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**Parishioners of St Matthews, Belfast, and their rector Rev Tracey Roberts, visited Stormont hosted by Mr William Humphries MLA.**

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## **Ivan Cooper a man of vision, courage and faith - Derry archdeacon**

The Archdeacon of Derry, Venerable Robert Miller, has described the late civil rights activist, Ivan Cooper, as “a man of vision, a man of courage and a man of faith”.

Mr Cooper, who died on Wednesday morning at the age of 75, was one of the founders of the SDLP. He had been a parishioner at St Peter’s Church in Londonderry of which Archdeacon Miller is the Rector.

Archdeacon Miller – who as Archbishop’s Commissary will be overseeing the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe pending the appointment of a new Bishop – will preside at Mr Cooper’s funeral service in St Peter’s on Friday afternoon. “Ivan Cooper was a towering figure in Northern Ireland’s recent history, the Archdeacon said, “and a man who challenged all of us – from whatever section of the community we came – to work for a better society.

“For many Unionists he was a controversial figure and his motives were called into question. But in seeking a more equitable society, advocating for equality and supporting power-sharing, one might argue that Ivan was ahead of his time.”

Even though he had been in poor health, in recent years, Mr Cooper still enjoyed coming to services and events at St Peter’s Church. “He will be greatly missed by the city and by his fellow parishioners of St Peter’s in Londonderry where

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he had worshipped regularly over the last decade," the Rector said.

"I offer my condolences to Ivan's wife Frances, his children Sinead and Bronagh, and the whole family circle."

## **Churches reps to meet with the Taoiseach**

On July 4th in Dublin Castle, the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar, has invited representatives from a wide range of Churches, Faith Communities and Non Confessional Organisations to join in a Plenary Meeting which he will chair.

This Meeting will serve as a platform to discuss a wide range of important issues, which are fundamental to achieving diversity and effective integration.

## **Diocesan Reader team grows in Down and Dromore**

Eleven new Diocesan Readers were commissioned by Bishop Harold Miller of Down & Dromore in a packed Down Cathedral on Wednesday 26 June. The new Readers join the existing team of 44 and 12 more Readers are in training.

Diocesan Lay Readers have a significant voluntary role in assisting the ministry of the church. They are authorised by the Bishop to preach, teach, lead worship and engage in pastoral work, not just in their own parish but in other churches throughout the diocese.

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## **Eleven new Diocesan Readers commissioned in Down Cathedral**

As the role of a Reader in teaching and leading is significant, potential Readers are given training in Biblical studies, theology, ministry and preaching over a two year period before they are commissioned.

The training is rewarding and challenging.

## **Card. Newman, Sister Thresia of India and three others soon to be canonized saints**

Pope Francis has called an Ordinary Public Consistory of Cardinals in Rome next week to decide on the canonization

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## **Cardinal John Henry Newman**

of five Blesseds, including Cardinal John Henry Newman of England and Sister Mariam Thresia of India.

The Office for the Liturgical Celebrations of the Supreme Pontiff released a note on Thursday saying the Pope will preside over the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours and an Ordinary Public Consistory in the Vatican's Clementine Hall on July 1 for the canonization of the following:

- English Cardinal John Henry Newman, founder of the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in England;
- Italian Sister Giuseppina Vannini (born Giuditta Adelaide Agata), founder of the Daughters of Saint Camillus;
- Indian Sister Mariam Thresia Chiramel Mankidiyan, founder of the Congregation of the Sisters of the Holy Family;

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## **Choristers at the RSCM Event in Kilkenny**

**The idea behind the day was very much an end of year celebration and as well as the singing there was pizza in the Deanery Garden and a chance to meet choristers from across the country. Around seventy choristers attended in total including those from St Fin Barre's Cork, St Canice's Cathedral and St Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin.**

- Brazilian Sister Dulce Lopes Pontes (born Maria Rita) of the Congregation of the Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of God;
- Marguerite Bays of Switzerland, virgin of the Third Order of Saint Francis of Assisi.

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**Specially  
commissioned  
to mark the  
40th  
anniversary of  
ordination of  
Rev Bob Jones**

Pope Francis on February 12 authorized the promulgation of decrees regarding a miracle each attributed to the intercession of Cardinal Newman and

Sr. Maria Teresa, clearing them for sainthood.

**Cardinal Newman** will soon become Britain's first new saint since the canonization of St. John Ogilvie by Pope Saint Paul VI in 1976. The previous group of English saints, 40 martyrs of the Reformation, were declared saints in 1970.

Born in London on 21 February 1801 and died in Edgbaston on 11 August 1890, Card. Newman was an Anglican priest who later converted and became a Catholic priest and

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cardinal. The noted theologian and poet 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, which 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.

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

One of the best known works of Card. Newman is the hymn and poem, "Lead kindly light."

**Sister Mariam Thresia** Chiramel Mankidiyan, a member of the India-based 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, with 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.

## **June 28 - Today in Christian history**

**June 28, 195:** Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons (France) and one of the most important Christian writers of the second century, dies. He argued that tradition is key in sustaining



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orthodoxy, and he was instrumental in raising the authority of the Roman bishop. He was also the first to add the four Gospels to a list of apostolic writings, calling them "Scripture" with the Old Testament. Many consider him the first theologian of the Christian church, since others were more apologists than theologians.

**June 28, 1245:** Innocent IV convenes the Council of Lyons to deal with the "five wounds of the Church:" corruption of the clergy and faithful, the danger of the Saracens, the Greek Schism, the invasion of Hungary by the Tatars, and the rupture between the church and Emperor Frederick II.

**June 28, 1491:** Henry VIII, the "Defender of the faith" who broke with Rome when the pope would not grant him a divorce, is born in Greenwich, England .

**June 28, 1577:** Flemish painter Peter Paul Rubens, who sympathized with the Jesuit movement and the Counter Reformation, is born. Among his most famous works are Raising of the Cross (1610) and Descent from the Cross (1611).

## **June 27 - News briefs**

### **+++ Irish Methodist President's chedule for the week ahead -**

Sunday 30th June: Preaching at a MCiB Ordination Service in St Martin's, Birmingham at 4pm | Celebrating 40th Wedding Anniversary

Monday-Thursday : Attending Representative Conference of MCiB

Friday-Saturday: Rest Days

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Sunday 30th June: To be confirmed

**+++ Music in St Columb's Derry** - this Sunday at 11.00am a service of Choral Matins with music by Wolfgang

Amadeus

Mozart

(Laudate Dominum) and

Charles

Villiers

Stanford (O

for a closer walk with

God).

At 4.00pm

Choral

Evensong.

Music is by

Ernest Moeran

(Evening

canticles in D)

and Martin How

(Day by day). This will be the last choral service sung by the

Cathedral Choir before their summer break, returning in

September. After another very busy term for the Cathedral

Choirs, the Ladies Choir will now take over by singing at the

11.00am Sunday services throughout summer.



**+++ Royal appointment for Ballymena parishioner** - Mr

Jim Perry MBE, a member of St Patrick's Parish, Ballymena,

and a Connor Diocesan Lay Reader, has been appointed a

Deputy Lieutenant for County Antrim. Mrs Joan Christie, a

parishioner of Portstewart, will step down at the end of this

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month and will be succeeded by Mr McCorkell as the Lord Lieutenant of County Antrim. He is the third member of his family to hold such an appointment.

**+++ Music for Friends in Kilkenny** - on Saturday 29 June (Ss. Peter and Paul) at 17.00, Choral Evensong attended by the Friends of St Canice's Cathedral. Introit: A Prayer of King Henry VI (Ley). Responses: Ayleward. Setting: 'Short Service' (Gibbons)

Anthem: Jesu, the very thought of Thee (Bairstow). Psalm 150. Hymns 683, 73

**+++ The MEET (Methodist Experience Engage Tell) Ghana team start their journey today** - Led by ex-Mission



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Partner Pat Jamison, Cathy, Jane, Linda & Norma will spend time with the Methodist Church Ghana, and will also be visiting two Methodist World Development & Relief partners.

MEET Teams seek to learn from our partner churches around the world; what does mission look like in different contexts, how can we apply this learning at home and how can we encourage and challenge one another?

Please pray for Pat, Cathy, Jane, Linda & Norma as they travel to and around Ghana. Pray for safety, good health, and that God will bless their time and conversations.

**+++ Special Synod in Cashel, Ferns & Ossory** - This Saturday ( 29th June) members of the Diocesan Synod will attend a Special meeting from 9.30 am in Kilkenny College. Please pray for their work, sharing and discernment. “God the Holy Spirit, come in power and bring new life to the Church; renew us in love and service, and enable us to be faithful to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.”

**+++ Widows and Widowers Communion** - Around a dozen women and men gathered in the rectory in Ballymagorry (Derry diocese), on Wednesday afternoon, for a special Service of Holy Communion for Widows and Widowers. The Service, which was followed by afternoon tea, was the brainchild of the Rector of Leckpatrick and Dunalong, Rev Canon Paul Whittaker. It was one of two such services held at the Rectory this week, as part of the Parishes’ pastoral care, and the events were co-hosted by Canon Whittaker’s wife, Carol. The Services were very moving experiences for all those present. At each one, a candle was lit and the name of each of those present’s partner was read out individually. Canon Whittaker says he

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hopes to make the Services an annual feature of pastoral care and outreach in Leckpatrick and Dunnalong.

## **June 28 News Links**

[Watch: Cork's new bishop joins local dance crew as he promises to 'keep doors open' to all](#)

Irish Examiner

... almost all the Catholic Bishops of **Ireland**, representatives of other church ... The Cathedral **Choir** will be joined by the Our Lady of Victories Gospel ...

[News Briefing: from Britain and Ireland](#)

The Tablet

The leader of the Irish Catholic **Church**, Archbishop Eamon Martin, will be a keynote speaker at the Kennedy Summer School in County Wexford.

[Prince William: It would be 'absolutely fine by me' if George, Charlotte or Louis were LGBT](#)

[Telegraph.co.uk](#)

When he is one day king, the Duke will be head of the **Church of England** and is likely to become the head of a Commonwealth in which, to date, ...

[Funeral of civil rights leader Ivan Cooper to take place on Friday](#)

Belfast Telegraph

Home › **News** › Northern **Ireland** ... He will be laid to rest in Altnagelvin Cemetery following a service at St Peter's **Church** in Londonderry at 12pm. ... the city's Duke Street as the effective beginning of the Northern **Ireland** Troubles. ... in hand, in their shared desire for equality, justice and peace in **Ireland**.

[Ivan Cooper: 'He never lost the spark and fire of his belief in justice'](#)

Irish Times

A member of the **Church of Ireland**, he initially joined the Young Unionists, ... with people of all faiths and convictions to fight for civil rights in Ireland”.

[Ivan Cooper obituary](#)

The Times

As a member of the **Church of Ireland**, and of Unionist stock, for Cooper to have stood up as he did in the early days of the Troubles to demand equal ...

[Jean Vanier's life challenges us all](#)

The Irish News

JEAN Vanier died in Paris on May 7. For a **Church** that can often be in disarray, his life can provide much needed guidance to all. In 1964, Vanier ...

[Time to divide the diocese of Dublin?](#)

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The Irish Catholic

... but his barely veiled suggestion that the Archdiocese of Dublin be dismantled to make the **Church** fit for mission in the most populous part of **Ireland**.

### [Irish university shines spotlight on adult religious education](#)

Vatican News

By Lydia O'Kane. As the saying goes, "you never stop learning". That can mean learning a new skill or brushing up on an old one. But it also applies to ...

### [Fans in for a treat as Don Mescall performs with choir at Waterford festival](#)

Waterford Live

Renowned singer and songwriter, Don Mescall, is back in concert with the amazing Mount Sion **Choir** for one night only for a live, open-air gig deep in ...

### [Longhorsley vicar Peter McConnell guilty of drunken plane grope](#)

BBC News

The 64-year-old, who was vicar at St Helen's Church in the village at the time, ... The student later complained to the **Church of England** after taking Mr ...

[Vicar found guilty of sexually assaulting student on a transatlantic flight](#) - ITV News

[Groping vicar found guilty: Reverend's reputation in tatters over sex attack on man during flight](#) - ChronicleLive

### [Women forced to consider abortions due to government policy that 'traps children in poverty', says ...](#)

The Independent

... cannot eat healthy food or attend sports clubs, according to the research from the Child Poverty Action group (CPAG) and the **Church of England**.

[Two-child benefit limit taking toll on family life, Church report shows](#) - Premier

[Impact of DWP Universal Credit two-child rule 'sees kids short of fresh food and families in debt'](#) - Teesside

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