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Dublin archdiocese set to receive €95m in Clonliffe GAA sale

The Archdiocese of Dublin is set to receive €95 million from the GAA for almost 20 acres of land in Drumcondra, Co. Dublin.

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The site has potential to accommodate 1,200 apartments, while the conversion of buildings already on-site could provide more residential accommodation.

According to the Irish Times it is understood three parties have been invited for consultations regarding the 'Drumcondra portfolio'. The developers named are Sean Mulryan's Ballymore, US-headquartered property giant Hines, and Pat Crean's Marlet Property Group.

It is believed the GAA is obliged to pay €23 million for the site of the Holy Cross seminary by autumn.

As of yet, it is unclear whether the Vatican has given the project the green light, which is needed for a Church land sale of this magnitude.

The GAA and the archdiocese indicated at the beginning of June that approval was not granted, however both sides appear confident that this will not be an issue.

Speaking at a conference regarding financial stewardship this summer Declan McSweeney, General Manager and Financial Administrator of the Archdiocese of Dublin, said their engagement with the GAA will bring significant urban renewal for the local community.

This echoed Archbishop Diarmuid Martin's statement released by the archdiocese in October of last year which stated it is a priority for the diocese to ensure the buildings and lands would be used for the benefit of the local community and a legacy for the city of Dublin.

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It said the proposed sale of Clonliffe buildings and lands will allow the diocese to reinvest in people-led pastoral programmes as the Church in Dublin looks to different forms of ministry in the coming years.

This would include investing in vocations and the ongoing formation of lay people and priests.

“It will be about men and women who have the ability to speak the language of faith authentically in a world where that language may be alien and to speak in a way that attracts,” said Archbishop Martin.

While Holy Cross College, Clonliffe, has not functioned as a seminary since the year 2000, the sale will generate funds which will assist in the training of priests for ministry in the archdiocese.

Hospice Sunday Appeal raises over £132,000

Following their recent first Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal The Diocese of Derry and Raphoe have raised £22,000.

The Diocese of Derry raised £15,500 including Gift Aid and the Diocese of Raphoe raised £6,500.

The Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal is co-ordinated each year by the Reverend Matthew Hagan, rector of Tynan, Aghavilly and Middletown Group of Parishes Co. Armagh who set up the initiative in 2014. Rev. Hagan at the invitation

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Rev. Matthew Hagan (Annual Hospice Sunday Co-Ordinator) and Rev. David McBeth (Chaplain: Foyle Hospice, Londonderry) pictured following the Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal held recently in the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe.

of the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe addressed the members of the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe Diocesan Synod. The Rev. David McBeth, Chaplain at Foyle Hospice, Londonderry and the Rev. Heather Houlton, Chaplain at Donegal Hospice, Letterkenny organised the Hospice Sunday Appeal in their Diocese which was held earlier this year.

The Church of Ireland Diocese of Armagh at its Diocesan Synod in November 2014 agreed that an Annual Hospice Sunday be established and be observed by all Church of

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Ireland Parishes throughout the Diocese of Armagh.

The Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal began in 2014 and in 2017 the Diocese of Down and Dromore took part in the Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal. In 2018 the Diocese of Down and Dromore raised £7,600 and the Diocese of Armagh raised £17,500 including Gift Aid. The Diocese of Clogher who have recently introduced the Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal in their Diocese and have contributed £1,400 to date.

The total amount of money raised to date since the Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal began 5 years ago is £132,364. The money was distributed to the following Hospices: The Southern Area Hospice, Newry; The Northern Ireland Hospice, Belfast (which includes the Northern Ireland Children's Hospice), The Foyle Hospice, Londonderry and Donegal Hospice. Therefore depending on where the parish or parishes are within their particular Diocese the money raised by each parish throughout each Diocese has been given to their local Hospice.

Rev. Hagan commented: ' All hospices throughout Northern Ireland depend greatly on the support of the public when it comes to raising much needed funding for their hospice on an annual basis. I am extremely pleased at the magnificent amount of money that has been raised for hospice care in Northern Ireland and in Co. Donegal through the generosity of the parishioners in their Diocese and I encourage other Dioceses in the Church of Ireland to set up a similar initiative to support the wonderful hospice care afforded to those people in our communities who need this high level of care. I can assure the many parishioners in the various

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Dioceses that their generosity will undoubtedly benefit the excellent level of patient care in their local Hospice. My sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Annual Hospice Sunday appeal.'

By royal appointment: theologian takes up new role

An eminent theologian and former parish minister who has dedicated his career to higher education in Scotland has been appointed by the Queen as the next Dean of the Chapel Royal.

Rev Professor David Fergusson, who last year retired from the role of Principal of the University of Edinburgh's New College, will also become the Dean of the Order of the Thistle.

Professor Fergusson, who has been a Royal Chaplain since 2015, said: "I am very pleased to be succeeding Professor Iain Torrance as Dean of the Chapel Royal and Dean of the Order of the Thistle, both of which are distinguished Scottish institutions.

"It is an honour to serve the Queen and her family in this capacity, and I look forward to the time ahead."

The new roles will mean that he will convene the 10 Royal Chaplains who are based in Scotland, and also take part in the annual ceremony of the Order of the Thistle, which is held at St Giles' Cathedral in Edinburgh.

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Rev Professor David Fergusson

Royal Chaplains date back to the 15th century, and the position is mainly a ceremonial one, with the chaplains taking part in formal state occasions and conducting services at significant national events.

Professor Fergusson, who is from Glasgow, studied in his home city as well as at the universities of Edinburgh and Oxford, before being ordained as a Church of Scotland minister.

In 1990, he was appointed Professor of Systematic Theology at the University of Aberdeen, and became Professor of Divinity at the University of Edinburgh a decade later.

Professor Peter Mathieson, Principal of the University of Edinburgh, said “I am truly delighted, but not surprised, that

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Her Majesty The Queen has appointed Professor David Fergusson as Dean of the Chapel Royal.

“He is a superlative academic theologian of whom the University is justly proud, and he also cares deeply about the Church, regularly preaches, mentors students, and recently led the decisive Special Commission.

“To the role of Dean he will bring a sharp mind and also outstanding human qualities of reliability, faithfulness, approachability and efficiency.

“As Dean of the Thistle, he is a successor of his own teacher John McIntyre, another distinguished Principal of New College and I hope this gives him much satisfaction.”

Korean bishops hopeful for reconciliation and national unity

In the wake of a historic summit between the American and North Korean leaders on Sunday, the Korean Bishop’s Conference releases a message expressing hope for national unity.

“May the year 2020, which marks the 70th anniversary of the outbreak of the Korean War become the beginning of a new era of peace and unity.”

May it be the year in which “the tragedy of national division is overcome with a declaration of the end of the Korean War and a peace treaty for the Korean peninsula”.

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This is the message at the heart of a statement released by the President of the Korean Catholic Bishops' Conference after the meeting between the President of the United States, Donald Trump, and the North Korean leader, Kim Jong-un.

Milestone for peace

The statement, signed by Archbishop Hyginus Kim Hee-joong, noted that the *June 30* meeting was held in Panmunjeom, a city “which is a symbol of the division of the Korean peninsula.” The event, he continued, represents “a historical milestone for peace in the Korean peninsula, in North-East Asia and in the world.”

Bishop Hee-joong also recalled that on 25 June, on the occasion of the 69th anniversary of the “fratricidal Korean War”, the Catholic Church celebrated a “Day of Prayer for Reconciliation and Unity of the Korean People” on the theme “Blessed are the peacemakers”.

Marking the occasion, a “Mass for Peace” was held in Imjingak, a village located in the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) on the border with North Korea.

The war on the divided peninsula ended on July 27, 1953, with a truce, but not a peace treaty. Hence the two neighbours are technically still at war.

International support

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The bishop noted that the Catholic Church in Korea appeals for the continuation of dialogue and meetings and for the support and encouragement of the international community. Bishop Hee-joong concludes expressing his hope that the summits between South Korea, the United States and North Korea can bring good news.

“Despite all the difficulties that the journey towards lasting peace in the Korean peninsula has encountered”, he said, “The day of reconciliation and unity for Koreans will come soon”.

The Pope's appeal

On Sunday 30 June, Pope Francis expressed his hopes for the meeting between the American and North Korean leaders.

Speaking during the Angelus, he said “In these last few hours, we have seen in Korea a good example of the culture of encounter,” and he expressed his hope that such a significant gesture might constitute a further step along the path of peace, not only on that [Korean] peninsula, but for the whole world.”

Episcopal Church response to crisis on the US border

Over the past several weeks, The Episcopal Church has responded to the reports of inhumane conditions for children and other asylum seekers in government custody in a number of ways.

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Rodrigo Martinez, 4, listens as his father, Rene, describes his recent experience being detained. Martinez has been waiting without work since his arrest in March and faces being deported and separated from his family.

This response includes calls for donations and goods from Episcopal dioceses on the border, prayers for those seeking safety, efforts to engage in advocacy, and pastoral messages from bishops around the Church.

“We are children of the one God who is the Creator of us all,” said **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry**. “It is our sisters, our brothers, our siblings who are seeking protection and asylum, fleeing violence and danger to children, searching for a better life for themselves and their children. The crisis at the border is not simply a challenge of partisan politics

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but a test of our personal and public morality and human decency.”

The Episcopal Church has compiled a list of resources, bishop statements, and information in response to the ongoing humanitarian situation at the southern border.

“Reports of poor care for children in Customs and Border Protection (CBP) custody and continued policies to limit access to asylum are extremely concerning to people of faith. We must remember these children are here because they cannot find safety anywhere else,” stated Rebecca Linder Blachly, Director of The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations.

“The U.S. has an established system to process asylum seekers, who are coming to the U.S. legally. The response to asylum seekers who are desperate and afraid should not be deterrence or detention. We have the capability to respond in a humane and compassionate manner, and I am grateful for everyone in The Episcopal Church who is responding to this crisis.”

“The enormity of the challenge is daunting. It is easy to feel helpless to make a difference. While we cannot do everything, we can do something,” said Curry. “The links to resources of bishops and dioceses on the border, the Office of Government Relations and Episcopal Migration Ministries offer practical suggestions for how we can each and together do something.”

The Office of Government Relations represents the policy priorities of The Episcopal Church to the U.S. government in churchnewsireland@gmail.org

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Washington, D.C. This office aims to shape and influence policy and legislation on critical issues, highlighting the voices and experiences of Episcopalians and Anglicans globally. All of its work is grounded in the resolutions of General Convention and Executive Council, the legislative and governing bodies of the church. Connecting Episcopalians to their faith by educating, equipping and engaging them to do the work of advocacy through the Episcopal Public Policy Network (EPPN) is a key aspect of this work.

Episcopal Migration Ministries is a ministry of The Episcopal Church and is one of nine national agencies responsible for resettling refugees in the United States in partnership with the government. Episcopal Migration Ministries currently has 13 affiliate offices in 12 states.

July 04 - Today in Christian history

July 4, 973: Ulrich, bishop of Augsburg from 923, dies. Twenty years later he would become the first person canonized by a pope.

July 4, 1187: Saladin, leader of the united Muslim forces, defeats the armies of the Third Crusade at Tiberius, Syria.

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+++ Limerick agrees to uniting dioceses - The Limerick and Killaloe Diocesan Synod met on Saturday 29th June in Villiers School, Limerick. In addition to the customary

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Limerick and Killaloe Diocesan Synod greets Tuam, Killaloe and Achonry with a wave of welcome.

business, the synod unanimously passed a resolution giving consent to the uniting of Limerick and Killaloe with Tuam, Killaloe and Achonry to form a new United Dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, while transferring the Ballisodare Group of Parishes from Achonry to Elphin in the diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Armagh. Once this resolution has been passed by the diocesan synods of both Tuam and Kilmore, as is expected, unification will take place when next there is an episcopal vacancy in either united diocese under the remaining bishop. The synod gathered outside Villiers at lunchtime to greet Tuam, Killaloe and Achonry with a wave of welcome.

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+++ BBC Radio Ulster's Morning Service this Sunday -

on Sunday, 7th July, will be broadcast from St Canice's Church, Eglinton. The service will be led by Canon Paul Hoey and the preacher will be the Revd Stuart Reid.

+++ Vacancies in Belfast - St. Clement's, Templemore Avenue, Belfast, seeks to appoint an Outreach Worker and a Part-Time Administrator.

The parish has a congregation of around fifty people and is experiencing some steady growth as the congregation embraces the opportunities available to them to reach out with love, with care, with support and with the transforming power of the Gospel to people in the local Parish area. They are currently seeking to employ an Outreach Worker and an Administrator to assist with the mission and ministry of St Clement's. Full Job Descriptions and Application Forms may be download [from this link](#). Please email office@willowfieldchurch.co.uk for more information.

+++ Vacancy in Portadown - Seagoe Youth Group seeks to appoint a temporary staff member to lead its Extended Provision Youth Team until 31 March 2019 with the possibility of extension (dependent upon funding). Seagoe Youth Group is the umbrella body of the various youth groups (uniformed and non-uniformed) of Seagoe Parish Church, Portadown. It offers a wide range of activity from its Youth Centres at Killicomaine and Seagoe. The Extended Provision Team is tasked to work with unattached young people in the local community and schools seeking to incorporate them into its Youth Programme. Seagoe Youth Group Management Committee oversees and manages the Youth Leader in Charge, who in turn oversees the Extended Provision Team. The Team consists of a Youth Support

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Worker in charge (24hrs), Youth Support Worker (15hrs) and up to three Assistant Youth Support Workers (6–9hrs). In addition there may be volunteer team members where necessary. Applicants should note that a significant proportion of the sessions worked will be between 6.00 pm and 10.00 pm at night – normally including a session on Saturday Night. Job descriptions and application forms are available by emailing youthgroup@seagoe.co.uk The closing date for applications is 23 July 2019 at 12 noon.

+++Youth Worker Vacancy in Portadown - St Mark's Parish Community Association are seeking to appoint an experienced, full time youth worker who has:

- > The Ability to engage relationally with young people within the church and the community, to understand their needs and to develop youth practice accordingly.
- > A passion and enthusiasm for sharing the gospel with young people.
- >The ability to teach and mentor others in their faith.
- > A desire to build God's kingdom with young people.

Salary 18,000- 22,000 To find out more information on the parish, please visit their website www.stmarks.org.uk or check out their Facebook page ... To download the Youth Worker Job Description and Person Specification. Please contact Amanda Simpson for an application pack. Email: office@stmarksportadown.org Tel: 02838 362294. Closing date for Applicants: Monday 8th July 2019 @ 12 noon.

+++ Please pray for - the appointment of a new Church Army CEO, that God will bring forward the person that he wants to take Church Army into this new season.

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Collegiate **Church** of St. Nicholas in Galway, County Galway, **Ireland**. It is a medieval **church** founded in 1320 and is in regular use today. Image: Getty.

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