



## **Abp of Dublin appeals for end to recurrent violence in the city**

**The Archbishop of Dublin, Diarmuid Martin condemns the level of violence in the capital city in recent weeks and says those who ‘traffic in evil’ will no longer be able to exploit religious services**

In a strongly worded statement at the conclusion of Mass on



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**The Right Reverend Dr William Henry (left) minister of Maze Presbyterian Church in County Antrim, the newly elected Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland. The 50 year old minister is the 174th person to hold the office and the youngest Moderator to be elected since 1931. He is pictured with the outgoing Moderator, Very Rev Dr Charles McMullen (right) minister of West Church, Bangor at Monday evening's (3 June) Opening Night of the Church's 180th General Assembly in Belfast.**

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Monday in Dublin's Pro-Cathedral, the Archbishop said violence in the city "had taken on an unprecedented level of depravity with shootings taking place unscrupulously near schools and shopping centres, leaving families terrified and children witnessing brutality that will leave scars on their lives for years."

The perpetrators and sponsors of such violence, he said, "merit nothing but rejection and distain. They belong behind bars and their business of death must be undermined and destroyed."

Over the last few weeks there has been a spate of murders in Dublin. Many are linked to drug gangs operating in the city. The Archbishop appealed to anyone who can provide information about what he called "this sickening underworld to have the courage and the decency to come forward in the interest of all."

Archbishop Martin also appealed to civil and community leaders to show a united and uncompromising response. The Archbishop stressed that, "where it can be ascertained that individuals hold direct responsibility in this traffic in evil they will no longer be allowed to exploit religious services in the Archdiocese of Dublin to enhance their image."

## **Minister with a passion for Gaelic takes up new role in Malawi**

Few countries in the world enjoy a closer friendship. The links between Scotland and Malawi can be traced to the



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1840s when legendary explorer and Christian missionary David Livingstone arrived in Africa.

Now a Church of Scotland minister is poised to try and deepen the relationship a bit further by exploring parallels between Scotland's Gaelic culture and Malawi's vernacular.

Rev Dr Kenneth Ross (photo above) officially takes up his new role as the Kirk's new mission partner in Malawi next month and is very keen to develop his knowledge of the language and culture.

The former parish minister of the five Netherlorn Churches near Oban in Argyll is learning Chichewa, a language native to Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe.

Relational

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Dr Ross, 60, said: “Most people think going from Argyll to Malawi is chalk and cheese - completely different.

“But these are both places that have a very strong heritage of language and culture, which to some extent have become marginalised with the advancement of English.

“In Scotland, we have realised that we will lose a lot if we lose the Gaelic language and culture and it is worth putting in a good effort to revive it.

“Gaelic and Chichewa are both very relational languages and it will be interesting to work on those connections.”

Dr Ross, who will be commissioned into service at a church gathering in Oban on Monday, said acapella singing is a strong tradition in Malawi.

“It can be extremely beautiful and haunting in the way the Gaelic psalms are in Scotland,” he added.

Scottish Christians decided to embark on missionary work in Malawi in honour of Dr Livingstone, who was born in Blantyre in Lanarkshire in 1813.

The Church of Scotland founded a mission named Blantyre in 1876 and by 1957 there were 67 Scottish missionary families in the country, manning a large network of schools and hospitals.

Today, the Kirk has a partnership with the [Church of Central Africa Presbyterian](#) (CCAP) in Malawi.

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For Dr Ross, moving to the Zomba region is a homecoming because he lived there with his family from 1988-1998.

He helped to establish the first theology degree at the University of Malawi Chancellor College.

Dr Ross, who was made an OBE in 2013 for services to the community in Malawi and to Scottish-Malawi Relations, will be based at Zomba Theological College.

“My role is in response to requests from partner churches in Africa who want to strengthen theological education,” he explained,

“They see it as a key part in the formation of leadership which will take them into the future.

“I will be training people to be ministers and also people who take theology in other directions.”

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Dr Ross will also support the Nile Theological College in South Sudan, the Giffen Institute of Theology in Kanyama refugee camp, Kenya; and the beginnings of a theological department in the Igreja Evangelica de Cristo em Mocambique.



## Annual RUC George Cross Day Service in First Omagh

The Right Reverend Monsignor Christopher O'Bryne, the Most Reverend Dr Richard Clarke, Archbishop of Armagh, The Rev William Davidson, Methodist President, and The Right Reverend Dr Charles McMullen PCI Moderator were



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present at the 17th Annual RUC George Cross Day Service in First Omagh Presbyterian Church on Sunday afternoon.

The 302 officers who gave their lives in the line of duty were remembered in the very moving and dignified service.

A challenging sermon was preached by William Davison President MCI.

For Dr Charles McMullen on his last Sunday in office as Moderator there was the sense of turning full circle as he was back in his home town of Omagh.

## **Sudan's military calls snap elections after brutal crackdown**

Sudan's ruling military council calls for snap elections within 9 months, a day after troops carried out a deadly crackdown on a protest camp in the capital, Khartoum.

Streets in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, were deathly quiet on Tuesday, one day after security forces brutally dispersed demonstrators participating in a months-long sit-in.

Protest organizers say at least 35 people died in Monday's crackdown.

After clearing the camp outside the military headquarters, the Transitional Military Council (TMC) broke its accord with opposition groups, calling snap elections.

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The Sudanese Professionals Association, the main protest organizers, had called for a longer transition period, with elections in 3 years.

The group accused the military of perpetrating “a massacre” as it broke up the camp on Monday. A spokesman for the TMC said troops were in pursuit of unruly elements who had fled the protest site.

### **Calls for restraint**

Reports emerged of security forces entering a hospital in Khartoum and shooting fleeing protesters.

The United Nations has strongly condemned the crackdown. Stephane Dujarric, a spokesman for the Secretary-General, said Antonio Guterres “condemns the use of force to disperse protesters at the sit-in site, and he is alarmed by reports that security forces have opened fire inside medical facilities.”

The Secretary-General urged all parties to “act with the utmost restraint” and to uphold the human rights of all citizens, including “the right of freedom of assembly and of expression.”

### **‘Military coup’**

The head of the military council, General Abdel-Fattah Burhan, said Tuesday the military would form an interim government to prepare for elections.

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Protest organizers quickly denounced the snap poll, saying the council has proved that “they are a military coup.”

Unrest has rocked Sudan since December, when rising bread prices and food shortages sparked sustained protests, which resulted in the armed forces removing President Omar al-Bashir in April.

Cut off from the centre of Khartoum, protesters could be seen building barricades in the suburbs, according to the Associated Press.

## **June 5 - Today in Christian history**

**June 5, 754:** English monk Boniface, missionary to Germany, dies with 50 other Christians in an attack by angry pagans. The missionary, famous for smashing pagan idols, also established a monastery at Fulda that is still the center of Roman Catholicism in Germany.

**June 5, 988 (traditional date):** Rus's Grand Prince Vladimir orders his people to be baptized into the Orthodox Christian faith. He personally oversaw the baptism of the majority of the population of Kiev, the capital of his realm.

**June 5, 1191:** England's Richard I (the Lion-hearted) of England sets sail for Muslim-controlled Acre in the Third Crusade. After helping Philip II, king of France, capture the city, Richard took Jaffa and negotiated Christian access to Jerusalem, also Muslim-controlled .



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**June 5, 1305:** Bertrand de Got, who as Pope Clement V (1305-1314) moved the seat of papal power to Avignon, France, is born in Villandraut, France.

**June 5, 1414:** Bohemian reformer Jan Hus appears before the Council of Constance. Instead of allowing him to state his beliefs, the council only permitted him to answer trumped-up charges of heresy. Hus was condemned and burned the following July.

**June 5, 1661:** English mathematician and physicist Isaac Newton is admitted as a student to Trinity College, Cambridge. But the "greatest scientific genius the world has ever known" actually spent less of his life studying science than theology, writing 1.3 million words on biblical subjects.

## **June 5 - News briefs**

### **+++ Art residency in Londonderry church -**

The popular UTV broadcaster, Paul Clark, visited St Augustine's Church in Londonderry recently to

launch the church's exciting 'Art Arcadia Residency Programme' for this year. The programme will bring top quality art to the city centre, showcasing four international



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artists' work in the top floor of the Old School House – above the parish hall – throughout the summer months. Prior to the formal launch, the UTV Live presenter met the Programme Manager of Art Arcadia, Paola Bernardelli, and one of the artists who is exhibiting her work, Valeria Pierini. Exhibitions will run at the Old School House until Saturday 28th September 2019.

While in the neighbourhood, Paul visited St Augustine's Church itself, signing the visitors book and getting a brief tour from church caretaker Dickie Montgomery.



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**+Mothers'**  
**Union**  
**Worldwide**  
**Council**  
**Meeting in**  
**Kigali** - for the first time the Worldwide Council has taken place outside of Britain & Ireland this week. The MU reports, "Our time together began with an incredible

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service of joyous worship and the sharing of the Eucharist . The Archbishop of Rwanda, Dr Laurent Mbanda preached Hebrews 10:19-25 encouraging us to spur each other on in the work that we do. He also reminded us “when you don’t empower women, nothing happens.”

**+++And it is farewell from the clergy dog -** There was a surprise in store for children and adults alike in Donagh Parish Church on Sunday morning near the end of Rev Suzanne Cousins' last service in the Moville Group of Parishes. The congregation were joined by Rev Cousins' impeccably-behaved pet dog, Molly, who was brought in on a lead by the curate's husband, Alan. Worshippers from the five different churches that comprise the Moville Group had gathered to celebrate the Ascension and bid farewell to Rev Cousins, who was instituted as Rector of the Parochial Group of Clonfeacle, Derrygortreavy and Eglis in the Diocese of Armagh on Tuesday evening. After Sunday's service, parishioners travelled to Donagh National School for refreshments and to make a series of presentations to Rev Cousins as tokens of their appreciation for her ministry.

**+++ Mothers Union Geeneral Meeting in Portsmouth -** Tickets are now on sale for the MU General Meeting which will be take place in Portsmouth on 18th September, with the annual services taking place the afternoon and evening before (17th September). The full programme for the event will be released by the end of June, A spokesperson said, “We can confirm that there will be a keynote address from our Worldwide President, Sheran Harper. In addition there will be; a “marketplace” for members attending to find out more about projects and programmes around Britain & Ireland and around the world, the launch of “Communities  
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of Interest”, which will give members the opportunity to become more involved in those areas of MU which are of particular interest to you, insights into how Mothers’ Union will be involved in supporting the Lambeth Conference in 2020 plus a feature on “new shoots” in Britain & Ireland <https://www.mothersunion.org/get-involved/whats-on/general-meeting-2019>

**+++ Service of Dedication in Garrison Parish Church -** on Sunday, June 9 at 4pm when a new stained glass window and frame in the church porch installed by the Graham family in memory of their son, Neil will be dedicated. It was a year on 22 May when Neil Graham lost his young life in a tragic accident. The family particularly wanted a lasting memory in the church he loved so well.

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Everyone is welcome to attend this service. Tea will be served in the Gillaroo Centre after the service.



**At Westminster Abbey, The Duke of York accompanies President Donald Trump & Mrs Melania Trump as they lay a Wreath at the Grave of the Unknown Warrior. Set into the floor of Westminster Abbey, the tomb represents all those servicemen & women who died but have no known grave.**

**+++ Bishops Appeal motorbikes in Burundi** - Bishop Aimé Joseph writes: 'We are thankful to God that four archdeacons can make pastoral visits with their new motorbikes. Please pray for the extension of the Kingdom of God in Gitega and Ruyigi region.' The motorbikes were funded through CMSI by Bishops' Appeal.



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**+++ Queen's Award for GB NI** - Girls' Brigade Northern Ireland has been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service. Well done to all their amazing volunteers for all their hard work and commitment to this wonderful organisation.



**+++Making an impression on Belfast Cathedral** - The Cathedral hosted the Ulster University's 'In Conversation with Gary Lightbody' event this week and commented - "A true gentleman and a credit to Northern Ireland. Well done UU for a fantastic event."

**+++ Food for thought** - "There is no use in talking as if forgiveness were easy...For we find that the work of forgiveness has to be done over and over again." C S Lewis



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## June 5 News Links

### [Everyone needs a message of hope, new leader tells General Assembly gathering](#)

Belfast Telegraph

Addressing an audience of 800 **church** members and delegates from all over **Ireland**, as well as overseas guests and civic dignitaries, Rev William ...

### [New Presbyterian moderator installed](#)

BBC News

The Presbyterian **Church** in **Ireland** (PCI) has installed its new moderator, Reverend William Henry. Dr Henry, the minister of Maze Presbyterian ...

### [Presbyterian \*\*Church\*\* must not be viewed as cold place, says outgoing Moderator](#)

Belfast Telegraph

Presbyterian **Church** must not be viewed as cold place, says outgoing ... "In a rapidly-changing and secularising **Ireland**, we need to speak the truth in ...

### [Archbishop orders Dublin gangland funerals to be toned down](#)

Irish Times

... responsibility in this traffic in evil, they will no longer be allowed to exploit **religious** services in the Archdiocese of Dublin to enhance their image.”.

### [Archbishop says Dublin drug cartels will be stopped from 'exploiting' \*\*religious\*\* services](#)

[thejournal.ie](http://thejournal.ie)

THE ARCHBISHOP OF Dublin Diarmuid Martin has said that where possible, Dublin's drug cartels would be prevented from using **religious** services to ...

[Archbishop Dr Diarmuid Martin tells gangland criminals they cannot 'exploit' funerals to 'enhance ...' - \[Independent.ie\]\(http://Independent.ie\)](#)

### [State reaches 'milestones' in securing \*\*Church\*\* assets to cover abuse redress](#)

Irish Times

Between the two rounds, eight properties remain to be fully transferred to the State by the **Church**. “Considerable progress has been made since my ...

### [Scapegoating a minority on whatever grounds is antithetical to \*\*Christian\*\* faith](#)

Irish Times

Last month the **Church of Ireland** met in Derry for its annual General Synod. Some present shared the beliefs of Mr Anderson, as no church is exempt ...

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[Fr Ragheed, martyr in Iraq: Discovering God's grace under persecution](#)

Malaysian Christian News

After each extremist attack, hundreds of faithful crowded the **church** for Mass. ... During those seven years I got to know a lot of things about **Ireland**, about the history of the **church** in **Ireland** and about persecution, and I ... Asia **News** ...

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