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Death of World War 1 parishioner-soldier commemorated by Cork Parish

During the centenary period of the First World War (1914-18) parishes in Cork, Cloyne and Ross have been encouraged by the Bishop, Dr Paul Colton, to research and commemorate those from the parishes who died during the war. One such was Richard Webb Barter from the Parish of St Mark, Kilbonane (in Moviddy Union on the western outskirts of Cork City). At the age of 24, Richard Barter was killed in action on 9th October, 1915. He was from Annesgrove, Aherla, County Cork and was serving in the 2nd Battalion of the Irish Guards (Regimental Number 7463).

He was remembered recently at a Service in St Mark's Kilbonane at which the preacher was the former rector of the Parish and former Archdeacon of Cork, the Venerable Robin Bantry White. The Service also included readings from letters sent by local soldiers during the War.

There was also an act of remembrance of 30 people from the surrounding area who died.

Music from "From the Fallen" was played by Colin Nicholls with Elaine Mulvaney, soprano.

Parishioners' hurt after the removal of a Royal British Legion flag by rector

Congregation members at a Northern Ireland church have told of their hurt after the removal of a Royal British Legion flag by the rector caused a bitter split.

Belfast Telegraph -The Rev Kingsley Sutton replaced the RBL flags at St Patrick's and St Mary's Church of Ireland churches in Newry with a white flag which features a red heart.

He told the congregations that he removed the flags because he wants to "make a break" from the past.

But the move has caused hurt among parishioners of the border churches who say it is the final straw after the minister barred the Orange Order from holding parade services there and changed the traditional services.

Rev Sutton ministers to both St Patrick's and St Mary's.

It is understood his actions have caused most anger at St Mary's where parishioners are planning to hold a meeting to discuss their grievances in the near future.

One parishioner said a row was brewing over the rector's action. He did not wish to be named as

he expressed frustration that the minister did not appear to be listening to members of his congregation.

Another parishioner, whose family has been attending the church for several generations, said he has approached the Belfast Telegraph as a "last resort", claiming Rev Sutton would not change his mind.

He said they have also attempted to contact Church of Ireland Bishop of Down and Dromore, Harold Millar.

The parishioner who contacted the Belfast Telegraph claimed many members of both congregations (St Mary's and St Patrick's) have left in disgust at the actions of Rev Sutton, which have included changing the traditional style of services and barring the Orange Order or the Apprentice Boys from holding services in either of the churches.

"He has gone very modern and done away with traditional services," he said.

"Then he removed the legion flags from both churches saying he wanted to make a break with the past. This has caused a lot of hurt, not least because the adjoining churchyard has a lot of soldiers' graves in it.

A spokesperson for the Church of Ireland's Diocese of Down and Dromore said it was looking at the situation in Newry.

"The diocese very recently became aware of the current issue in St Mary's and is taking a closer look at the situation," they said.

"Meanwhile we ask those involved to exercise Christian grace and restraint."

More at -

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/parishioners-hit-out-after-minister-removes-british-legion-flags-from-churches-31595171.html>

1872 Testimonial for C of I cleric from Kerry found in New Zealand

Dated the 18th day of July, 1872, it's a testimonial was written by four ministers of in County Kerry, praising the qualities of Reverend Canon Charles Jordan.

They note that “while serving he behaved himself soberly, piously, and with ability and conformably in the doctrine and discipline of the Church of Ireland”. A character reference of its time?



Holy Trinity's Rev Dr Dale Williamson and Rev Paul Williamson with the testimonial presented by Kevin Hamm and Dr Willie Turner.

“It's a glowing testament,” says archivist Willie Turner. “It was very commonplace in those days.”

Charles was the first vicar of the Holy Trinity Anglican Church in Tauranga, so Willie and Kevin are giving it back to the church. They handed the testament to Reverend Paul Williamson of Holy Trinity Church this morning.

“We thought it was more important to give to him,” says Willie. “They have a glass case in the

Yet, a monument stands in his memory at Tauranga's Wharepai Domain.

“Despite being a controversial figure, he clearly had much support in the community throughout his life as a pastor and civic leader,” says Willie.

More at -

<http://www.sunlive.co.nz/news/110741-canons-old-testament-found.html>

Magna Carta lunchtime lectures at Christ Church Cathedral

Christ Church Cathedral continues its series of lunchtime lectures marking the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta on Tuesday next. The series features four leading Irish thinkers who will consider its relevance in contemporary society.

The lectures will take place at 1.15pm each Tuesday until October 27. Admission to the lectures, which will be held in the Music Room at Christ Church Cathedral, is free of charge.

The first speaker was Dr Peter Crooks, Assistant Professor of Medieval History in Trinity College Dublin, whose topic was ‘An Introduction to Magna Carta’

The second speaker of the series will be Senator Ivana Bacik (Reid Professor of Criminal Law in Trinity College Dublin) who will be discussing 'Women's Rights' on October 13.

Next will be Archdeacon Gordon Linney, whose lecture will be entitled 'Free to Believe' and will take place on October 20.

Finally Dr Alice Leahy (Director and Co-Founder of homeless charity TRUST) will speak about 'The Right to a Home' on October 27.

Bernie Murphy, Managing Director of Christ Church Cathedral, gave the background to the lecture series. "Magna Carta is arguably one of the most important documents ever written, and we can still see its influence on modern-day democracy. It is certainly something to be celebrated – particularly on this its 800th birthday – so we at Christ Church wanted to do just that by arranging this series of lectures with these great Irish intellectuals," she said.

Magna Carta, meaning 'The Great Charter', is one of the most famous documents ever produced as it established for the first time the principle that everybody, including the king, was subject to the law. Originally issued by King John of England in the 13th century, Magna Carta to this day is still considered the cornerstone of

modern-day democracy. Most famously, Magna Carta established the principle that all 'free men' had the right to justice and a fair trial.

www.christchurchcathedral.ie

95 year old Canon ready for the Euro 2016 finals in France

One of the Northern Ireland football team's most senior and most dedicated fans was today planning his trip to France for the European Cup Finals next summer.

Canon Edgar Turner, who is 95-years-young, spent the morning recovering from the excitement of seeing his team beat Greece 3-1 at Windsor Park last night (October 8).

"Not only did I get along to the match, I was there cheering along with the rest of them," said a jubilant Canon Turner, Senior Registrar for the Diocese of Connor.

He has attended all the home matches in Northern Ireland's Euro 2016 campaign, and some of the away games, including the Faroe Islands where he was presented with a team shirt by members of the squad who know him well.



Connor Senior Registrar Canon Edgar Turner at work – addressing a Diocesan Synod.

Canon Turner can't get to Finland for this Sunday's game, although his daughter Kate will be there flying the Turner flag, but he said plans are well underway for the trip to France.

"They have not decided who is playing who or where the games are to be played," he explained. "It could be Paris, or Lyon or Bordeaux or any number of places, but we will station ourselves in Paris and should be able to travel to wherever Northern Ireland are playing."

He described the victory over Greece as 'superb,' but admitted he was expecting it. "I had forecast it," he said. "I am delighted. I know

them so well and was pretty confident they would win.”

Canon Turner was a young thing in his mid 60s when Northern Ireland last qualified for the finals of a major tournament. His enthusiasm for the team has never waned.

“I think that good quality fans stay with their team when it has dull years, they encourage them and when you get a good manager like the one we have at the moment who creates an extremely good relationship with his team then you feel confidence in him and in them.”

Canon Turner, who turns 96 in March, is already excited about next year’s French trip. He is travelling with his daughter Kate, son Justin and other family and friends.

“I am very much looking forward to it. I am digging out some of my old French dictionaries so I can brush up on the language,” Canon Turner said!

Documentary on Irish missionary’s work up for film award

A documentary about the work of Irish missionary’s work at the Love and Hope Centre



Sr Patricia Speight FMSA.

for those with HIV/AIDS in Nakuru has been nominated for a prestigious Kenyan film award.

‘Nurtured with Love’ shows the work of the Franciscan Missionary Sisters for Africa, notably that of Sr Patricia Speight FMSA from Belfast at the centre which provides care and support for hundreds of HIV/AIDS patients, their families, as well as prevention programmes in both schools and parishes.

The Love and Hope Centre was established in 1998 by Sr Patricia Speight using a container and huts for accommodation. Section 58 of Nakuru town was the site chosen for the opening of the new Love and Hope Centre back in 2007.

The whole project grew out of a service which began with home visits for those too ill to travel for treatment.

Sr Agnes Mary FMSA with her helper, Genevieve, walked to the poorer areas of Nakuru and gave home-based care.

This ministry was developed further by Sr Patricia Speight with the help and support of many friends and benefactors.

One of those was Mary O'Donoghue who visited Nakuru and saw the project first hand. At that time buildings consisted of a small two-roomed hut in the shade of a huge tree, catering for growing numbers of patients.

On her return to Ireland, together with family and friends, she initiated what has come to be known as The Rose Project, the result of much fundraising activities.

Now an impressive building replaces the original hut and consists of a purpose built area which includes clinical areas, counselling rooms, administration block as well as seminar areas and a spacious hall for preventive programmes.

Responding to the news of the nomination, Sr Patricia Speight commented, "We are delighted

that our documentary has reached the Kalasha Awards. I knew nothing about these awards, but someone put us forward. We have been told that this is the best documentary in Kenya and the Kalasha Awards are looked upon as the Oscars in countries outside of Africa.”

“The video shows how HIV+ adults and children are normal people with the same hopes and dreams as anyone else, so hopefully it will help reduce stigma.”

She explained that the centre intends to use the film for fundraising and she had got the backing of Bishop Maurice of Nakuru to talk about the film in local churches in Nakuru as part of a fundraising drive.

“When we have covered all the catholic churches we will then visit the non- catholic ones to talk about Love and Hope,” she said.

Of the film award, she responded, “If we win the award we will be very happy, if we don’t, it is alright too because we are creating awareness which is very important. I hope many people in Ireland will vote for the documentary. That would be of great help to us.”

‘Nurtured with Love’, which was financed by Trócaire, has been nominated for this year’s

Kalasha International Film Awards in the category of best documentary.

People can vote for 'Nurtured with Love' at <http://goo.gl/forms/1DhVjl37ci>

The Kalasha International Film Festival is a new initiative from the Kenya Film Commission in partnership with the French Embassy in Kenya – <http://kalashainternational.com>

Sligo Grammar School choir to lead RTE Sunday service

RTÉ's Sunday Service this Sunday (11th October) will be a Church of Ireland service led by Sligo Grammar School.

Teachers and students travelled to the RTÉ studios in Donnybrook on 4th October to record a special Harvest Thanksgiving Service.

The service will be led by Canon Patrick Bamber, Chaplain of Sligo Grammar School. He will be assisted by Mr Damian Shorten. The congregation will be drawn from the school body, and will include students and teachers.

Lessons and prayers will be read by headmaster Mr Michael Hall, Mr David Johnston (teacher of English), Mrs Ruth Galbraith (teacher of history), churchnewsireland@gmail.com

Fionn Carty (head boy), Melissa Cryan (head girl), Liam Bell (deputy head boy) and Nell Kelly (deputy head girl).

The school choir and musicians will provide the music. The choir has been prepared and directed by Mr Jonathan Carter and accompanied by Mr Alfred Potter. Musicians have been led by music teacher Mr Keith O'Donnell.

Preparation for the service has been very much a whole-school effort, drawing participants from across all year groups.

The service will air on RTÉ 1 national television and long-wave radio, and can also be viewed on www.rte.ie/player/ie on Sunday, 11th October, at 11.10am.

Media digest

A free counselling service has been launched to help alleviate workplace stress for Ulster undertakers.- News Letter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/counselling-is-offered-to-undertakers-in-ni-1-7001155>

Eileen Paisley: 'The way that Stormont has worked out is the opposite of what Ian had wanted' - Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/eileen-paisley-the-way-that-stormont-has-worked-out-is-the-opposite-of-what-ian-had-wanted-31595394.html>

Mail

Continuing coverage of the conviction and sentencing of Peter Ball, the former Bishop of Gloucester and Lewes. Peter Ball was jailed at the Old Bailey on Wednesday for 32 months after pleading guilty to a charge of misconduct in public office and two charges of indecent assault. The Archbishop of Canterbury has commissioned an independent review of the way the Church of England responded to the case.

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3265742/Jimmy-Savile-Prince-Charles-close-friendship-sex-abuse-bishop-Peter-Ball.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

Premier

Reports that church services will be broadcast live thanks to a partnership between the Church of England and the social media service, Twitter (see above). The new service, called "Church Live", will see a range of events shown on line via the Periscope mobile app. The free

transmissions will be headlined on Twitter. The Revd Arun Arora, Director of Communications for the Archbishops' Council is quoted.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-joins-forces-with-Twitter-to-broadcast-live-services>

Mirror/Mail

Reports that £100,000 have been spent on repairs to the church at St James' Dry Doddington in Lincolnshire, but that the church's leaning spire has not been fixed. The spire, which leans at an angle greater than that of Pisa's famous tower, was underpinned in 1918 to prevent it falling over.

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/britains-answer-leaning-tower-pisa-6598011>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3265522/Preserving-leaning-tower-Dry-Doddington-Church-pays-thousands-renovations-leaves-wonky-spire-alone.html>

Guard/Tel

Continuing coverage of the Synod of the Roman Catholic Church. The *Guardian's* story says Pope Francis has warned both sides in the debate on gay people about jostling for power.

The *Telegraph* reports that he has angered groups protesting against sex abuse in Chile after calling their campaign "dumb".

<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2015/oct/08/pope-francis-warns-bishops-against-conspiracy-theories-ahead-of-the-synod>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/the-pope/11919748/Pope-Francis-angers-victims-of-sex-abuse-after-calling-protesters-dumb.html>

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