



Altar used at Papal Mass in Phoenix Park finds a permanent home

The altar used by Pope Francis when he celebrated the WMOF2018 Closing Mass in the Phoenix Park in Dublin has found a permanent home in a North Dublin parish.

Parishioners in Bonnybrook in Dublin will be worshipping at

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The Presbyterian Moderator visited Dundalk National School last week. “A great combination of history and state of the art technology. My wife was really impressed and I enjoyed taking assembly”, he said

the altar used at the Papal Mass now that their newly refurbished Parish Church has reopened.

Significant works on the 50-year-old building have just finished. Appropriately, the theme for the weekend celebrations is “*New Beginnings*.”

The Saint Joseph the Artisan Church first opened its doors in Dublin 17 in 1969 and in that time only minor works were carried out on the building. The Church had to be closed

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for five months during the renovation process. Parish Priest Father Jones is hopeful that the new sacred space will encourage many people back over this special Golden Jubilee year for Bonnybrook parish and in particular to see the altar and ambo used by Pope Francis.

They were created for the closing Mass of the World Meeting of Families by the Specialist Joinery Group, based in Maghera, Co. Derry. Run by John Bosco O' Hagan, he and his sister dressed the altar at Saturday's Mass following its consecration by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.

When first commissioned to make the furniture for the sanctuary in the Phoenix Park, John Bosco said it was "without doubt" the most important project that we will do in our lifetime; "Everything is to be quite simple. It is all straight lines and a simple manufacture. There is nothing elaborate about the whole thing. The Pope is a simple man and he seems to live a very simple life, so the furniture is simple as well."

Work on the Bonnybrook Church began over two years ago and would not have been possible without the support of the Gubay Foundation and the Diocesan Support Fund, Share as well as support from the local community. As well as the improved Sanctuary area, internal walls, which until now were exposed breeze blocks, have all been insulated as has the roof. New windows have been put in as well as a new floor and the electrical wiring has been upgraded.

With the new-look Church comes new invitations to participate in parish life. Parish Priest Father Joe Jones said churchnewsireland@gmail.org

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they are starting a new ministry group “*Care for the Earth Ministry*” encouraging an eco-friendly approach to parish life and asking people to be more conscious of ways to care for the earth.

Parishioners are invited to get involved in many other ways, to join the choir, the baptism team, the funeral team, to become a Eucharistic Minister or help with the Golden Jubilee celebrations, which will continue throughout the year.

World Council of Churches mourns loss of staff member in Ethiopian Airlines crash

The World Council of Churches is mourning the death of the Rev Norman Tendis, one of the 157 people killed in the tragic Ethiopian Airlines crash on Sunday.

The Boeing 737 Max 8 was heading to Nairobi, Kenya but crashed minutes after taking off from Addis Ababa, killing everyone on board. The cause of the crash is still unknown but some airlines have made the decision to ground the Boeing model following the disaster.

Rev Tendis worked as a consultant for the WCC in its work to help churches invest their resources in making a better planet and had been on his way to the UN Environment Assembly, which began on Monday.

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Rev Norman Tendis

He had been due to present to the assembly a roadmap for an 'economy of life' for congregations, communities and churches that he had worked on with WCC colleagues.

His previous work had included supporting small-scale agriculture, ethical investment, climate-friendly mobility and other practices aimed at sustainable living.

Rev Tendis, who was also a Lutheran pastor in Austria, was remembered today at a memorial service held in the chapel of the WCC's headquarters in Geneva.

WCC general secretary the Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit paid tribute to him and all the victims of the crash, saying that the

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world had lost many experts committed to global sustainability.

'We express our deepest condolences on the passing of the all the people on board the aircraft, and we have particular anguish upon the loss of our own Rev Norman Tendis, who was passionately carving out a path for economic and environmental justice,' he said.

'This had been his compassion and vision for years.'

Prof Isabel Apawo Phiri, WCC deputy general secretary, said: 'Norman walked his talk. He was deeply rooted and committed to his congregation, and was committed to share his experiences and vision with the wider ecumenical family.

'His focus and enthusiasm was how each local church can contribute to the economic and ecological justice, in the marketplaces, in the communities, among the nations, and with the earth.'

War of Independence symposium in Cork, Cloyne and Ross

As part of the on-going Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan Commemorations and Reconciliation Project (2018-2023), an introductory symposium for clergy and employees of the Diocese was held on Friday, 8th March. The Project is being supported by the Priorities' Fund of the Church of Ireland, and was also part of the CME (Continuing Ministerial Education) Programme in the Diocese.

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Dr John Borgonovo addressing the War of Independence Centenary Symposium in Cork, Cloyne and Ross.

Two papers were presented by historians from University College Cork, at this first of a number of events planned for the coming centenary years. Dr Andy Bielenberg delivered a paper entitled 'War, revolution, regime change and the Protestant Community in Co Cork.' He spoke about Protestant commemoration of the First World War, and Protestant memory of the Irish Revolution, including the Dunmanway massacre. Dr Bielenberg offered also some thoughtful perspectives on the subject of 'commemoration'.

Dr John Borgonovo's paper was entitled 'Republican Commemoration in County Cork', in which he explored also churchnewsireland@gmail.org

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the the role and perspectives of the churches in the period. Among the visitors were guests who have been supporting the Bishop with the Diocesan Centenaries Commemoration and Reconciliation Project, and also some members of the Church of Ireland Historical Centenaries Working Group.

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150 years of Presbyterian witness in Kells

Rev John Clarke of Navan and Right Rev Dr Charles Mc Mullen, Moderator of the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church in Ireland took part in a special service on Sunday to celebrate 150 years of Presbyterian witness in Kells, County Meath.

There was a more than full church and a sense of God's presence where the Moderator's wife, Barbara, gave the children's talk.

Rev David Nesbitt reflected on the church's history.

Romanian friends from a Baptist fellowship, which also uses the building, spoke on their sense of mission in the area and led items in song.

Rev Brian Wilson conducted the service and the Moderator reflected on the nature of the church's life and ministry from the Scripture.

DRY Invites for Bishop Good's last youth service in Raphoe

There was a valedictory tone to Bishop Ken Good's Sunday afternoon sermon in St Eunan's Cathedral in Raphoe where the first ever 'DRY Invites' service was taking place. The

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service was the brainchild of the board of Derry and Raphoe Youth and scores of people – young and old – travelled through hail and sleet to support it.

The Bishop told the congregation that some of them would appreciate the significance of the reading he had chosen from 2 Timothy. “The reading was sent by an elderly man who was finishing his ministry,” the Bishop said, “in fact this was probably his last letter. And this person standing here,” the Bishop said, pointing at himself, “is elderly and this may be my last message to DRY, Derry and Raphoe Youth.”

Looking around the cathedral, the Bishop recognised lots of familiar faces. “The old apostle Paul says, ‘Timothy, I laid hands on you as a sign of inviting the spirit to fan into flames your spiritual life. This elderly bishop has been laying hands on all of you at confirmations for 17 years. There are many

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heads in this church on which my hands have been placed. So, there are those echoes of why this passage might have something to say to us today.”

The Bishop said Paul’s letter was written to a young person, Timothy, who was just about to take on responsibility for leadership in the church. “He was setting out on his journey of ministry. And I am sending this message to you – many of whom are setting out on a life and a journey of serving the Lord.”

Bishop Good encouraged young people in the congregation to be thankful, confident and courageous. “Be thankful for the spiritual formation you’ve had, and DRY may be part of



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that.” He told them to be confident about their faith and be confident in the Lord. Lastly, he urged them to be courageous. ”There’s courage involved in this calling to be a Christian,” the Bishop said, “and we need to be prepared to stand up for the Gospel.”

Sunday’s service was led by the Dean of Raphoe, Very Rev Arthur Barrett, and worship was led by the Mark Ferguson Band. During the service, the chairman of the DRY board, Rev Peter Ferguson, invited representatives from youth groups in Omagh and Letterkenny to share their faith stories with the congregation. Afterwards, those who weren’t hurrying off to beat the elements walked or drove the short distance to the Cathedral Hall for refreshments.

News briefs

+++Celebrating the restoration of cloisonné - The Church of St Michael & All Angels has recently celebrated the restoration of cloisonné. The church is situated in Millicent, between Clane and Sallins in the dioceses of Meath & Kildare. It is known for its beauty and the richness of its history. The building contains some beautiful and quite rare artwork, including a number of mosaics, two panels of sgraffito and extensive areas of cloisonné. Cloisonné is a French word meaning "enclosed", and describes a metal-working technique. It is an ancient technique for decorating metalwork objects. The resulting objects can also be called “cloisonné”. Bishop Pat Storey rededicated the church during a service in the Church last month.

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+++From Derry to Armagh - Rev Suzanne Cousins has been appointed incumbent to the grouped parishes of Clonfeacle, Derrygortreavy and Eglish in the Diocese of Armagh. She said she and her husband, Alan, were genuinely sad at the prospect of leaving the Moville Group of Parishes, given their great affection for their friends there and their deep love and respect for the people, parishes and communities. “Nevertheless,” Rev Cousins said, “there is joy when God calls and leads us, and excitement for the future. We look forward to all that lies ahead in the will of God, to many new friendships and to opportunities to serve the Lord in rural Armagh.”

+++From Clogher to Derry - Rev Chris MacBruithin – whose wife, Sarah, is a former Derry Diocesan Secretary – said he was delighted to be returning to Derry and Raphoe after being appointed Rector of Castlerock and Dunboe. He described it as a “bitter-sweet” day. “We will find it terribly hard to leave our church family in Enniskillen,” Rev MacBruithin said, but his son, Noah, “always wanted a parish with a beach and level crossing!”

+++Caring for God’s Creation school theme - This year Bishop Michael Burroughs Lenten competition for primary schools has been expanded to include many talents. There are Art, Literacy and Digital sections which will appeal to different children. The theme “Caring for God’s Creation” is of particular relevance as good environmentalism is good Church! Schools received information by email yesterday and all entries must be received in the Diocesan office or by special email by Good Friday at the latest. We will just have to see what ideas the primary school children in Cashel, Ferns & Ossory have!

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+++The smallest European cathedral - St. Edan's Church of Ireland Cathedral is said to be the smallest Cathedral in Europe. It stands on the site of the early 13th century medieval Cathedral, which was built up by Bishop John St. John at the same time as the building of Ferns Castle. It has a simple but beautiful interior and a small adjoining chapter house. It is open every Sunday for worship. St Edan's Day is observed on 31 January. Apparently Edan had close links with the Church in Wales.



+++Keith and Kristyn Getty - “We are so excited to partner with John Piper and the 1,000 voices of Irish Arts, for our first ever concert event at the SEE Arena in Belfast on 15 June 2019. Tickets are selling very fast - join over 8500 people for an incredible evening of worship!”
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