

Media Review - March 2 at 09.00 am

Man buried alive at Belfast church on Ash Wednesday

Belfast Telegraph He hopes to raise awareness of suicide and addiction

http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/ northern-ireland/i-plan-to-speak-to-desperatepeople-from-the-grave-before-they-get-there-toshow-them-theres-hope-35494361.html

Peter Robinson - tells parties to step back and make space for agreement in calmer times following hustings

Slugger O'Toole

http://sluggerotoole.com/2017/03/01/robinsonstep-back-take-a-breath-and-ensure-there-issufficient-space-for-an-agreement-to-be-reachedin-the-calmer-times-that-follow-the-hustings/

BBC News

Peter Robinson says 'rush to destruction' avoidable

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/election-northern-ireland-2017-39130210

Abuse survivor Marie Collins resigns from Vatican commission

The Journal

Collins said that some members of the Vatican hierarchy were unwilling to make changes.

http://www.thejournal.ie/marie-collins-3264757-Mar2017/

BBC News

Marie Collins says Vatican officials showed "shameful" resistance to the anti child abuse panel.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-39125191

See also News bulletin today on CNI

RHI scandal: Companies can be named, judge rules

BBC News

Corporate companies in receipt of RHI subsidies can be named by the Department for the Economy, a judge rules.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-39126630

Government defeated in Lords on Brexit bill BBC News

Peers vote by 358 to 256 to guarantee EU citizens' rights to stay in the UK after Brexit. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-39133400

'He walks with his head down. No more' -Taoiseach recognises Traveller ethnicity in the Dáil

The Journal

"It is a historic day for our Travellers and a proud day for Ireland."

http://www.thejournal.ie/taoiseach-recognises-traveller-ethnicity-3265759-Mar2017/

BBC (video)/Guard/Times/Tel (scroll down)/Ind/Mirror

Reports on the defeat for the Government in the House of Lords when peers voted in favour of an amendment to the Brexit bill to guarantee the rights of EU citizens living in the UK within three months of article 50 being triggered. The articles quote contributions to the debate including a speech by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu. The

Government was reported to have vowed to overturn the result when the Bill returns to the House of Commons.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-parliaments-39131339 (video)
https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/
mar/01/lords-defeat-government-over-rights-of-eu-citizens-in-uk-brexit-bill
http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/peers-back-guarantee-for-eu-migrants-in-brexit-defeat-for-may-3z0606rgx
http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/03/01/brexit-lords-vote-debate-theresa-may-pmqs-live/

http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-latest-eu-nationals-right-to-live-uk-house-of-lords-theresa-may-mps-a7606641.html

http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/politics/lordsbrexit-debate-uproar-tory-9943428

Mail/Sun/Tel

Reports that the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (Nice) has urged health and care workers looking after dying people in their final days to do more to ask about their spiritual beliefs. Rev Dr Brendan McCarthy, the Church of England's national adviser on medical ethics,

and Rev Dr Malcolm Brown, Director of Mission and Public Affairs for the Archbishops' Council, are quoted.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4273412/Don-t-afraid-talk-dying-patients-God-NHS.html
https://www.thesun.co.uk/living/2989530/doctors-and-nurses-should-ask-dying-patients-if-they-want-their-pets-by-their-side/http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/03/02/nhs-should-do-god-new-guidance-suggests-doctors-urged-ask-dying/

BBC/Tel/Sun/HuffPo

Reports that the Government has announced that sex and relationships education is to be put on a statutory footing in England. The articles quote the Bishop of Ely, Stephen Conway, Lead Bishop for the Church of England on education, writing in a Church of England communications department blog (see News from the Church of England, above) in which he sets out why he supports incorporating age-appropriate sex and relationship education into the national curriculum.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/

education-39116783

http://www.bbc.co.uk/newsbeat/article/39127917/why-compulsory-sex-education-is-

important-to-faith-schools-and-lgbtq-pupils

http://www.telegraph.co.uk/education/
2017/03/01/church-backs-sex-education-senior-bishop-says-sexualisation/
https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2989771/
parents-can-pull-their-kids-out-of-revamped-sex-ed-classes-and-faith-schools-will-not-be-forced-to-teach-them/
http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/sex-relationships-education-compulsory-school-children-england_uk_58b6aeb1e4b0a8a9b7878de9

Tel/Christian Today

Christian Today report on Ash Wednesday and how commuters, shoppers and city workers had the chance to receive prayer and ashes across the country. (See Stories Worth Sharing below) The Telegraph and Metro newspapers feature articles on Ash Wednesday and the start of Lent. http://metro.co.uk/2017/03/01/what-is-ash-wednesday-and-the-rules-on-fasting-and-eating-meat-6480882/

Tel

Reports that a woman is to be exhumed from her parent's grave in a churchyard in Polstead, Suffolk, after a family rift. The article gives details churchnewsireland@gmail.com

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of a ruling by David Etherington QC, Chancellor in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich. http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/0/ash-wednesday-2017-lent-observed-do-give-things/

Premier

Report that former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams has made a renewed appeal for the Government not to close the scheme to admit lone child refugees into the UK under the Dubs amendment.

https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Former-Archbishop-Rowan-Williams-pleas-to-MPs-for-child-refugees

Guard

Further coverage of the news that St Paul's Cathedral has appointed a female chorister, believed to be the first in its history. Carris Jones, 35, from south London, will join three male counter tenors in the alto section of the choir on September 1.

https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/mar/01/st-pauls-appoints-first-full-time-female-chorister-in-1000-year-history

BBC

Report that Rev Peter Low, 64, vicar of the United Benefice of Heybridge with Langford in

Essex, has appeared in court charged with three counts of possession of indecent images of children and one count of possession of a prohibited image of a child. Rev Low, of Crescent Road, Heybridge, has been bailed to appear at Chelmsford Crown Court on March 29. http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-39130312

Comment

Guard

Giles Fraser: 'Mrs May has given up crisps for Lent. Helping refugees would be more Christian' https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2017/mar/01/priestly-advice-theresa-may-crisps-lent-dubs-refugees

Tel

The House of Lords is risking damage to the Brexit negotiations for no gain http://www.telegraph.co.uk/opinion/2017/03/01/house-lords-risking-damage-brexit-negotiations-no-gain/

Soft-toned Trump reaches out to religious and other minorities

His uncharacteristically soft-toned speech, which included several religious references, emphasized the commonalities among religious groups and toward the end he declared that "we are all made by the same God."

More from Religion News Service

Irish abuse victim lashes out at Vatican bureaucracy as she quits panel

The departure of Irish abuse survivor Marie Collins is a huge setback for Pope Francis, who established the commission in 2013.

More from Religion News Service

When posting Ash Wednesday photos, use your head

Some say the online posting of one's ashes, often marked in the form of a cross on the forehead, diminishes the significance and penitent symbol of the ashes.

More from cnstopstories.com

Catholic nuns the target of growing Congolese attacks

In the eastern city of Bukavu, the Daughters of the Resurrection, an order of African sisters, closed seven convents after several were killed. More from Religion News Service

As atheist China warms to the Vatican, religious persecution 'intensifies'

Amid speculation that the Vatican and Beijing are close to a potentially historic deal on the ordination of Chinese bishops, a new report says persecution of Chinese Christians and other faith groups has increased in recent years.

More from CNN