

**The essential daily  
brief on the Irish  
churches**

**Good Friday  
Ecumenical Walk of  
Witness to be Led by  
Archbishops of  
Dublin**

**The Church of Ireland and  
Roman Catholic  
Archbishops of Dublin will  
once again lead a  
procession of the cross  
through the streets of  
Dublin city centre on Good  
Friday, April 18.**

The Ecumenical Walk of Witness, now in its third year, sees Archbishop Michael Jackson and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin carry a cross from Christ Church Cathedral to St Mary's Pro Cathedral in an act of visible witness on this highly significant day in the Christian calendar.

People of all Christian traditions are invited to come together to pray and join the Archbishops as they journey



***Archbishop Michael Jackson and Archbishop Diarmuid Martin are pictured leading the first Good Friday procession down Dame Street in 2012.***

across the city presenting a public sign of the churches' work and witness together in the wider community.

Once again the evening will begin with a prayer service in Christ Church Cathedral on Good Friday evening. People will gather at 7.00 pm for a short service at 7.15 pm before departing at 7.30 pm. Led by the two Archbishops who will jointly carry the Taizé Cross, they will walk to St Mary's Pro Cathedral on Marlborough Street where they will join a Taizé prayer service around the cross.

The walk covers a distance of approximately two kilometres.



## Quiet Peacemakers Exhibition - Church of Good Shepherd, Monkstown

**Recently a unique exhibition was launched at a private viewing in Stormont's Long Gallery. Thirty two 'quiet peacemakers' had been identified and their portraits were painted by local artist Susan Hughes.**

Re3v Arene Moore comments - As a united covenant church which seeks to embody and work for unity and peace, we are hosting the full exhibition in Church of the Good Shepherd COGS in Holy Week and those featured in the portraits will be offered personal invitations to come visit us and 'watch with

us' for a while. Appropriate Scriptures and material for reflection will accompany the paintings which will effectively then also serve as interactive prayer stations and enable us to pray for the quiet peacemakers identified, the work they've pioneered, and for all who work tirelessly for peace and reconciliation in our land.

The paintings will be in situ in COGS from Palm Sunday to Easter Day and outside of services/other events (see below) the church will be open to the public for quiet prayer and reflection Mon-Fri 10am-3pm.

The Bishop of Connor will be calling in to see the exhibition today, Wednesday morning ,around 1030am. Please do come along and join us, spend some time aside in God's presence and enjoy a cuppa and some hot cross buns! The kettle will be on.....

Tuesday, 15 April, 2014 - 10:00 to Sunday, 20 April, 2014 - 15:00  
Venue: Church of the Good Shepherd, Monkstown

## Derry Mass of Chrism

**The Mass of Chrism will be celebrated in St Eugene's Cathedral, Derry on Holy Thursday, 17th April 2014 at 10.00am.**

The Oil of Chrism, used during the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination is consecrated by the Bishop. The Oil of the

Sick, used in the Sacrament of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumen, used at Baptism are also blessed by the Bishop. These Oils are then distributed around the Parishes of the Diocese for use throughout the year.

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Donal McKeown and priests from across the Diocese will renew the vows they made on their ordination day.

Shopping Centres Holy Week for Douglas Churches Together



Douglas Churches Together, an informal ecumenical partnership between the Church of Ireland, Roman Catholic and Methodist Churches in Douglas, County Cork, joined in a Palm Sunday pilgrimage around their suburban district on the edge of Cork City on Sunday, 13th April. A group of more than fifty paused for prayer, reading and song at various places in the locale before heading to two local shopping centres.



## **Dawn Masses for Easter Sunday**

**Many Irish dioceses and parishes will host Dawn Masses on Easter Sunday morning.**

Dawn Mass is a very spiritual opportunity to celebrate Mass while watching the dawn break over the countryside. Here are details of some of the places hosting an Easter Sunday Dawn Mass this year:

### **Bagenalstown/Muinebeag Parish, Co Carlow**

Venue – Mount Leinster at 6am

### **Clane Parish, Co Kildare**

Venue – Abbey Gardens, Main Street, Clane at 6am

**Graigecullen Parish, Co Carlow**

Venue – Óisín Park, Upper Rossmore at 6am

**Monasterevin Parish, Co Kildare**

Venue – Moore Abbey at 6am

**Saint Conleth's Parish Church , Newbridge, Co Kildare**

Venue – In the grounds of Saint Conleth's Parish Church at 6am

**Portlaoise Parish, Co Laois**

Venue – The Heath at 6am

**Ballinasloe, Co Galway**

Venue – Clontuskert Abbey at 6am

**Beaufort, Co Kerry**

Venue – Outside St Mary's Parish Church in Beaufort at 6am (weather permitting)

**Ennis Parish**

Venue – Old Graveyard, Drumcliffe at 5.30am

**Dawn Masses in the Archdiocese of Tuam**

**Kilconly Parish**

Venue – Kilbannon Cemetery at 7am

**Tuam/Cortoon/Lavally**

Venue – On the shore of Lavally Lake at 6am

**Partry Parish**

Venue – 'Tom Phil's Field' on the shore of Lough Mask, Tourmakeady at 6am

**Claremorris Parish**

Venue – Church of Our Lady, Barnacarroll, Claremorris, at 6am

**Burriscarra Parish**

Venue – On the shores of Lough Carra near Castle Bourke, Ballintubber at 8am

**Westport Parish**

Venue – Murrisk Abbey opposite the Croagh Patrick Car Park at 6am

## **Athenry Parish**

Venue – Lady's Well at 6am

## **Cong / Cross and the Neale Parish**

Venue – On the shores of Lough Corrib at The Chalet in Cong at 6.30am

**Notice:** People travelling to Masses are asked to arrive on time. Please bring warm clothing, a folding chair or stool (for your own comfort) and where possible share transport in order to assist with parking at venues.



## **Art of the Troubles at the Ulster Museum**

The Ulster Museum's [Art of the Troubles exhibition](#) is now open and runs through the summer until 7 September.

you can catch a glimpse of some of the works in [Chris Harrison's earlier Vine](#), on [BBC News NI](#) and on [the News Letter website](#).

And you can listen to [Phillip Napier's droning artwork](#) too.

A thoughtful exhibition of artwork that somehow we didn't see enough of during

the Troubles that's well worth a visit if you're up in Belfast with half an hour to spare.

## **How a 'megaphone' Mass united Liverpool fans**

**Why people of all faiths and none flocked to Liverpool's Roman Catholic cathedral on the day after the Hillsborough stadium disaster.**



*At least 6,000 people were outside the cathedral while inside there were more than 3,000*

BBC News - One day after the Hillsborough disaster - as the people of Liverpool struggled to comprehend the enormity of the tragedy - a remarkable service attended by 9,000 people took place at the city's Roman Catholic cathedral.

Just over 24 hours after Britain's worst football stadium tragedy, Monsignor Vincent Malone surveyed Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral with a growing anxiety.

A requiem Mass had been hastily arranged in the aftermath of the disaster at the Liverpool v Nottingham Forest FA Cup semi-final in Sheffield, which would eventually cost the lives of 96 people.

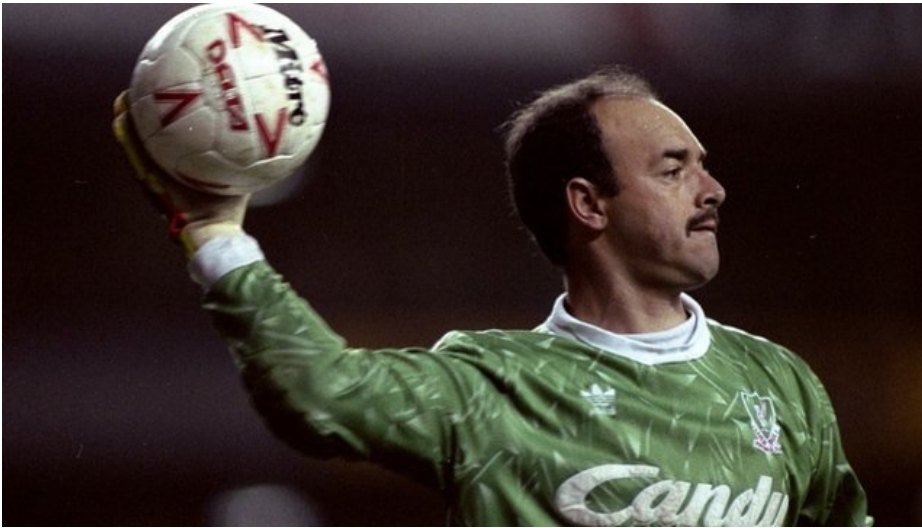
"People were heading to the cathedral like ants," recalled parishioner Rita Pinto.

Press photographer Tom Murphy added: "People who claimed not to believe in God or faith just came to the cathedral because there was nowhere else to go."

As a priest, Monsignor Malone might be expected to be glad to see so many turning to the church in their hour of need but there was one snag - the cathedral looked to be reaching its 3,000 capacity nearly 90 minutes before the Mass was due to start at 18:00.

Read more:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-26925745>



## 'They told me I was the guy who killed their son' - Grobbelaar

On the 25th anniversary of the Hillsborough disaster, former Liverpool keeper Bruce Grobbelaar

**recalls a day - and an aftermath - he will never forget**

BBC Sport - Bruce Grobbelaar closes his eyes as I ask him to recall the day he will never forget.

"I can remember it as if it was yesterday," he says. "It was a beautiful day. I remember the sunshine."

He puffs out his cheeks and sighs as he begins to talk through the [events of 15 April, 1989](#). Liverpool v Nottingham Forest, the FA Cup semi-final. The most infamous day in the history of English football. He speaks quietly, his voice heavy with emotion.

"One of our fans burst into our dressing room. He broke down in front of us. He said he had seen 10 bodies carted off already. He said it was like a warzone"

"It haunts me," says the former Liverpool keeper. "It all happened right behind my goal. I can see those images today, if I think about it. They will never leave. It doesn't get removed from your mind. I will never forget."

He talks me through his memories of a day when [96 Liverpool fans](#) lost their lives at Hillsborough. Grobbelaar was the closest player to the Leppings Lane end.



Read more:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/sport/football/27027766>

## **47 cinemas in UK to screen John Paul II and John XXIII canonisations**

**47 different cinemas across the UK will be screening the canonisations of Popes John Paul II and John XXIII on Divine Mercy Sunday.**

Catholic Herald - Cinemas in major cities in England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland will offer locals the opportunity to watch the historic event on the big screen in 2D or 3D. Cities with cinemas broadcasting the ceremony include London, Liverpool, Edinburgh and Newcastle

At a press conference in the Vatican, CTV chief Monsignor Dario Vigano said the live transmission will require “more satellites than the Sochi Olympics.”

Vigano said that the Vatican wanted to offer the canonisation ceremony to the world in 3D in order to give people who would want to attend but cannot, for many reasons including cost, the chance to get a “fully immersive” experience.

The production will use 13 3D cameras positioned in spots that will give a unique vantage point of St Peter’s Square.

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