



## **MEDIA REVIEW - MAY 8**

### [Cecil Frances Alexander: A pioneer of deaf education](#)

BBC News

But few know of the part both great and small that the hymn played in transforming the education of deaf children in 19th century northern **Ireland**. And fewer still know the tragedy that befell its writer's dream. Cecil Frances (Humphreys) Alexander and her sister Anne were very involved in local **church** ...

### [In pictures: transition year students stage tractor run in Kilkenny](#)

Irish Farmers Journal

**Church of Ireland** bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory Michael Burrows (pictured) was in attendance and participants raised raised €3,751 for the bishop's charity appeal. The Hegarty Transition Year Tractor Run Cup was awarded to David Lewis. The judges were William Hutchinson, Robin Wallace and ...

### **Coveney: 'I approach the abortion issue from a pro-life perspective, but we need to end the status quo**

Journal.ie

Tanaistie Simon Covenay has said he still approaches the issue of abortion from a “pro-life perspective” but believes the status quo can no longer remain in Ireland. In an interview with

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[TheJournal.ie](http://www.thejournal.ie) about how he came to form his views on the abortion issue ahead of the upcoming referendum on the Eighth Amendment, the Cork TD spoke for the first time about his family's own personal tragedy in pregnancy. He also discusses how his views could be seen as different to a perceived 'Yes' voter and how he can no longer stand over a situation where Ireland exports its women-in-need to the UK.

As a married man and father of three girls, Coveney said he reflected on his own experiences, as well as input from medical experts and women who had gone through difficult circumstances in the past months.

[http://www.thejournal.ie/simon-coveney-interview-abortion-referendum-3996392-May2018/?utm\\_source=twitter\\_short](http://www.thejournal.ie/simon-coveney-interview-abortion-referendum-3996392-May2018/?utm_source=twitter_short)

### [The 'gay cake' fight: why the bakers had a right to refuse this order](#)

The Guardian

The authorities, both in Northern **Ireland** and in the rest of the UK, have long attempted to censor **religious** material regarded as offensive. In 2015, a Christian pastor from Belfast was prosecuted for "hate speech" for a sermon in which he claimed that Islam was "satanic". He was eventually acquitted, but ...

### [Mass still taking place in rural church in Ireland after sex act filmed on church altar](#)

RSVP Live

A rural **church** in **Ireland** is continuing to hold Mass in their **church** where an alleged sex act was caught on camera. The Catholic Church urged Gardai to investigate after a number of images surfaced which appeared to show two men engaging in sexual activity on the shrine of a small **church** in rural ...

### [Mass continues to be held at rural church where sex act filmed Independent.ie](#)

A rural parish is continuing to hold Mass at a **church** where an alleged sex act was caught on camera. A Garda investigation has been launched into the incident after photographs emerged

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showing two people engaging in an apparent sex act on the **church's** altar. Despite the controversy, it is ...

### [Catholic priest allegedly a 'prime suspect' as gardai probe images of sex act on church altar](#)

[Independent.ie](#)

A Catholic priest has allegedly emerged as a prime suspect in a garda probe into images showing two men engaging in sex acts on a **church** altar. The images appear to ... Yesterday, 'independent' bishop Pat Buckley revealed to The Sunday World that he has reported the images to **church** bosses.

[Man dressed in priest vestments caught performing sex act on Irish church altar](#) - IrishCentral

### [Victory for campaign as government set to slap a £2 maximum on 'devastating' high stakes gaming ...](#)

[Mirror.co.uk](#)

Campaigning Labour MP Carolyn Harris said: “This is fantastic **news**. I've seen the devastating impact these machines can ... A £2 limit is backed by 93 local authorities, the Royal Society for Public Health and the **Church of England's** General Synod. A YouGov survey of more than 100 MPs found 62 per ...

### [Trump marks National Day of Prayer with new faith initiative](#)

Trump said his initiative would help assure that the government supports people of faith. [More from Religion News Service](#)

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### [House chaplain wins job back after scalding letter to Ryan](#)

The Rev. Patrick Conroy's two-page letter said he has never “heard a complaint about my ministry” as House chaplain.

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