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## **Media Review - February 16 at 09.00 am**

***For media links C of E debate on same sex marriage see separate posting on CNI today***

### **UK Newspaper headlines: Clergy backing for gay marriages makes the news**

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-38988382>

### **DUP leader would like to scrap petitions of concern**

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38974716>

### **Sinn Fein rejects call to scrap petition of concern**

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-38985697>

## **EU will not let divisive border return - Kenny**

News Letter

Enda Kenny is confident the European Union will not allow “one of the most divisive borders in the world” to be reimposed on the island of Ireland after Brexit.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/eu-will-not-let-a-divisive-border-return-kenny-1-7824099>

## **Priest apologises for his outburst during mass**

Irish News

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/2017/02/15/news/priest-apologises-from-altar-over-bullying-claims-during-homily-932591/>

## **Rachel Smalley: Religious studies in schools will help us not to fear**

Newstalk ZB

Religion in Ireland was central to life, and later, working at Sky News in London, I realised that so much of what I was reporting on required a sound ...

<http://www.newstalkzb.co.nz/on-air/early-edition/opinion/rachel-smalley-religious-studies-in-schools-will-help-us-not-to-fear/>

## **Supreme Court: Religious Order vicariously liable for abuse suffered by former national school pupil**

Irish Legal News

Supreme Court: Religious Order vicariously liable for abuse suffered by former national school pupil ... by Seosamh Gráinséir for **Irish** Legal News ...

<http://www.irishlegal.com/6602/supreme-court-religious-order-vicariously-liable-for-abuse-suffered-by-former-national-school-pupil/>

## **Catholic Church paid A\$276m to abuse victims in Australia**

BBC News

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-australia-38988995?ocid=global\\_bbccom\\_email\\_16022017\\_top+news+stories](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-australia-38988995?ocid=global_bbccom_email_16022017_top+news+stories)

## **Irish bishops discuss decline in faith practices in 'ad limina' visit with Pope Francis**

National Catholic Reporter

While Martin knows the **Irish church** can deliver a turnout of 100,000 for a papal ... "So much has changed for **church** and society in Ireland" since the **Irish** ... need for salvation and the Good **News** within a cultural reality where God is ...

<https://www.ncronline.org/news/world/irish-bishops-discuss-decline-faith-practices-adlimina-visit-pope-francis>

**Times/Exp/BBC (scroll down)/[Christian Today](#)/Premier**

Report that the General Synod backed a call for the Government to lower the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals to £2. Members voted unanimously in favour of an amended motion brought by the London Diocesan Synod. (See News from the Church of England, above)

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/church-leaders-agree-to-lobby-for-2-limit-on-betting-terminals-tntxddd2ws>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/767720/church-of-england-maximum-two-pound-stake-on-betting-terminals>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-38982013>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/General-Synod-demands-government-reduce-top-spend-on-betting-machines>

**Mail**

Reports on tweets by the Archbishop of Canterbury correcting press reports on his Presidential address given on Monday in the General Synod.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4227952/Justin-Welby-DENIES-saying-Brexit-voters-like-fascists.html>

## **Premier**

Report on support from General Synod yesterday for a proposal from the Diocese of Leicester for a new post of suffragan bishop of Loughborough. (See News from the Church of England, above)

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Loughborough-to-get-first-bishop>

## **Tel**

Further coverage of the General Synod decision on Tuesday to reject moves to remove the legal requirement for marriage bans in church weddings.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/15/church-keeps-medieval-marriage-banns-attract-youth/>

## **Sky/Guard/ind**

Reports that children's commissioners for England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland have written to the Home Secretary Amber Rudd urging her to rethink the Government's plan to close the resettlement programme for lone child refugees under the Dubs amendment. The

article says the commissioners are the latest in high profile figures to oppose the closure of the scheme, including the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby.

<http://news.sky.com/story/act-humanely-childrens-commissioners-urge-dubs-refugee-rethink-10769675>

[https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/15/childrens-commissioners-write-to-home-secretary-over-end-of-dubs-scheme?](https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/feb/15/childrens-commissioners-write-to-home-secretary-over-end-of-dubs-scheme?CMP=tw_t_gu)

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<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/child-refugee-u-turn-dubs-amendment-migrant-crisis-alfred-dubs-amendment-a7582711.html>

## **Mail**

Reports that the South London Liberal Synagogue is raising money to help a Syrian refugee family, the latest faith-based group to offer sanctuary under the Community Sponsorship scheme for refugees. The report refers to the refugee family housed in the grounds of Lambeth Palace.

[http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-4227668/Syrian-refugees-call-London-synagogue-home.html?](http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/reuters/article-4227668/Syrian-refugees-call-London-synagogue-home.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490)

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## **Times/Mail**

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Reports on the launch of a manifesto from the All Party Parliamentary Group report for the children of alcoholics demanding the Government take urgent action to protect the “innocent victims of drink”. The group is led by former Labour minister Liam Byrne MP and supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury .

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/nw-alcohol-16-hsc-mlsjn8wgh>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4227134/Britain-s-secret-scandal-2-5m-children-alcoholic-parents.html>

### **Tel/Christian Today**

Reports that a BBC spokesperson has insisted that there are no plans to change the format of the *Thought for the Day* slot on BBC Radio 4 Today programme – after the new editor of Today, Sarah Sands, suggested that humanists should be included as guest speakers in the regular slot.

[http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/15/bbc-slaps-new-today-programme-editor-pledge-open-thought-day/?utm\\_source=dlvr.it&utm\\_medium=twitter](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/15/bbc-slaps-new-today-programme-editor-pledge-open-thought-day/?utm_source=dlvr.it&utm_medium=twitter)

### **Express**

Further coverage of a report by the Oasis Trust which argues that churches must take a ‘disproportionate share of the blame’ for the

mental health issues of people who are lesbian, gay or bisexual.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/767930/church-gay-marriage-mental-health-problems-report-oasis-general-synod-house-bishops>

## **Comment**

### **Times**

#### **'Maximum freedom'**

Leading article which states that the gap between the law allowing gay marriage and the doctrine of the Church of England narrowed last night with the vote not to take note of the House of Bishops report on marriage and same sex relationships.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/maximum-freedom-nft66nl9x>

### **Times**

Sketch by journalist Patrick Kidd in which he observes 'Even when debating something as contentious as same sex marriage, the church is more civilised than the Commons'

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/opposing-sides-cannot-even-agree-about-what-divides-them-jk9g5zxmj>

## **Tel**

George Pitcher on the take note debate on the House of Bishops report on marriage and same sex relationships.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/02/15/bleeding-heart-liberal-cleric-but-church-england-must-not-accept2/>

### **Should the U.S. prioritize Christian refugees?**

#### **No thanks, some Arab Christians say**

They say countries that prioritize Christian refugees are effectively helping ISIS purge the region of different faiths.

[More from Time](#)

### **Trump's wish to ban Muslim immigration is widely shared in Europe**

Two new surveys show voters in several countries back a complete immigration ban at levels notably higher than those in the United States.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

### **In France, some Muslims seek to 'adapt' Islam to secular culture**

Some French Muslims want to create a uniquely French brand of Islam compatible with the country's secular values and the needs of modern Muslims.

[More from NPR.org](#)

