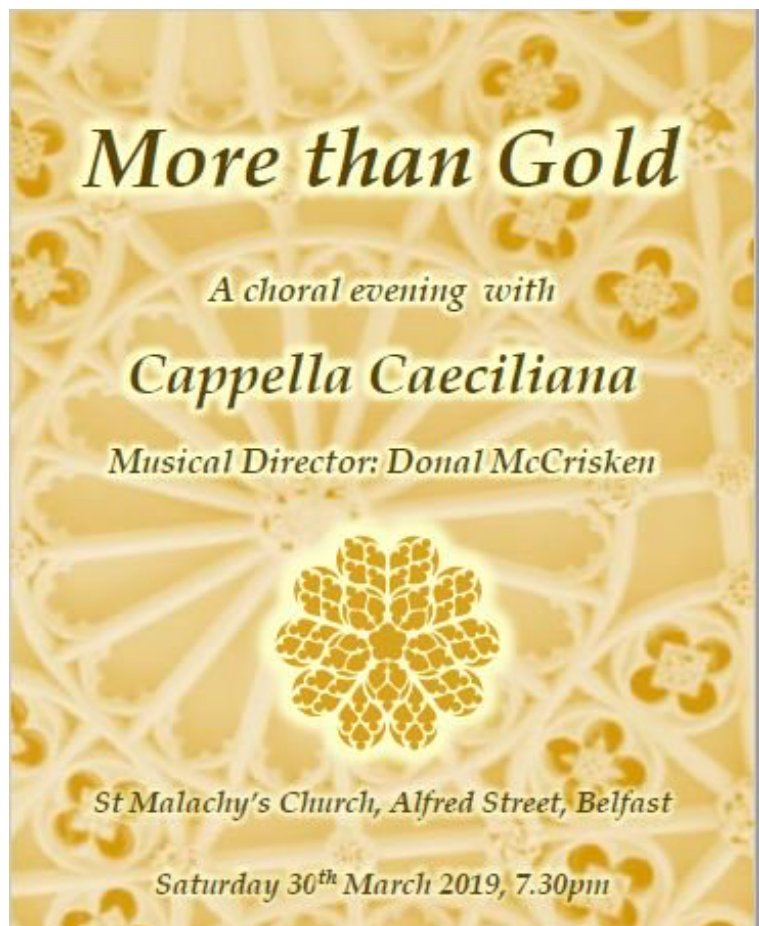




The sounds of music in churches

The McPeake Family in concert at Fitzroy for Uganda nursery

The McPeake Family are that Belfast trad music family who deserve the word “legendary” used in any sentence about them.



There is a dynasty of Francis McPeakes. One wrote Wild Mountain Thyme, one influenced Seeger, Dylan and Morrison, one taught Lennon the Uilleann Pipes and one has worked in film and formed the vibrant new band McPeake.

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McPeake is the dynasty's sound shape in the Third Millennium. All the genius in their trad Irish DNA is transfigured into a blend of pop, indie and Americana that you have never quite heard the like of.

What better way to celebrate St Patrick's weekend than watching a band that blurs the borders of music in a venue that blends the blurs of the political and religious borders of Belfast.

Even better, after costs, all proceeds will go to build a nursery school in Onialeku, Arua, north west Uganda. The concert is on March 16th at 7.30 at Fitzroy, 77 University Street, Belfast, £15 (concessions)

TICKETS HERE <https://fitzroy.yapsody.com/event/index/365336/mcpeake-at-fitzroy>

St Nicholas Singers in Galway

Concert Sunday 17th Feb, 17.00, at St. Nicholas' Collegiate Church, Galway, given by St Nicholas Singers, with Ramin Haghjoo & David Szabó. "Dances of Love", Brahms' Liebeslieder-Walzer Op 52, & piano duets by Brahms & Schubert. Tickets at the door €10 - children free!

Capella Caecilliana

Capella Caecilliana is delighted to be returning to the beautiful and historic St Malachy's Church, Belfast on 30 March. They will present a selection of pieces old and new and will premiere the work "More than Gold" by up and

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coming Belfast composer Anselm McDonnell. Tickets £12:
caeciliana.org

Capella Caecilliana's next liturgical engagement is on 13th April when we will sing at Mass (6.30pm) for the Vigil of Palm Sunday in St Peter's Cathedral, Belfast.

Cork organist gets Middleton College singing



Peter Stobart, Director of the Cork Diocesan Church Music Scheme was the guest at Middleton College on Monday last.

He came to put first and second year students through their hymn singing paces. His energetic style and infectious enthusiasm soon got even the most reluctant students joining in.

Hymn singing in assembly is an integral part of almost every day at Middleton College, and has even been known to happen at rugby matches! However, sometimes students can be self conscious about singing and Peter's visit

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..... **“and the busy world is hushed”**.
Compline with Peregryne at St Catherine’s - right.

allowed them to lose their shyness and join in with gusto.

The Rev. Andrew Orr, Midleton College chaplain,

said: It was a pleasure to have Peter with us and see how quickly he was able improve our singing. We look forward to even more energetic participation at assembly and to having Peter back to practice with older years.

"It is in the process of being worshipped that God communicates His presence to men."

C S Lewis



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No continuing need, role or justification for paramilitary organisations East Belfast church leaders



A group of church leaders in east Belfast has called for the UVF & UDA 'to civilianise' - 'we contend that there is no longer any need, role or justification for paramilitary organisations'

The following statement was made by East Belfast Church Leaders on 12 February 2019.

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“The events of the past 3 weeks have highlighted the violence, intimidation and criminality that still persist in East Belfast, much of it associated with paramilitary groups. As pastors and ministers passionately concerned for the people of this community and city we want to express our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family of Ian Ogle.

“Ongoing paramilitary activity is part of the legacy of the past. It is almost 25 years since the ceasefires and over 20 years since the Good Friday Agreement. As church leaders in this community we contend that there is no longer any continuing need, role or justification for paramilitary organisations. We call on the leaders of the UVF and UDA to take immediate steps to civilianise their organisations, bringing all paramilitary activity, drug dealing and other anti-social behaviour to an end.

“We call upon the Loyalist Communities Council to play their part in facilitating this and in challenging criminality/ We give our full support to the PSNI in rigorously pursuing the organised criminal gangs that operate in East Belfast and we commit and make ourselves available to work with others to disentangle our communities from these coercive influences in order that the community may thrive.”

Pope approves miracle needed for British cardinal's sainthood

Pope Francis on Tuesday cleared the way for the sainthood of renowned English Cardinal John Henry Newman and an

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Indian nun, and brought six others a step closer to canonization.

The Pope received in audience Cardinal Angelo Becciu, the Prefect of the Vatican Congregation for the Causes of Saints and authorized him to promulgated two decrees on miracles for sainthood, a decree on martyrdom and 5 on heroic virtues.

Cardinal Newman

A miracle attributed to the intercession of Cardinal Newman has been recognized clearing him for canonization.



Born in London on 21 February 1801 and died in Edgbaston on 11 August 1890, the noted theologian and poet was first an Anglican priest and later a Catholic priest and cardinal, who was an important figure in the religious history of England of his time.

He was one of the leading figures of the Oxford Movement that originated at Oxford University in 1833, that sought to link the Anglican Church more closely to the Roman Catholic Church.

He is revered by both the Catholic as well as the Anglican Churches.

As a Catholic priest, he founded the Oratory of St. Philip Neri in Edgbaston, England.

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Pope Benedict XVI beatified Cardinal Newman on 19 September 2010, in Birmingham, England.

Perhaps the hymn and poem that Card. Newman is best known for is, "Lead kindly light."

Sister Mariam Thresia

Pope Francis also recognized another miracle, clearing the way for the canonization of Indian nun, Blessed Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, the foundress of the Congregation of the Holy Family (CHF).

The nun belonging to the Syro-Malabar Catholic Church was born in Puthenchira on 26 April 1876 and died in Kuzhikkattussery on 8 June 1926.

She is known for her extraordinary charity, especially a preferential love for the poorest of the poor.

She was declared venerable on 28 June 1999 and was beatified on 9 April 2000 by Pope St. John Paul II in Rome.

News briefs

+++Redemptorist Publications Lent Extra magazine is here - In this special 21st Anniversary Edition there's an exclusive interview with singer Katherine Jenkins, an original Lenten prayer from Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, Fr James Mallon shares his vision for the Church's

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future and many more fascinating articles. All of this plus 46 daily reflections and prayers for only £2.25!

<https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/lent-extra-2019-1>



+++Successful Girls' Brigade fundraiser - GBNI

Executive Members provided the refreshment at the GB's charity tea fundraiser at this years PE NI Finals. They raised an amazing £1180 towards the GBNI School Project in Kisoro,Uganda. Thanks expressed to all those who baked & supported them over the 2 days.

+++Diocese of Maine makes history - The diocese made history with the recent election of its bishop. The Rev. Thomas James Brown was elected Feb. 9 to become the 10th bishop of the [Diocese of Maine](#).. Brown will become

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The Episcopal Church's only openly gay and married bishop currently leading a diocese. He is married to the Rev. Thomas Mousin, who is currently the rector of [St. John's Episcopal Church](#) in Charlestown, a neighborhood of Boston. Brown, 48, was elected at a special convention in Bangor. One of five nominees, Brown was chosen by clergy and lay delegates on the third ballot. He received 57 votes in the clergy order and 84 votes in the lay order. Fifty clergy votes and 82 lay votes were needed on that ballot for an election. Brown is currently the rector of the [Episcopal Parish of the Epiphany](#) in Winchester, Massachusetts.



+++Bishop new moves to restrict advertisements for gambling-related products - The Church of England's Bishop of St Albans, Dr Alan Smith, has welcomed new moves to restrict advertisements for gambling-related products and services; but has warned that they do not go far enough. The new rules, drawn up by the Committee on Advertising Practice (CAP) will be enforced by the Advertising Standards Authority throughout the UK. They prohibit online ads for gambling products being targeted at

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groups of individuals who are likely to be under 18; ban types of advertising content, including the use of animated characters and licensed characters from movies or television, and sportspeople and celebrities that are likely to be of particular appeal to children and youth culture; and prohibit the use in gambling ads of sportspersons, celebrities or other characters who are or appear to be under 25.

+++Thought for reflection - The movement of God's Spirit is very gentle, very soft – and hidden. It does not seek attention. But that movement is also very persistent, strong and deep. It changes our hearts radically - Henri Nouwen

February 14 in Christian history

February 14, 270: According to tradition, Valentine, a priest in Rome during the reign of Claudius II, is beheaded along the Flaminian Way. One explanation for Valentine's subsequent relationship to the romantic holiday is this: Claudius, seeking to more easily recruit soldiers, removed family ties by forbidding marriage. Valentine ignored the order and performed secret marriages—an act that led to his arrest and execution.

February 14, 869: Cyril, "apostle to the Slavs," dies. Creator of the Cyrillic alphabet (still used in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and elsewhere), translator of the Scriptures into Slavonic, and bishop, he worked with his brother, Methodius, who carried on the missionary work for another 15 years.

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February 14, 1760: Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, is born. The first African-American ordained by the Methodist church, Allen also a co-founded the Free African Society, America's first organization founded by blacks for blacks.

News links

[NI newspaper review: St Patrick's Day 'split' and scone tragedy](#)

BBC News

... as usual and on St Patrick's morning the Catholic and **Church of Ireland** archbishops will lead their congregations to a celebration in the Shambles.

[Ireland: Candles of Atonement to remember abuse survivors](#)

Vatican News

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[Romantic couple receive special blessing at shrine of St Valentine](#)

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Emer Duffy and Killian Casey were blessed by Bishop Denis Nulty at the saint's shrine in the **Church** of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Relics of the saint ...

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Couples still want a priest on their wedding day, says bishop at Valentine's blessing

<https://www.independent.ie/irish-news/couples-still-want-a-priest-on-their-wedding-day-says-bishop-at-valentines-blessing-37809589.html>

[C of E's slave-trade guilt highlighted at Equiano commemoration](#)

Church Times

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A DAY to commemorate the millions who died in the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, and an act of corporate repentance by the **Church of England**, were ...

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A Hartlepool church's congregation are engaging people across the country with ...
Cleaton **Church of England** Academy charter school pupil Joshua ...

[Cafe Church celebrates three years](#)

White Horse News (blog)

... but not in a church building. Westbury Juniors is a **Church of England** school and is linked to the church, they kindly let us have the use of the hall.

['Brewery church' is the latest in craft of luring folks to church](#)

What its founders call their town's 'newest premier destination brewery' is also a spiritual community known as Castle Church. [More from Religion News Service](#)

[Nun's rape case against bishop shakes a Catholic bastion in India](#)

The bishop, who has maintained his innocence, will be charged and face trial by a special prosecutor on accusations of rape and intimidation. But the church acknowledged the nun's accusations only after five of her fellow nuns mutinied and publicly rallied to her side.

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