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IRELAND

President Trump to take up Paisley invite to Open at Portrush

Belfast Telegraph

[http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/president-trump-to-take-up-paisley-invite-to-open-at-portrush-35539582.html?
utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_ap
p&utm_campaign=clickbacks](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/president-trump-to-take-up-paisley-invite-to-open-at-portrush-35539582.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks)

Enda Kenny meets US President Donald Trump in Oval Office

BBC News

US president announces plans to visit the Irish Republic as he welcomes Enda Kenny to the White House.

[http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-
europe-39289707](http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-39289707)

Michael D Higgins: 'St Patrick's own life story was one of hardship and migration'

The Journal

President Higgins described the Irish as a migrant people in his St Patrick's Day message to those at home and abroad.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/readme/michael-d-higgins-st-patricks-day-message-3288926-Mar2017/>

Eamonn Casey 'did much good' but revelations about son were 'profoundly upsetting for Church'

The Journal

President Michael D Higgins was among the mourners at the funeral yesterday

<http://www.thejournal.ie/eamonn-casey-homily-3291775-Mar2017/>

RHI subsidy firms named by Department for the Economy

BBC NI

A list of firms that receive a controversial green energy scheme subsidy is published.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39273201>

Trinity students vote for neutrality on Irish unity

University Times

First college to reject pro-unity stance

<http://www.universitytimes.ie/2017/03/trinity-students-vote-for-neutrality-on-irish-unity-becoming-first-college-to-reject-pro-unity-stance/>

On the frontier: Border Protestants give views on Irish unity

BBC News

As talk of an Irish border poll swells, Protestants living on either side of the frontier give their views on a united island.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-politics-39297771>

GB

Newspaper headlines: Fallout from May's referendum stance

BBC News

Theresa May ruling out a Scottish independence vote before Brexit is considered on the front pages.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39299646>

Queen Elizabeth has given the go-ahead on Brexit with royal stamp of approval

The Journal

Theresa May's planned timeline to trigger Article 50 by the end of the month looks on course.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/queen-brexit-ready-3291460-Mar2017/>

SNP conference: Scotland at 'hugely important crossroads'

BBC News

The SNP gather for their spring conference amid a clash with the PM over a second referendum.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-scotland-politics-39299305>

BBC/Mail/Mirror/HuffPo

Reports that more than two-thirds of children in poverty in the UK are in working families, according to figures from the Office for National Statistics. There are now four million children in poverty, the highest since the 2008 financial crash. The Children's Society is quoted as saying the figures are "truly shocking". See also statement from the Bishop of Durham, Paul Butler, above.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-39291999>

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/wires/pa/article-4320254/Campaigners-urge-action-truly-shocking-child-poverty-figures.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/theresa-accused-being-denial-over-10038973#ICID=nsm>

http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/child-poverty-figures-show-death-of-compassionate-conservatism-theresa-may-told_uk_58ca772de4b00705db4c5eac

Church Times

News feature on House of Bishops guidance (revised) on responding well to domestic abuse, which was published this week. Includes anonymous interview with a survivor and comment from Bishop of Bath and Wells, Peter Hancock, lead safeguarding bishop.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/17-march/news/uk/house-of-bishops-updates-domestic-abuse-guidance>

BBC

Report that a new shortlist of candidates to become the next Bishop of Llandaff has been drawn up. Article notes that last month, an electoral college of 47 people, including all the bishops in Wales, met over three days to vote on a confidential candidates list, but it ended with

no result as no one received the two-thirds majority needed.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-south-east-wales-39297542>

Mirror

Report that Brian, a dog owned by Rev Kevin Crinks, of St Mary the Virgin Church in Leigh, Greater Manchester, is being used to encourage reluctant readers at Leigh St Mary CofE primary school to build their confidence in reading aloud.

Four children at a time are allowed to sit and read to Brian on Mondays from years one, two and three.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/adorable-dog-called-brian-being-10042738#ICID=nsm>

Comment

Guard

Giles Fraser: 'As Songs of Praise viewers will find out, the market is bad at doing religion'

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2017/mar/16/as-songs-of-praise-viewers-will-find-out-the-market-is-bad-at-doing-religion>

INTERNATIONAL

Trump vows to appeal against travel ban ruling to Supreme Court

The new ban was seen as targeting Muslims and was set to go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on Thursday.

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Dutch leader fends off anti-Islam candidate Wilders

Dutch centre-right Prime Minister Mark Rutte fought off the challenge of anti-Islam and anti-EU rival Geert Wilders to score an election victory that was hailed across Europe on Thursday by governments facing a rising wave of nationalism.

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Europe headed for ‘religion wars’ despite Wilders’ stumble, Turkish minister says

“There is no difference between the mindsets of Geert Wilders and social democrats in the Netherlands. ...That mindset is taking Europe to the cliff. Soon wars of religion may and will start in Europe,” Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said.

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AIPAC gave \$60K to architect of Trump’s Muslim ban

New tax filings show the country's largest pro-Israel group gave money to a think tank that played a pivotal role in engineering Trump's ban on Muslim immigration.

[More from 972mag.com](#)

Trump's policies are keeping Hispanics away from church

Survey finds fear even among 7 in 10 Christian green card holders, and majority-immigrant congregations are seeing the effects.

[More from Gleanings | ChristianityToday.com](#)

Mormon church challenges legality of leaked documents.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints finally takes notice of MormonLeaks.

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