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[Presbyterian Church against abortion law change in Republic of Ireland](#)

Belfast Telegraph

Presbyterian opposition to a repeal of the amendment is in line with the other major Churches in Ireland. Both Archbishops of Armagh - **Church of Ireland** Primate Dr Richard Clarke and Catholic Primate Eamon Martin - have consistently opposed unrestricted access to abortion and have been strongly ...

[Presbyterian Church urges 'No' vote in abortion referendum](#)

Irish Times

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/presbyterian-church-urges-no-vote-in-abortion-referendum-1.3478231>

[Mosque scheme in Kilkenny heading way of planning board](#)

Irish Times

Among the attendees was **Church of Ireland** Bishop of Ossory Michael Burrows. Cllr Noonan said they have agreed to hold “further faith initiatives” in the area to promote understanding. “For those who sought to divide our community over this, it's had the opposite effect by bringing us closer together.” ...

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Donegal Democrat

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A campaign has been launched to help renovate one of Donegal Town's most iconic landmarks, Donegal Parish Church, whose tower and spire are in urgent ... As the **Church of Ireland** reminds us: "The building is not simply an historic landmark; it is also home to a living community of faith, who seek to ...

[Triumphal celebrations as heart is returned to cathedral](#) [Independent.ie](#)

"I was born within the sound of the bells of this church. I was the lead investigator when the robbery was discovered and I've never forgotten it down through the years." It was a big thing too for the **Church of Ireland** Archbishop of Dublin Michael Jackson, and the Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, Dermot ...

[Savita Halappanavar: Her tragic death and how she became part of Ireland's abortion debate](#) [thejournal.ie](#)

How then did a much-wanted pregnancy end in heartbreak for one family and launch **Ireland** into another period of reflection around abortion – an issue that said the remark had been picked up around the world but stated Irish public hospitals did not operate under **religious** dogma of any persuasion.

Varadkar Northern Ireland visit displays 'disrespect and poor manners,' says DUP's Donaldson

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/varadkar-northern-ireland-visit-displays-disrespect-and-poor-manners-says-dups-donaldson-36858725.html>

Brexit concerns influencing powersharing impasse, Varadkar says

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/republic-of-ireland/brexit-concerns-influencing-powersharing-impasse-varadkar-says-36858853.html>

Barnier 'doesn't understand' unionist stance, says DUP

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DUP leader Arlene Foster has told the BBC that the EU's chief Brexit negotiator "does not understand" the unionist position in Northern Ireland.

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/amp/uk-northern-ireland-43945371?_twitter_impression=true

President to launch new four-volume History of Ireland

President Michael D Higgins is to launch what is being billed as the most comprehensive and authoritative history of Ireland ever written at a ceremony in Dublin. More than 100 leading historians from Ireland and around the world have contributed to the four-volume History of Ireland, which has been produced by Cambridge University Press.

<https://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2018/0430/959147-history-of-ireland/>

President addresses Ireland Funds women leadership event

<http://www.president.ie/en/diary/details/president-addresses-ireland-funds-women-leadership-series-event>

How do you get a city ready to have an extra 85,000 people in it?

The time is ticking for Cork City Council and Cork County Council to get ready for the city's expansion.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/cork-city-transfer-3974908-Apr2018/>

Theresa May reveals she did know about deportation targets - hours after Cabinet member suggests she didn't

The Independent

Theresa May has revealed she did know there were targets for deporting illegal immigrants – hours after a Cabinet minister suggested she had no knowledge. [Read the full story](#)

Sajid Javid announced as new Home Secretary after Amber Rudd's resignation

Sky News

The Prime Minister has named Sajid Javid as the new Home Secretary, replacing Amber Rudd. [Read the full story](#)

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Brexit: EU gives Britain June deadline for progress on Northern Ireland border issue

The Independent

Britain and the EU need to reach an agreement on the key points of the Brexit Northern Ireland border issue by June, Michel Barnier has said. [Read the full story](#)

Christian groups in UK Parliament 'have never been stronger'

Stephen Pound referred to weekly church services held at the Palace of Westminster and other gatherings where Christianity is explored, during an interview on Premier's News Hour. The Labour representative for Ealing North said: "The parliamentary Christian groups now are much better than they've ever been in my 21 years [in Parliament]." "We have the Anglican service every Tuesday afternoon at 1pm and the Roman Catholic full Mass service at 6pm every Wednesday."

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Christian-groups-in-Parliament-have-never-been-stronger>

Christian peer celebrates 60 years of women in the House of Lords - 'the last bastion of all-male benches is beginning to change'

The Life Peerages Act of 1958 was introduced by Harold Macmillan's Conservative government and allowed women in the House of Lords for the first time. It was the first cog in the wheel of rejuvenating the almost entirely hereditary membership there. Baroness Sal Brinton, the President of the Liberal Democrats, told Premier: "I think actually our politics in the United Kingdom would have been very different because, although I think that women have changed the tone and the way both houses work... there's also been something about the progress of women in the House of Lords itself in politics."

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Christian-peer-celebrates-60-years-of-women-in-the-House-of-Lords-the-last-bastion-of-all-male-benches-is-beginning-to-change>

Bishop accuses BBC's gay film of hostility toward Catholics

John Keenan, Bishop of Paisley sent a letter to the director of BBC Scotland, Donalda MacKinnon, outlining his concerns of the

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corporation's treatment of Catholics in a recent short film titled Homophobia in 2018, Time for Love.

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Bishop-accuses-BBC-s-gay-film-of-hostility-toward-Catholics>

We no longer have enough clergy to serve Poles abroad, say Polish bishops

Poland's Catholic bishops have said they no longer have enough clergy to minister to Poles living abroad and urged emigrant Catholics to integrate more with the Church in other countries. "Even with a very large group of Polish priests, it isn't possible to reach in a timely way every place where Poles are found," said the Warsaw-based bishops' conference.

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2018/04/29/we-no-longer-have-enough-clergy-to-serve-poles-abroad-say-polish-bishops/>

Korea agreement described as "the beginning of a new history of reconciliation and peace"

A national ecumenical body which includes the Anglican Church of Korea has welcomed Friday's historic agreement between the leaders of North and South Korea. The Panmunjom Agreement, which was signed at the 2018 Inter-Korean Summit by the Republic of Korea's President Moon Jae-in and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's Supreme Leader Kim Jong-un. Amongst a range of peace-building initiatives, the Panmunjom Agreement includes a commitment to the denuclearisation of the peninsula.

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2018/04/korea-agreement-described-as-the-beginning-of-a-new-history-of-reconciliation-and-peace.aspx>

Could a Korean peace deal hold? Why Donald Trump shouldn't gloat too soon

New Statesman

Both North and South Korea remain committed to the goal of a united Korea, but have very different ideas of what that would look like. [Read the full story](#)

Pope prays for 'nuclear-free' Korean Peninsula and for Nigerian Christians

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Calling for continued collaboration between the leaders of **North** and **South Korea**, **Pope Francis** said he is praying that their courageous commitment may achieve “a path of sincere dialogue for a Korean Peninsula that is free of nuclear weapons.”

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-04/pope-appeal-prayer-peace-koreas-nigeria-syria.html>

