

### The essential daily brief on the Irish churches

## Orange Order's lost Londonderry brethren remembered



*Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Edward Stevenson; City of Londonderry Grand Master, James Hetherington, and Dean William Morton with the memorial tablet*

**A permanent commemoration has been set up in honour of eight Orangemen murdered during the Troubles.**

News Letter - The memorial, unveiled at a service yesterday, recalls the deaths of the brethren from the city of Londonderry and its surrounding area who were among those killed in atrocities such as the Claudy bombings and Greysteel massacre.

The black granite tablet is engraved with gold lettering, and will eventually go on permanent display at the Apprentice Boys Memorial Hall once renovation work is finished. In the meantime it will sit in safekeeping.

It was dedicated at a remembrance and thanksgiving gathering at St Columb's Cathedral, attended by top Orangemen and relatives of the dead.

The service was preceded and followed by parades, and according to one organiser, yesterday's whole event went "perfectly".

Grand Master of the Grand Orange Lodge of Ireland, Edward Stevenson, led the tributes, and condemned the "inhumanity" of the republican paramilitaries who were behind the bulk of the bloodshed.

He said: "We must never forget the Orange Order suffered the largest institutional loss for a civilian organisation during the Troubles.

"This was the result of barbaric, deliberate and calculated murderous attacks, predominantly by republican terrorists, which should be condemned without reservation.

"Whether it be the heinous crimes of Claudy and Greysteel resulting in the multiple murder of innocent civilians, or cold-blooded attacks on members of the security forces in Londonderry and beyond, there can be no justification whatsoever for such inhumanity.

"We owe it to the memory of our murdered brethren to never bow to the perpetrators of such terror."

A memorial stone to remember all 332 members of the Orange Institution who lost their lives in the Troubles is permanently displayed at the Order's headquarters, Schomberg House, in Belfast. More at - [http://](http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/regional/orange-order-s-lost-londonderry-brethren-remembered-1-6120401)

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## **Tyrone woman ordained in Limerick**

**Bishop Trevor  
Williams ordained  
Edna Clare Wakely**





**M.Th. (TCD), B. Music, Hons. (Rhodes University, South Africa), L.R.S.M., R.U.L.M., Professional Certificate in Ministry (St. John's College, Nottingham) as Priest to serve in Limerick City parish on Saturday June 14th in St. Mary's Cathedral.**

The Rev. Canon Roy Byrne was chosen by Edna to be the preacher at the service.

Edna was born in County Tyrone, Northern Ireland. She was educated at Omagh Academy, Queen's University, Belfast, Rhodes University, South Africa (where her husband was Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew) and Trinity College, Dublin. She has also lived in Edinburgh and Austin, Texas while her husband was on Sabbatical leave. The family relocated to Churchtown, Dublin in 2001. She has two daughters, Jenny, a qualified solicitor and Joanna, who also studied law. Both daughters live in Dublin. She is a qualified music teacher and has taught privately and in various schools in South Africa, as well as The High School in Dublin. During her years in South Africa Edna was organist at Christ Church, Grahamstown, and after coming to live in Dublin, at St. John's Sandymount for eleven years.

Edna enjoys meeting new people (while also keeping up long-standing friendships) music teaching, choral singing, attending concerts, poetry, sunshine, gardening, walking, reading, cycling, travelling, needlework (and other crafts) baking, entertaining spending time with friends, and Biblical

Studies (Her Masters' thesis, "It is no secret that the Old Testament is a lost treasure in the Church today," is on aspects of the Old Testament).

## MBE for the Rev Campbell Dixon

**The Reverend Campbell Dixon, a member of Belfast Cathedral's ministry team, was awarded an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours.**



Campbell, who was ordained in 2007 and has been working in the Cathedral since 2011, was previously District Policing Partnership (DPP) Manager for Newtownabbey Borough Council and receives the Honour for services to the community in Newtownabbey.

Campbell is married to Jacqui, Chief Executive of Newtownabbey Borough Council and the new Newtownabbey and Antrim cluster council. He said he felt very privileged to be awarded the Honour.

"The award is not just for my work with the DPP, but for other work I do in the community in Newtownabbey," Campbell said. As a volunteer with the 'Time to Read' project, Campbell visits a local school one morning a week to give one to one reading tuition to children who are a little behind with their reading.

"I have also been involved in transformation work with Loyalist communities in Newtownabbey," Campbell said. "This is challenging but we aim to help people in the community to look at things from a different perspective, to understand how society works and to look towards a different future.

"This is just a wonderful community and there are so many people doing voluntary work here. It is a real privilege to be given the Honour, but there are a lot of other people doing good work behind the scenes."

Campbell grew up in the Ballymena area. He was with the RUC, later the PSNI, for 33 years, retiring in 2003 before he was appointed manager of the new District Policing Partnership by Newtownabbey Borough Council. "I was

employed by the council but had a dual responsibility to the Northern Ireland Policing Board,” said Campbell.

“The DPP aimed to develop better working relationships between the police and the community. Newtownabbey had a fantastic partnership of community volunteers and councillors working together with the police and other agencies to resolve difficulties where the resolution did not rest with the police alone. Sorting out problems using a multi-agency approach was very rewarding.” Campbell retired as DPP Manager in 2011.

After being ordained in the Non Stipendiary Ministry, Campbell was curate in St Patrick’s Parish, Jordanstown, for more than four years before he was invited to move to St Anne’s Cathedral by the Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev Alan Abernethy.

“It is quite different to parish ministry, but the pastoral ministry, which is very dear to my heart, is still the same,” Campbell said.



## **Down Cathedral’s new website**

**Trinity Sunday was a fitting day to announce the launch of a new website for the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity in Downpatrick (popularly known as Down Cathedral).**

Down Cathedral is the Cathedral Church of the Church of Ireland Diocese of Down and here the Bishop has his episcopal seat (Cathedra). The present Dean of Down is the Very Revd Henry Hull.

The Cathedral hosts major festivals and services for the Diocese, the highlight being the annual St Patrick’s Day celebrations on 17 March. It is also home to a small congregation who worship here Sunday by Sunday.

The Cathedral is open every day for daily prayer and because of its unique situation and historic association with St Patrick it serves as a focal point for Christians of all denominations. The mortal remains of the saint close by. On the website you will find information about services and events in Down Cathedral and a little about its history and ongoing ministry today.

**Visit [www.downcathedral.org](http://www.downcathedral.org)**

## Inspire in Ireland

**Rev Dr Phil Meadows (Director, Inspire) will be in Ireland for several weeks with the Methodist Church between December and May.**



During each week he will be offering a training day covering different aspects of the Inspire vision for mission-shaped discipleship. This is part of a longer term process that will continue through 2014-15.

Below, you will find links to the programme of events, and a 'form' you can complete if you want to register for them. Although the meetings are open to all, we encourage you to register here (or through one of the local contacts listed on the programme) so we can make adequate preparations for everyone. There is no charge for participation in these sessions. Details of dates and programme at -

<http://inspiremovement.org/network/ireland>

## Opinion: Where does fatherhood feature in story of mother-and-baby homes?



**Interestingly, in all the coverage about mother-and-baby homes over the past few weeks, the role of the fathers hasn't been addressed to any extent.**

Marcella Corcoran in The Journal.ie - Women didn't just arrive in the mother-and-baby homes, they were there because they were pregnant and they didn't get pregnant on their own.

All of the discussion in recent times around the mother-and-baby homes has rightly focused on the mothers, their babies, the people who ran the homes and on other very important issues around adoption, experimental vaccinations and the burial of deceased infants. A commission of investigation has been approved in which all aspects of the mother-and-baby



homes will be vigorously explored in a thorough and considered way. This is most essential for our society to ensure that this can never happen again.

Interestingly, however, in all the coverage over the past few weeks, the role of the fathers hasn't been addressed to any extent.

### **Where are the men in this story?**

Who were the men who fathered all of these children? Why didn't they take responsibility or *could* they take responsibility? Were some of the men involved already married or did they believe that the pregnant women weren't good enough to marry? It is no secret that many of the women who found themselves in mother-and-baby homes did so after suffering horrific sexual abuse. The questions surrounding this issue are endless.

The reality is that mother-and-baby homes were a product of their time; the institutions themselves need to take responsibility, the State played a role, and society as a whole accepted that 'fallen women' were sent to these homes. This was never discussed and judging by the lack of information available, very few questions were asked. It may be the case that society was conspiring to control and repress women's sexuality under the influence of a male Church preaching celibacy and anti-contraception to a male Government, or it may very well be the case that it was not socially acceptable for a man to stand by his woman out of wedlock.

During the era of the mother-and-baby homes, nothing was expected of a man who fathered a child, it was essentially the woman's problem if unmarried. Fatherhood, at that time, was clearly not valued by society – and this is emphasised even further when you consider that widowers had their children taken off them when their wives died if they could not find a suitable woman to step into the maternal role. More at -

<http://www.thejournal.ie/readme/mother-and-baby-home-fathers-1513983-Jun2014/>

## **Bishop of Chelmsford: "Good religious education counters religious extremism"**

**In his Maiden speech, the Bishop of Chelmsford said "Good religious education has been shown to be one of the best ways of countering religious extremism"**

In a Church of England interview he continued this theme and talked about the importance of education.

## **House of Lords speech at**

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld201415/ldhansrd/text/140609-0001.htm#1406094000379>



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## **Abp Welby's message to global summit to end sexual violence in war**

**The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby gave this video message last week to the [Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict](#), hosted in London by the UK government.**

The message was played at a panel discussion on the role of faith leaders in preventing and responding to sexual violence in conflict.

The panel, chaired by Nicky Morgan, Financial Secretary to the Treasury and Minister for Women, discussed examples from across the faiths where religious leaders and communities have played a distinctive role in addressing the root causes and consequences of sexual violence. They also considered how barriers to their effective participation can be transformed.

The speakers, who represented different faith communities, included the Anglican Archbishop of Rwanda, Onesphore Rwaje. Transcript of speech and video at -

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2014/06/abp-welbys-message-to-global-summit-to-end-sexual-violence-in-war.aspx>

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