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Mike Nesbitt resigns as UUP leader

Belfast Telegraph

A day of disaster included the loss of former deputy Danny Kennedy and Jo-Anne Dobson.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland-assembly-election/northern-ireland-assembly-election-results-mike-nesbitt-resigns-as-uup-leader-35495537.html>

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/mike-nesbitt-resigns-as-uup-leader-after-failure-to-make-up-ground-1.2997349>

Mike Nesbitt Jonathan Bell eliminated in Strangford

Belfast Telegraph

Suspended DUP member Jonathan Bell, who ran as an independent, became the first shock casualty in Strangford after he was eliminated in the seventh stage of counting.

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland-assembly-election/ni-election-strangford-jonathan-bell-eliminated-35499869.html>

Is Sinn Fein makes ground in SDLP stronghold of Derry

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/sinn-fein-makes-ground-in-sdip-stronghold-of-derry-1.2997340>

Sinn Féin close the gap on DUP in NI Assembly

BBC News

The Democratic Unionist Party is narrowly returned as the biggest party but Sinn Féin is the biggest winner in the NI Assembly election
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-northern-ireland-2017-39159423>

'Sinn Fein success in Northern Ireland casts doubt on Union'

Daily Telegraph

https://digitaledition.telegraph.co.uk/editions/edition_rcqWR_2017-03-04/data/290399/index.

Maurice McCabe files suit against HSE, Tusla over false sexual abuse claim

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The Journal

Members of his family have also filed suits for damages against the State Agencies.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/maurice-mccabe-court-3269669-Mar2017/>

Tuam babies: What's been happening since the mass grave revelations three years ago?

The Journal

Reports about a mass grave first hit the headlines in May of 2014. Here's what's happened since.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/tuam-mother-and-baby-home-what-has-been-happening-3268787-Mar2017/>

Is it time for a public apology to Traveller community?

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/opinion/is-it-time-for-an-apology-to-the-traveller-community-1.2995506>

Citizens' Assembly rejects claims of pre-determined outcome

Irish Times

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/citizens-assembly-rejects-claims-of-pre-determined-outcome-1.2997129>

Christian Today

Report on the launch service at Durham Cathedral, along with interviews with the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu and the Bishop of Durham Paul Butler, for the start of the Talking Jesus Mission in Durham Diocese.

(See blog by the Rev Canon Sophie Jelley in Stories Worth Sharing below)

Tel

Report on a letter to the Church Times from 36 women priests in the Diocese of Blackburn, led by the Women's Ministry Adviser for the diocese, Canon Fleur Green, in support of the Bishop of Burnley, Philip North. Bishop Philip has faced calls for him to withdraw acceptance of his nomination as the new Bishop of Sheffield over his views on women's ordination. In the letter, the women clergy say Bishop Philip has created a 'real buzz' about their diocese and has gone "the extra mile to affirm and share in the ministry of women clergy". To read an article on the appointment by the Church of England's Director of Communications, see comment below.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/03/03/new-bishop-sheffield-offered-support-36-female-clergy-following/>

Mail

Report on the Air Accidents Investigation Branch final report on the Shoreham Air Disaster. The Mail quotes Rev Terry Stratford, associate priest at St Mary de Haura Church in Shoreham where some of the victims' families gathered before the first anniversary of the disaster.

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4277896/Shoreham-air-disaster-killed-11-caused-pilot.html>

BBC/Mail/Sun/Mirror

Report that the funeral of PC Gavin Smith, a police officer who appeared in the Channel 5 TV documentary series, Police Interceptors, has been held at Durham Cathedral. Mr Smith died from cancer aged 34 on February 15.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-tees-39152150>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4278428/Police-Interceptors-star-s-funeral-held-Durham.html>

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/3002103/pc-gavin-smith-dead-funeral-police-interceptors-cancer/>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/hundreds-pay-respects-doting-dad-9957138#ICID=nsm>

Christian Today/Premier

Reports on exchanges in the House of Commons between Second Church Estates Commissioner Dame Caroline Spelman and MPs Chris Bryant, Ben Bradshaw and Robert Jenrick on the bishops report on marriage and same sex relationships.

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/MPs-claim-CofE-stance-on-homosexuality-is-increasingly-untenable>

Schools Week

Reports that the Muslim Council of Britain has defended church schools' record on the admission of Muslim pupils amid claims from the British Humanist Association that the schools are 'not as inclusive as it claimed'. The Church of England's, Chief Education Officer, Rev Nigel Genders, is quoted

<http://schoolsweek.co.uk/muslim-council-defends-church-schools-in-admissions-row/>

Times (scroll down)

Further coverage of the news that a vicar faces a complaint from a churchgoer for installing a children's plastic table and chairs in a 12th century church.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/stiletto-used-in-assault-at-exclusive-club-7rfhb3gmh>

Mirror (Thursday)

Report on response given by Dame Caroline Spelman, Second Church Estates Commissioner, answering questions in the House of Commons, on how church towers and spires could boost internet and mobile coverage in rural areas.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/way-boosting-rural-internet-mobile-9951502#ICID=nsm>

Letters

Tel (scroll down)

Female singers strengthen cathedral choirs

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2017/03/04/lettersgive-guarantees-eu-residents-britain-strings-attached/>

Comment

Yorks Post

Arun Arora: Why the CofE must be a broad church when it comes to the Bishop of Sheffield

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/opinion/arun-aurora-why-the-coe-must-be-a-broad-church-when-it-comes-to-new-bishop-of-sheffield-1-8420447>

Man accused of making threats against Jewish community centers arrested in St. Louis

The suspect, 31-year-old Juan Thompson, is accused of what federal prosecutors called a “campaign to harass and intimidate.”

[More from ABC News](#)

Notre Dame avoids Trump controversy as Pence to receive honorary degree

The Catholic school has boasted of hosting more U.S. presidents as commencement speaker than any other nonmilitary school, but from the moment Trump was elected its president faced a dilemma over whether to invite such a controversial figure.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

Rochester, NY Jewish cemetery vandalized

Early Thursday, cemetery officials said the damage could be simple hooliganism. But, as the day went on, the number of desecrated grave markers increased from a half dozen to at least a dozen.

[More from Rochester Democrat and Chronicle](#)

Cardinal O'Malley says voices of clergy sexual abuse survivors are critical

The Boston archbishop's critique came a day after the lone clergy sexual abuse survivor serving on a papal commission resigned in exasperation with what she described as "shameful" Vatican foot-dragging.
More from www.bostonglobe.com

Married lesbian Baptist co-pastors say all are 'beloved'

The co-pastors, Maria Swearingen, 31, and Sally Sarratt, 42, now lead historic Calvary Baptist Church in Washington, D.C., with a message that all are welcome.
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