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brief on the Irish  
churches**



## **70th Anniversary of D-Day Landings Marked at Monkstown Service**

**Former  
servicemen and  
their families  
were to the fore  
at an ecumenical  
service to mark  
the 70th  
anniversary of  
the D-Day  
landings in  
Normandy which  
took place in  
Monkstown  
Church, on  
Saturday June 7.**



***Participants in the ecumenical service to mark the 70th anniversary of the D-Day landings outside Monkstown Church***

The service was led by  
Canon Patrick

Lawrence along with Archbishop Michael Jackson with the Revd Ása Björk Ólafsdóttir of Christ Church Dun Laoghaire, the Very Revd Fr Michael Coady

PP of St Patrick's Church, Monkstown also participating. Also in attendance were representatives from the diplomatic corps, the Defence Forces and the State.

The address was given by journalist Kevin Myers who highlighted the contrast between the Europe of today and that of 1944 when countries that are now democracies were in the grips of totalitarian regimes. He said that D-Day was key to freeing these countries of their tyrannical regimes.

Mr Myers pointed to Ireland's contribution saying that in June 1944, 301 Irishmen who were members of British and Canadian forces died. From 1943 until the end of the war more than 800 soldiers from Ireland lost their lives in freeing Europe. He added that Irish women accounted for 16 percent of all military British nursing deaths.

"It comes down to this, when faced by murderous tyranny, democracy can only survive when strong men are prepared to die in its defence," he stated.

## **2014 Catherwood Lecture - Re-Narrating Human Rights: Dispelling Myths, Challenging Hypocrisy**

**The 2004 Catherwood Lecture will be given by Vinoth Ramachandra, a distinguished international Christian enabler and activist on a range of ethical issues as our guest speaker.**



The organisers, Contemporary Christianity, state - There will be a local responder to Vinoth's lecture and then an opportunity for questions and discussion.

Vinoth Ramachandra lives in Sri Lanka. He holds both bachelors and doctoral degrees in nuclear engineering from the University of London. He currently serves on the International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES) Senior Leadership Team as Secretary for Dialogue & Social Engagement.

Vinoth has been involved for many years with the Civil Rights Movement in Sri Lanka, as well as with the global Micah Network and A Rocha (a world-

wide biodiversity conservation organization). He is the author of several essays, articles and books including *The Message of Mission* (2003), *Subverting Global Myths: Theology and the Public Issues that Shape Our World* (2008) and *Church and Mission in the New Asia* (2009).

Date - 26<sup>th</sup> June at 8 pm - The Agape Centre, Lisburn Rd, Belfast BT 96GF

## **Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults**

**The Irish Catholic  
Catechism for Adults  
is a new resource  
from the Irish  
Episcopal  
Conference.**

**Designed to  
complement the Catechism of the Catholic Church, it is adapted for an  
Irish audience and written in accessible, easy-to-understand language.**



The Adult Catechism responds to the proposal made by the Irish National Directory for Catechesis, *Share the Good News*, that adult faith development should be given priority at this time.

The Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults presents Irish Catholics with a renewed opportunity to study, reflect on and live by the faith we profess in the Creed, celebrate in the Sacraments, live in the Christian moral life and deepen through prayer. Each chapter begins with a 'Story or Lesson of Faith', featuring many notable figures from Ireland, such as Edmund Rice, Catherine McAuley and Nano Nagle. These stories and lessons present the richness of the Church's teaching within the Irish cultural context.

Who is the Catechism for?

This catechism is for adults who wish to renew or learn more about their faith, including:

- Parish Study Groups
- Retreat Groups

- Liturgy Committees
- RCIA Groups
- Those interested in personal study.

It also provides information about the Catholic faith to other interested readers.

How is the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults structured?

The Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults is composed of thirty-six chapters, divided into four sections:

- I. The Creed: The Faith Professed
- II. The Sacraments: The Faith Celebrated
- III. Christian Morality: The Faith Lived
- IV. The Our Father: The Faith Prayed.

Each chapter:

- Commences with a short account of a saint or holy person, most of whom are Irish
- Is followed by a presentation of a related teaching
- Contains excerpts from the Catechism of the Catholic Church
- Relates the Church teaching to Irish culture
- Contains questions for discussion that invite the reader to explore personal ways of connecting with the teachings of the Church
- Concludes with doctrinal statements and suggestions for meditation and prayer.

Videos



## [The History of the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults](#)

## [What is the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults?](#)

## [How to use the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults in your parish](#)

For more information and to purchase a copy of the Irish Catholic Catechism for Adults please see [www.veritas.ie](http://www.veritas.ie)

## **New resource from Church Music Dublin - “Essential Hymn Playing”**

Following the popularity of the video entitled [Music, Eucharist & You](#), released in 2012, Church Music Dublin has launched a second video.

*Essential Hymn Playing* is aimed at those who play the organ in church, whether regularly or occasionally.

It is available to view on the Church Music Dublin website on the following link:

[www.churchmusicdublin.org/Essential-Hymn-Playing](http://www.churchmusicdublin.org/Essential-Hymn-Playing)

## **Spirit of Friendship Flows at West Glendalough Children’s Choral Festival**

**St Michael’s Church, Athy, was brimming with enthusiastic children on Friday June 6 for the West Glendalough Children’s Choral Festival. The service was hosted by Athy Model School and the chosen theme was the ‘Spirit of Friendship’.**

Children from Blessington No 1 School, Donoughmore National School, Timolin National School, Athy Model School and Jonathan Swift National School took part in



the festival which began with a service and was followed by great excitement at the sports day at Athy Rugby Club.

In her sermon, the Revd Olive Donohoe, who had enlisted the help of the Revd Isaac Delamere, spoke about how friendship could help loosen the chains of poverty, hunger and lack of education that bind those in the developing world. She told her young congregation that Jesus's friendship could help them be a friend to others and help those in developing countries. The collection was taken up for Christian Aid's 'Open Schools Worldwide Zimbabwe' project.

Bringing the service to a close, Archbishop Michael Jackson thanked all who had contributed to the exciting and memorable service. He also paid tribute to all who helped make the local schools safe and happy places to be.

## **Jonah–Man Jazz at Belfast Cathedral showcases talents of young singers**

**The Jonah–Man Jazz Concert held in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, on June 8, showcased the talents of the young singers in the Cathedral choirs and in the Choir School Project.**



A large and enthusiastic crowd filled the Cathedral Nave to enjoy 15 minutes of beautiful singing, interspersed with brief words spoken very clearly by pupils from the three schools taking part in the Choir School Project. This project is working daily in three north Belfast schools – Edenbrooke Primary, Sacred Heart Primary and Cliftonville Integrated – reaching into the community of which the Cathedral is part and teaching children to sing to a standard that they might be able to join the Cathedral choirs.

The concert was held as part of the Belfast Cathedral Music Festival, which continues until June 15, and drew an audience of parents, siblings and many people just wanting to hear this piece based on the story of Jonah and the Whale sung in beautifully clear voices.

Among the special guests were the new Lord Mayor of Belfast, Councillor Nichola Mallon, who took time to chat with the children before the concert, and Junior Stormont Ministers Jonathan Bell and Jennifer McCann.



The guests and audience were welcomed by the Dean of Belfast, the Very Rev John Mann, who then handed over to Master of the Choristers David Stevens on piano, the Cathedral Jazz Band, Choir school tutors Catherine Harper and Thérèse Woodfield and, of course, the Choir and the children.

Dean Mann comments, “This was a performance that was tuneful and would have stood up with anything that primary school children could perform anywhere, but most important it gave us reason to thank those who work with the young for their vision and vitality, and those who are children now for giving us hope of a better and brighter future, together.”

## **Sewing machine appeal to improve lives in Africa**

**Tools for Solidarity, a charity which has been working in Belfast for 30 years, is appealing for donations of old or unused sewing machines.**

The organisation is aiming to collect 500 sewing machines over a six month period.



Tools for Solidarity works with local, international and supported volunteers, collecting old hand tools and sewing machines which the organisation refurbishes and sends to centres in Tanzania and Uganda.

Connor Cleland of Tools for Solidarity said: “These refurbished tools and sewing machines help to improve the lives of the local people and their communities in the areas we serve in Africa.”



Tools for Solidarity is appealing to parishes in the Belfast area for their support.

Parishioners can either bring their sewing machines in to Sunday services, where they would be collected by representatives or the charity, or drop sewing machines off at the charity's premises in Crumlin Road. If you have a sewing machine you can donate, please contact Tools for Solidarity on 028 90747473 or email [tools.belfast@virgin.net](mailto:tools.belfast@virgin.net) Or you can visit the website [www.toolsforsolidarity.com](http://www.toolsforsolidarity.com)

## **Cardinal Nichols prays for peace with Israeli and Palestinian ambassadors**

**Cardinal Vincent Nichols has welcomed the ambassadors of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to Archbishop's House in Westminster to pray together for peace.**



The Israeli ambassador Daniel Taub and Palestinian Manuel S. Hassassian spent time together praying in peace on Friday, a move that

came following the pope's visit to the disputed Holy Land last month.

The Cardinal's spokesman said that the two men "did so in response to the invitation issued by Pope Francis to President Mahmoud Abbas and Shimon Peres to come to the Vatican to pray with him for peace in the Holy Land. They united their prayers with those to be offered in the Vatican on the evening of Sunday 8 June, led by Pope Francis.

"During their time of prayer, the Ambassadors and the Cardinal read passages from the Scriptures in Hebrew, Arabic and English. Their prayer was accompanied by the singing of Psalm 23, 'The Lord is my Shepherd', by a chorister from Westminster Cathedral Choir."