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Acts of Remembrance throughout Dublin and Glendalough



Standard bearers in St Patrick's Cathedral for the annual Remembrance Sunday Service which this year took place in the presence of the temporary installation

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'The Fallen' which commorates the 36,000 Irish people who died in World War I.

Acts of Remembrance took place in churches throughout Dublin & Glendalough on Sunday November 11, as people all over Ireland and Europe marked the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I.

On Sunday morning the clergy and choir of St Ann's Church, Dawson Street, processed to St Stephen's Green for a short act of remembrance at The Hauntings Soldier. A large crowd gathered around the imposing sculpture, which is made entirely of scrap metal and represents a battle worn soldier returning from war. The choir sang and there was a time of prayer.

In the Church of St Catherine and St James on Donore Avenue, Archbishop Michael Jackson dedicated a new memorial to members of the Carroll family who served in the two World Wars. Henry Carroll and his son Gordon were present for the dedication of the plaque in honour of Henry's uncle, William, who died in April 1918 aged 31 and his brother, George, who died in Burma in October 1944. The Carroll family were parishioners of St Peter's Church on Aungier Street.

Fr Alois Greiler from the neighbouring St Teresa's Parish on Donore Avenue, spoke on the centenary of the Armistice. He said the invitation to speak was awkward yet brought a feeling of urgency. "Awkward because standing here, am I your enemy? On the other hand is it not a good sign – a German Catholic giving a sermon in the Church of St Catherine and St James?" he asked.

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Archbishop Michael Jackson, Henry Carroll, Gordon Carroll, Canon Mark Gardner and Fr Alois Greiler at the newly dedicated Carroll family war memorial in the Church of St Catherine and St James.

Fr Alois spoke of the importance of Remembrance. “Most of us do not have direct memory of the First or Second World War. But we keep remembering and praying for peace. On a political level it asks for non violent solutions. Violence does not solve issues. That is why prayer is relevant today,” he said. The congregation was joined by members of St Teresa’s Scouts.

In All Saints’ Church, Grangegorman, a short ecumenical service took place at the World War I memorial. Parishioners were joined by Fr Joseph Loftus and parishioners from St Peter’s Church, Phibsborough. At 11am the bells of both churches were run and Fr Loftus

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brought a lantern from All Saints to St Peter's to their 11.30am Mass.

In Christ Church, Bray, the Come & Remember exhibition and series of events to mark the centenary of the Armistice drew to a close yesterday. Each November the parish remembers those with connections to Bray who died in both World Wars. This year the included stories of people who returned from the Great War and what course their lives took afterwards. There was an Act of Remembrance with a muffled peal of bells yesterday morning and a performance of the Mass for Peace 'The Armed Man' by Karl Jenkins featuring local singers yesterday evening.

Yesterday afternoon the annual Remembrance Sunday Service took place in St Patrick's Cathedral. A huge congregation filled every available space in the cathedral for the service which was attended by representatives of the Government and opposition parties as well as representatives of the diplomatic corps, members of the Defence Forces from Ireland and overseas, Garda Commissioner Drew Harris, ex-service people and members of RBL Republic of Ireland. The service included a wreath laying ceremony at the War Memorial in the north transept and the Exhortation was read by Brian Duffy, chairman of RBL Republic of Ireland.

The sermon was given by the Dean of Armagh, the Very Revd Gregory Dunstan, who said that Remembrance was born out of the carnage of mechanised warfare and industrialised killing. "To losses of this scale, humanity responded, not with victory parades, but with Remembrance," he explained.

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Dean Dunstan said that over the last four years many who were forgotten had been recovered to memory, while honouring those whose courage and sacrifice were in the title deeds of the State.

“Such remembering brings love to the contemplation of our past. Such remembering can transcend difference, hold together opposites, overcome old enmities. It may take time – generations. It cannot be compelled. It is possible to remember adversarially for centuries. But to remember together is to express a will to live together in hope,” he stated.

Citing Isaiah 43: “I call you by name: you are mine”, which appears on a bronze wreath at the German cemetery of Langemark near Ypres, the Dean said the words expressed the inalienability to God of every human being made in his image. “What is true of God’s first chosen people is, in Christ, true of us all. We are loved. We are redeemed. Remembering together, we are embraced in the stream of eternal love which holds us all. Remembering together, we affirm our hope in God’s future for this world,” he concluded.

American Cathedral in Paris honours ‘Great War’ soldiers, rededicates battle memorial

On Nov.11 at 11 a.m., the worship service at the American Cathedral in Paris paused so parishioners could listen to the peals of church bells sound across the City of Lights,
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**A veteran
attends a
memorial
service at
the
American
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in Paris on
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just as they rang 100 years ago to signal the Armistice and the end of Word War I.

As the United States observed Veterans Day on Sunday, around the world and especially throughout Europe, special events—including visits by dozens of heads of state—were held to mark the centennial anniversary of the end of the Great War.

The American Cathedral, part of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, commemorated the occasion with two special events.

The convocation's bishop-elect, the Rev. Mark D.W. Edington, preached at the memorial service on Sunday. And on Nov. 10, the cathedral rededicated the Battle Memorial Cloister, the first monument ever erected for the American casualties of World War I, according to historian and parishioner Ellen Hampton.

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In a video about the cloister, Hampton shared that shortly after the war ended, families began asking to erect plaques in honor of their loved ones, but the priest and vestry opted for another, all-inclusive memorial, and raised funds for the Battle Memorial Cloister. The memorial honors the 116,000 American casualties of World War I, as well as civilian units that supported France before the United States officially entered the conflict in 1917.

The cloister is lined with plaques commemorating the fallen and features the insignia of the American armed forces, as well as scenes from major battles.

Ironically, little room was left in the cloister for plaques for the dead in World War II. When the cloister was designed, there was no thought of it needing to be bigger; World War I was considered then to be the war to end all wars, Hampton explained.

Parishioners Charles Truehead and Ann Dushane, along with the Very Rev. Lucinda Laird, the cathedral's dean, have led the arrangements for the commemoration events. The rededication on Nov. 10 featured World War I poetry and special music.

At the close of the service, attendees placed poppies on a wreath of remembrance, a tradition with its origins in the 1915 poem "In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae.

"Something our bishop-elect wrote recently might help put this in context," said Truehead. "He wrote that a church is a community of memory...Here is an example of memory with a capital M, where we are coming together to

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remember the dead and the people who came before us at the cathedral for something that mattered for them and was cataclysmic to the world.”

For the American Cathedral, participating in this type of commemoration is part of its duty, Truehead said, both as a worshiping community and as a cathedral committed to opening its doors to the broader community. This dedication to community has been a hallmark of the church throughout its history. The Rev. Jason Leo, now canon for transitions and congregational vitality for the Diocese of Southern Ohio, grew up at the American Cathedral, when his father Jim served as dean.

“Every year on the anniversary of D-Day, there were celebrations and commemorations throughout the city,” Leo said. “The cathedral was a hub for all of this. I was 16 years and remember sitting in a pew behind a U.S. president during a service and thinking that this was a pretty big deal. But certainly, the most moving experience was to look out into that enormous worship space and see one veteran in kneeling in silence: the memories of friends, immeasurable sacrifice, and the blessing of freedom, all being offered to God in prayer.”

During the service, Truehead shared the story of one of the Americans who volunteered to fight in the foreign war: a young poet, Alan Seeger, who died on July 4, 1916. His name might sound familiar. The American Library in Paris was created, in part, to honor Seeger’s history, and his way with words became a family tradition, carried on by his nephew, folk singer Pete Seeger, Truehead said.

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The service included one of Seeger's poems, "I have a rendezvous with death." In the poem, Seeger contrasts the life he could have led, "Pillowed in silk and scented down ... Where hushed awakenings are dear..." with the one that he chose in the fight for freedom, "At midnight in some flaming town,/ When Spring trips north again this year, / And I to my pledged word am true."

Dare to Care: We should be kinder to each other, says Girls' Brigade film



koko has produced a film about kindness.

A Girls' Brigade mission initiative has launched a new film exploring the issue of kindness.

Entitled Dare to Care, it's a project of koko (Keep On Keeping On), a multi-award-winning blog for teenage girls, and suggests making kindness more of a habit.

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koko project co-ordinator Meg Cannon said: 'There's a line in the film that says, "Together we could change the world" and we really do believe that. We want to challenge young people to look out for one another and make kindness more of a habit in their lives. We hope that this film sparks conversations and moves young people to action.'

The film was launched at a Girls' Brigade England and Wales conference last week and has been part-funded by Thorpe Hall School in Essex and Girls on Board, an initiative that helps girls between the ages of eight and 18 navigate the often troubled waters of friendship problems.

Girls from Thorpe Hall School appear in the film. Headteacher Andrew Hampton said: 'I love the film; it's very powerful. The messaging is such a close fit to our Girls On Board initiative, which explores the issues surrounding girl friendships in schools, so we were delighted to support koko's latest film.

'It shines a light on the topic in such a creative way and is a very positive resource.'

The film can be seen on the koko [website](#) or via [YouTube](#).

Archbishop Eamon Martin pays tribute to the late Emma Mhic Mhathúna

At a conferral ceremony for 232 lay men and women in Saint Patrick's College Maynooth on 10 November 2018,

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The graduates were conferred with academic awards in Theology, Philosophy and Education. Archbishop Eamon Martin granted these awards and gave an address at the ceremony.

Archbishop Eamon opened his address by acknowledging the work of the Columban Missionaries. This year marks one hundred years since the founding of the “Maynooth Mission to China”, led by Father John Blowick who was the professor of Moral Theology in Maynooth.

Archbishop Eamon challenged the graduates to become missionary disciples, leading the missions around the world

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and indeed in Ireland, which has unfortunately returned to “mission territory”. He said: “Your fellow students in 1918 stepped up to be part of the Maynooth Mission to China and their courage and enthusiasm for spreading the joy of the Gospel was infectious!”

In his address, Archbishop Eamon paid tribute to Emma Mhic Mhathúna, who studied in the Bachelor of Arts and theology programme in Maynooth during 2014-15. She balanced her studies with family life but had to withdraw from her studies due to personal reasons.

Due to Emma’s courageous and powerful testimony during the cervical check controversy, Archbishop Eamon said: “I am pleased to hear, from the President, of the College’s intention to have an award dedicated to Emma to assist mature students who wish to return to education – ar dheis De go Raibh a anam.”

Fireworks thrown at church goers

Fireworks were thrown at church goers in Magherafelt on Sunday night, according to DUP MLA Keith Buchanan.

Mr Buchanan said, “Throwing fireworks poses obvious risk to people, their safety and property. It is a completely senseless action which offers nothing but upset and fear. Individuals involved chose Remembrance Sunday. A day which many from across the community gathered at Churches and war memorials to pay their respects. The disrespect shown by the culprits is beyond comprehension and negatively taints our town, on an otherwise dignified

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day. Police were also assaulted when they arrived on the scene. This is totally unacceptable behaviour. I thank their PSNI for their action so far and I trust those responsible will be held accountable for their despicable actions.”

It is understood police made three arrests in connection with the incident.

Traidcraft in fresh bid to avoid closure of trading arm

The struggling commercial arm of Traidcraft, a Christian retailer promoting Fairtrade goods, has unveiled a new plan to help stave off closure.

The workforce of Traidcraft plc shall shrink from 67 to twelve under the blueprint.

Twenty-two people have already accepted voluntary redundancy.

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The proposals, which have been approved by the organisation's board, are due to come in effect next year.

Chief executive officer, Robin Roth said: "A couple of people come forward with plans.

"We've got some outside help, we've got a lot of support from people who really value Traidcraft and we think we've got a plan that can take us forward.

"We've been through the value and we're now coming out in the uplands, it seems."

The changes - designed to reverse losses - will weed out product ranges which are not generating profit.

In September, the organisation warned recent poor trading threatened to force the closure of Traidcraft plc in its entirety.

Founded in 1979, Traidcraft plc sells Fairtrade coffee, sugar and chocolate - as well things such as rugs and baskets from Bangladesh.

The future of the charitable branch of the organisation, Traidcraft Exchange, which supports farmers in developing countries, has not been affected.

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A Francis Ledwidge Evening

Francis Mulley will talk about the life and works of WW1 soldier and poet Francis Ledwidge. The talk will be

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Killyleagh Library presents

A Francis Ledwidge Evening

Frances Mulley will talk about the life and works of WWI soldier and poet Francis Ledwidge. The talk will be illustrated with his poetry.

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Tullamore Church Repair Fund

Following the
recent
malicious
damage to
eight windows
in St
Catherines
Church
Tullamore, we
are launching
an appeal to
pay for the

grills to protect the windows after they have been repaired. We also hope to install security cameras around the Church to prevent this from happening again. Thank you to everyone for their overwhelming good wishes and kind offers of support which we have received.

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CMS Ireland offers three Global Partners teams

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CMS Ireland has announced three teams for summer 2019 offering opportunities to visit their Global Partners in Egypt, Uganda or Zambia.

C MSI teams offer a chance for groups from Ireland to visit one of CMSI's partner locations and experience life, faith and work in another part of the world.

It's a great way to deepen an understanding of global mission and to help church-to-church partnership links grow.

A CMSI team involves training and preparation in the months before the visit, the experience itself and some follow-up meetings afterwards.

Information sheets and application forms are downloadable from the [CMSI website here](#).

Closing date for applications: 14 December 2018.

Fijian priest elected Archbishop of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

The Vicar of St Peter's in Lautoka on the Fijian island of Viti Levu, Fereimi Cama, has been elected Bishop of Polynesia. When he is consecrated and installed, he will also become one of the three Archbishops and Primates of the Anglican Church of Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. The election was announced yesterday (Sunday) by the Church's two existing primates, Archbishop Don Tamihere and Philip Richardson, who have responsibility for the Church's Maori and Pakeha Tikangas, or cultural streams.

The 63-year-old archbishop-elect is a former Dean of Holy Trinity Cathedral in Suva.

Archbishop Don served as Commissary at the electoral college, describing the role as “an immense privilege and honour”. He added: “When the final ballot was held, it was Fr Cama who was chosen – and chosen with a deep sense of this being God’s will.

“Fr Cama is a priest of the people. He has served among family and community for decades, and is a leader grown from the grassroots. He is a good man and he is ready to serve his people anew with humility and courage.

Mothers’ Union in Dublin & Glendalough offers two voluntary roles

Mothers’ Union in Dublin & Glendalough is seeking to fill two voluntary roles within the diocesan organisation. They currently looking for a Diocesan Honorary Secretary and a Diocesan Press Officer.

Role of Diocesan Hon Secretary:

The Hon Secretary role will be to provide secretarial and administration support to the diocesan president, trustees and office holders in the implementation of the aims and objectives of Mothers’ Union in the Diocese.

Key Responsibilities

To organise four meetings of the diocesan Trustee Board, and two Council meetings per year in conjunction with the diocesan president, including the preparation and distribution of agenda, reports, etc and the taking of minutes.

To maintain records relating to branches and membership within the diocese.

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To ensure that branches and areas are kept informed about Mothers' Union matters/events.

To collect, collate and distribute reports and returns from branches and to prepare annual reports for diocesan council and the all Ireland Office.

To deal with routine correspondence and enquiries from members and non-members about Mothers' Union.

To assist in the organisation of diocesan events.

To assist with the arrangements and administer triennial elections.

To undertake such other secretarial/administration duties as may be required.

To attend committee meetings and other diocesan area events (if required) and to attend other conferences and meetings (where possible) as requested by the diocesan president.

Role of Press Officer:

Is to support the Diocesan President, the Trustee Board and branches in the Dublin and Glendalough dioceses. This will include attending events where possible and taking photographs to be published in local papers/magazines and diocesan websites with agreement of the Diocesan President.

Prepare, write and distribute press releases, handling media queries and possible liaising with journalists and other media contacts including All Ireland Southern Press Officer. Furthermore, the role involves tracking media coverage relating to Mothers' Union, keeping an eye on developments particularly where social policies are concerned.

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