



Presentation of the Pro-Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross to Professor John Monaghan

Highest papal honour for Irish St Vincent de Paul member

The highest papal honour that can be bestowed on a layperson, the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice cross, has been awarded to Professor John Monaghan for his contribution to the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) in Ireland.

It also recognises his role in the development of the SVP's voice in promoting social justice issues in Ireland.

The presentation of the award was made at a special Mass at the SVP national office in Dublin last week by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin.

John Monaghan has recently stepped down as a long serving vice president and board member (1996-2014) of the SVP.

He has been a dedicated Vincentian in his work as an SVP Conference member in Leixlip, Co Kildare and also as vice president for Social Justice.

John Monaghan developed and led the SVP's National Social Justice and Policy Committee from the late 1990s to 2012.

He grew the staff team which enabled the Society to carry out its policy development and advocacy work among Government, media and wider civil society.

Responding to the award, SVP National President Geoff Meagher said, "The SVP is indebted to John not alone for being the public face of the Society and his work for social justice

for very many years but also for his guidance, wisdom and hard work as a volunteer and member of the National Board. We are delighted that he continues his work with the Society in a training capacity.”

John-Mark McCafferty, SVP Head of Social justice and Policy commented, “We are very pleased that his great work for social justice in Ireland, on behalf of some of the most vulnerable and marginalised in Irish Society, has been acknowledged by the Church.

“His call for a fairer society for all has always been predicated on his own experiences in his early years in Drimnagh, Dublin and on his Conference work, visiting families and people in their homes and assisting with human contact and financial support.”

The Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, also known as the ‘Cross of Honour’ was established by Leo XIII in 1888. It is currently given for distinguished service to the church by lay people and clergy.

Dublin and Glendalough Kids Summer Camp success

A great group of 10 to 13 year olds from across Dublin and Glendalough gathered in the King’s



Leaders at the summer camp test the kids' inventions to protect their eggs from breaking in the 'egg drop' activity.

Hospital School last week for the annual Diocesan Kids Summer Camp.

This year's camp was co-*l*ed by Philip McKinley and the Revd Baden Stanley with assistance from their team. The theme was the missional call 'Let's Go' and during the week the children focused on the lessons to be learned from Matthew's Gospel.

The action packed week included plenty of games, outdoor pursuits, swimming, music, arts and craft, making friends, laughter and fun. But it

also gave kids time to hang out and just relax. There were great adventures in a safe and caring environment and the leaders enabled participants to be themselves and to explore their faith in God.

Every morning the group gathered for discussion in the chapel. The leaders were interviewed about their lives so far and their faith journeys. Also during the week they created prayer stations and banners on the camp theme and the camp concluded with a special service on the final day.

Archbishop Michael Jackson dropped in to the camp on Tuesday afternoon and spoke to the children while they were busy designing a new camp logo. They also had a training session with rugby player, Ian McKinley and made full use of the facilities at the King's Hospital.

C of I Commission welcomes Pope's encyclical on environment

The Church and Society Commission of the Church of Ireland (CASC) has welcomed the recent encyclical of Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*, which addresses environmental issues. The

Revd Adrian Dorrian, Chair of the Commission, says:

‘The Pope’s encyclical is a broad ranging piece; one of the key themes is that sense in which our world and our very lives are gifts from God, which must be used well. Alternative energy sources will play a large part in this as we continue to face the challenge of change in climate, as will an “intense” dialogue between science and faith, “fruitful for both”.

‘Perhaps most significantly, Pope Francis frames these environmental concerns as a major issue of social justice. The need to “hear the cry of the earth” is inextricably linked with the need to “hear the cry of the poor”. Justice is at the heart of the Christian gospel; the encyclical affirms that.

‘Another clear message from the encyclical is that the Church through institutional influence and the actions of individual members has a responsibility to engage positively in the world of which we are a part. In May 2015 the Church of Ireland General Synod approved an environmental charter for the Church, which encourages:

- Reduction in waste;
- Increasing environmental awareness across parishes;
- Exercising leadership through environmental responsibility;
- Identifying spiritually and practically with the developing world; and
- Influencing policy in the Church and State.

‘CASC commends this environmental charter to dioceses, parishes and individuals and affirms the encyclical *Laudato Si* as a significant document for Christians seeking to engage with environmental concerns.’

The full text of the environmental charter is available at:
<http://ireland.anglican.org/information/238>

Church press officer

Peter Cheney has joined the Church of Ireland Press Office as the new Assistant Press Officer this week. Peter comes to the post from *agendaNi* and *eolas* magazines where he has worked for the past eight years as a journalist and as Deputy Editor. Before this, Peter spent two years as a journalist at the *County Down Outlook* and he has contributed to both the

Church of Ireland Gazette and to the Presbyterian Church's *Reach Out* magazine.

Beyond his interests in media and communications, Peter enjoys travel, reading, current and world affairs and inner-city mission and ministry. He is an active member of Willowfield Parish, Belfast.

The Chair of the Central Communications Board, The Most Revd Pat Storey, Bishop of Meath and Kildare, said: 'I am delighted with the appointment of our new Assistant Press Officer to the Church of Ireland, Mr Peter Cheney. Peter has a well accredited background in journalism and he brings many strengths to this role. We look forward to having Peter amongst us, and we welcome him warmly to this post where we know he will contribute greatly and be a great addition to the team.'

Mrs Jenny Compston retired as Press Office Administrator at the end of June.

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Former Moderator honoured at Downing Street

Prime Minister David Cameron has presented a Points of Light award to Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood for her work to commemorate and learn lessons from the Srebrenica massacre. The award was presented at Downing Street this week. This month marks the 20th anniversary of the massacre, where more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men were killed by Serb fighters in a conflict characterised by ethnic cleansing.

Dr Hood has helped organise the first large-scale Scotland National Commemoration of the Srebrenica Massacre, which will take place at 10:30 am Friday July 10 at St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh. First Minister Nicola Sturgeon is among those expected to attend along with the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Rt Rev Dr Angus Morrison.

Receiving the award, Dr Hood said:

"I am honoured and privileged to be a recipient of this award but very conscious of the work done by all members of the Scottish Board and of course the inspiring Mothers of Srebrenica who tell their stories continuing their fight for justice. Any time and effort to ensure that such



Very Rev Dr Lorna Hood accepts the Points of Light award from Prime Minister David Cameron

an atrocity never happens again is a small price in comparison."

Her involvement with the charity 'Remembering Srebrenica' dates back to 2013 when, as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, she was invited to visit the site of the massacre and meet the mothers of some of the victims.

Since then she has worked closely with people of all faiths to help teach the lessons of Srebrenica and to prevent such tragic events from occurring in future. She has taken a group

out to Srebrenica and has two more visits planned.

By bringing together people of all faiths and encouraging them to build an inclusive, accepting society,

'Remembering Srebrenica' hopes to prevent tragedies such as the massacre occurring in future.

Prime Minister David Cameron said it is vital that we continue learn the lessons of the horrific events in Srebrenica.

"Dr Hood's work to set up the Scotland Board of Remembering Srebrenica has ensured that the charity's messages of tolerance and tackling hatred are spread across the nation and across different faiths. As we approach the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica Massacre I am pleased to be able to recognise Dr Hood's work to lead the commemoration in Scotland with this Points of Light award"

The Points of Light award recognises outstanding individual volunteers, people who are making a change in their community and inspiring others. Each day, someone, somewhere in the country is selected to receive

the award to celebrate their remarkable achievements.

Other events marking the 20th anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre include:

Friday July 10 Glasgow Central Mosque in Association with the Scottish Police Muslim Association will hold a Srebrenica Memorial and Iftar with the Mothers of Srebrenica at Glasgow Central Mosque, 1 Mosque Avenue, G5 9TA 7:15 pm

Archbishop of Canterbury on 7/7 anniversary

On the 10th anniversary of the 7/7 bombings in London, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby said:

“Today, the survivors and families of the 7/7 London attacks continue the journey that those of Tunisia have just begun. Our hearts grieve with those who lost loved ones ten years ago, and with those so suddenly and cruelly bereaved less than a fortnight ago. We hold them all before God and our spirits call out to Christ to strengthen them.

“The perpetrators of the attacks in London sought to destroy and divide communities, and yet projects such as the Presence and Engagement Network and Near Neighbours, launched in the wake of 7/7, have shown the capacity of communities to come together as peacemakers – living together honestly and courageously, respecting each other’s right to live and worship freely.

“As we face this deep and long-term menace, let us continue to affirm our solidarity with one another, finding strength in the God who conquered evil when Jesus rose from the dead.”

Papal visit will have ‘profound and lasting impact’ on New Yorkers, says cardinal

The 30 hours or so Pope Francis will spend in New York in September will be relatively brief, but “his presence will have a profound and lasting impact on all New Yorkers”, said Cardinal Timothy Dolan.

“As Catholics, we rejoice in knowing that our Holy Father is coming to visit us, and we eagerly look forward to showing him how our faith is being put

into action in this community,” the New York cardinal said in a statement on Tuesday.

His comments followed the release by the Vatican on Tuesday of the detailed schedule of Pope Francis’s on September 19-22 visit to Cuba and [his September 22-27 visit to the United States](#).

“As New Yorkers, we know that we can offer an example to the entire world of how people of different faiths can not only live together in peace and harmony, but also come together in a spirit of mutual co-operation and respect for one another,” Cardinal Dolan said.

Pope Francis is scheduled to depart Washington at 4pm (local time) on September 24 and arrive at New York’s John F Kennedy International Airport an hour later. That evening he will celebrate vespers with priests and men and women religious in St Patrick’s Cathedral and deliver the homily.

Early in the morning on September 25, the Pontiff visit the headquarters of the United Nations to greet officials and give a speech. Mid-morning he will participate in an inter-religious meeting at the

ground zero 9/11 Memorial and give a speech there. The rest of his itinerary includes a visit to Our Lady Queen of Angels Catholic Elementary School in East Harlem and a meeting with children and immigrant families. That evening he will celebrate Mass. Early on September 26 he will depart for Philadelphia.

“We look forward to having the opportunity to join with Pope Francis in prayer, as we praise God for the many gifts he has given us, and ask for the Lord’s grace and wisdom in helping us continue to reach out in love and mercy to those less fortunate than us,” said Cardinal Dolan in his statement.

During his time in Washington Pope Francis will make history when he becomes the first pope to address a joint meeting of Congress and says the first canonisation Mass to be celebrated in the United States.

Washington Cardinal Donald Wuerl outlined details of the Pope’s September 22-24 visit to the nation’s capital at a news conference at the Cathedral of St Matthew the Apostle in Washington on Tuesday.

St Matthew Cathedral also is on the Pope's US itinerary, as is a visit to an outreach programme operated by Catholic Charities, where he will meet clients served by the agency.

“The Holy Father is visiting our home, he is coming to visit us,” Cardinal Wuerl said, adding that the Pope will be visiting “not as a politician, but as a pastor.”

The theme of the papal visit to the Archdiocese of Washington is “Share the Joy, Walk With Francis.”

Noting the pontiff's “immense popularity,” Cardinal Wuerl called the Washington visit “an exciting time for this archdiocese, the Church in the United States and this city.”

He said that the “excitement and desire to see the Holy Father” from even among non-Catholics, is because Francis “speaks in an inviting way to us to add a spiritual dimension to our lives, and to have a relationship with God.”

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Report on statement by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, on the anniversary of 7/7 attacks. He said: "The perpetrators of the attacks in London sought to destroy and divide communities, and yet projects such as the Presence and Engagement Network and Near Neighbours, launched in the wake of 7/7, have shown the capacity of communities to come together as peacemakers -living together honestly and courageously, respecting each other's right to live and worship freely."

Times/Wall Street Journal

Reports on comments by the Archbishop of Canterbury speaking at a Christian Fellowship meeting at News Corps London headquarters yesterday, saying that London Oil companies need to do more to tackle climate change and that he was particularly concerned about the recent push to drill in Arctic Ocean waters.

They state Justin Welby mentioned some of the same arguments made by environmentalists who oppose Shell's drilling campaign, which begins this month in the Chukchi Sea.

<http://www.wsj.com/articles/archbishop-of-canterbury-concerned-about-arctic-drilling-1436288287>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/environment/article4490742.ece>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/article4490905.ece>

BBC/Times/Mirror/Ind/Tel/Mail/Guard

Reports on services held to [HoustonMcKelvey , 08/07/2015 17:37] remember the London bombings a decade ago. They state a minute's silence was observed

as survivors and relatives of the victims gathered at St Paul's Cathedral. The Bishop of London, Richard Chartres said the tube and bus attacks had united a city in "agonised outcry". He is quoted saying London reacted to the bombings not with anger but with solidarity, "London had been attacked and our unity was in our grieving."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33407554>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/uk/crime/article4490916.ece>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33427954>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/77-bombings-remembered-mourners-gather-6021979>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/77-bombings-anniversary-they-wanted-to-divide-communities--im-proud-that-we-stand-together-against-their-extremism-10373363.html>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/11722990/We-have-failed-the-victims-of-77.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3151879/Never-forget-David-Cameron-Boris-Johnson-7-7-memorial-Hyde-Park-start-day-remembrance-10-years-security-chief-warns-threat-currently-face.html>

<http://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2015/jul/07/uk-comes-to-standstill-as-it-marks-10-years-since-77-attacks>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/terrorism-in-the-uk/11723094/77-bombings-London-remembers.html>

BBC/Times/Tel/Mail/Ind/Mirror/FT

Further reports on the government's proposed changes to Sunday trading regulations. They quote the Bishop of St Albans, Alan Smith - who speaks for the Church of England on the economy in the House of Lords. It states he told BBC Radio 4 it was important to "balance the

rights of those who want to go shopping with those who find themselves having to work on Sunday when they don't want to. We have to make some quite big decisions... about what sort of society we have." The Bishop said giving local authorities the power to set hours for their areas was "a recipe for disaster", because people visiting different parts of the country "won't know where they stand".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-33421315>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/news/politics/article4491013.ece>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/opinion/thunderer/article4490793.ece>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/newsbysector/retailandconsumer/11722940/Sunday-was-the-most-miserable-day-of-the-week-before-shopping-minister-says.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3152847/Backlash-against-Chancellor-s-open-hours-Sundays.html>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/voices/editorials/a-day-for-the-rest-for-many-sunday-is-special-because-of-its-enforced-boredom-10373202.html>

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-3152949/If-s-special-Sundays-Il-just-feel-like-gerbils-wheel-QUENTIN-LETTIS-s-coming-George-Osborne-s-Budget.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/tto/life/article4490516.ece>

http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3152847/Backlash-against-Chancellor-s-open-hours-Sundays.html?ITO=1490&ns_mchannel=rss&ns_campaign=1490

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/day-sunday-opening---case-6022538>

<http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/e0b03136-24b5-11e5-9c4e-a775d2b173ca.html?siteedition=uk#axzz3fH8AR7gq>

BBC

Report that the second female bishop in the Church of England has been welcomed in Hull at a special service. The new Bishop of Hull, Alison White gave her first sermon in a service attended by 450 people at Hull's Holy Trinity Church. She was consecrated as the Bishop of Hull during a ceremony led by Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu at York Minster on Friday.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-33428163>

Pensions and Investments

Report that total assets managed by the Church of England Pensions Board, London, increased 13% to £1.82 billion (\$2.83 billion) for the year ended Dec. 31, thanks in part to an 18.1% return from the board's liability-matching investment pool.

Mail

Report of trial (ongoing) of former theological student and youth leader, Timothy Storey, who denies raping two teenage girls he knew and grooming a third. The alleged offences took place through youth work in a diocese of London church and a Christian camp.

Tel

Further item on the success of the christening of Princess Charlotte that looks at disasters that can happen at baptisms. Columnist, Allison Pearson writes, "After this heavenly christening, the Church of England should brace itself for a baptism bonanza."

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/kate-middleton/11723154/Hats-off-to-the-Duchess-of-Cambridge-for-the-christening-from-heaven.html>

Mail

Preview of Channel 4 TV programme *Married At First Sight* screened tomorrow night at 9pm. It mentions the programme's panel including the Revd Nick Devenish, vicar of Priory Church of St Mary and St Michael in Cartmel, Cumbria. It states he's married over 150 couples and says he agreed to take part because he heard "a cry for help from young people who have a serious intention and want to have a serious commitment to a life-long partner, but are finding it hard to find that person".

Tel

Article on comments by Cardinal Vincent Nichols saying immigration is helping to bring Britain back to its Christian roots and reviving religion in a "weary, western" culture. It states he said an influx of new arrivals was not simply boosting flagging congregations but encouraging the British-born population to rediscover its own "wellsprings of faith".

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/religion/11724826/Immigration-reviving-Christianity-in-Britain-Cardinal.html>