and-sturgeon-letter-attack-child-refugee-pledge-u-turn-1-4364464>

<https://www.channel4.com/news/petition-over-child-refugees-handed-to-pm>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/50000-name-petition-against-scrapping-9800408#ICID=nsm>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4214426/Lord-Dubs-delivering-50-000-signature-child-refugee-petition-No-10.html>

Observer

Report that artworks on display at Gloucester Cathedral in an exhibition celebrating a spectrum of religious beliefs have been stolen and vandalised.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/12/vandals-artworks-gloucester-cathedral-religions-death-threats>

S Times

Report that a couple are planning to exchange their weddings vows in a digital recreation of a futuristic nightclub in a ceremony held in a Cardiff bar and conducted by a celebrant in California. The report quotes Rev Arun Arora,

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director of communications for the Church of England.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/with-this-vr-set-i-thee-couple-to-wed-virtually-909hb2m9w>

Sun Express

Further coverage of the BBC Radio 4 World at One Interview given by the Archbishop of Canterbury last week focusing on his remarks about the economy and the EU Referendum.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/766064/Justin-Welby-Archbishop-of-Canterbury-Brexit-EU-Mark-Carney>

Letters (scroll down)

S Times

Reaction to last week's report that Muslim pupils outnumber Christian children in some church schools.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/letters-to-the-editor-j79bcxs7s>

Comment

Observer

Rowan Williams: 'It remains Britain's moral duty to help refugee children'

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/12/moral-duty-british-government-help-refugee-children>

Guard

Jonathan Freedland: “This British Government is cruel – and the opposition is useless’

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/feb/11/british-government-cruel-opposition-useless>

Yorks Post

Praising the courage of survivors of the John Smyth case and those from other cases for coming forward. 'Victims have suffered in silence for years – decades in many cases – and only now do they have the confidence that they will be believed. It is a sorry indictment of society that it has taken so long to reach this point.'

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/opinion/yp-comment-society-s-duty-to-victims-of-abuse-painful-legacy-of-historic-crimes-1-8382933>