

Northern Ireland beer drinkers help replace abbey bell destroyed during WW1

A treasured bell that hung in a Belgian abbey until it was destroyed during the First World War has been replaced 100 years on, thanks



The most valuable bell at Heverlee's Park Abbey cost 30,000 Euros to replace

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in part to beer drinkers in Northern Ireland.

The bell in the steeple of Belgium's Park Abbey, in the town of Heverlee just south of Leuven, will finally ring again on Armistice Day next month.

The bell cost £30,000 to replace and was purchased using royalties paid to the monks of the abbey from sales of Heverlee beer in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The abbey's 160 bells were destroyed during the Great War, and every one will now ring again for the first time on November 11 this year as part of the Armistice Day commemorations.

The momentous occasion comes after the Mayor of Leuven campaigned for years to have the bells replaced after they were destroyed in a WW1 attack on the town.

Since identifying the regiment that was responsible, the Martial Fund paid for the replacements for all but one of the bells – the most valuable that's located in the steeple – now remunerated for by Heverlee beer drinkers.

Explaining why the beer brand got behind the bell replacement project, Joris Brams, master brewer of Heverlee, commented: "The stunning Park Abbey in the town of Heverlee is where the ancient monks originated the beer hundreds of years ago, so it's a huge occasion for the success of Heverlee today to be giving back to the institution that created it.

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“Living in Leuven I have seen how celebrated the refurbishment of the abbey has been, and it’s through the popularity of Heverlee in Scotland and Northern Ireland that the masthead of the abbey can again take its rightful place.”

Salvation Army’s new leader guest of honour at Belfast celebrations

The newly-appointed international leader of the Salvation Army will make his first visit to Belfast this weekend.

General Brian Peddle – from Newfoundland in Canada – leads the 1.5million-strong church and charity.

He and his wife, Commissioner Rosalie, will be guests of honour at the celebrations today and tomorrow at the church corps in Sydenham to celebrate the Salvation Army’s work in the city.

General Peddle, 61, said: “I’ve been to Ireland and Northern Ireland on several occasions so I’m not totally unfamiliar with the Emerald Isle. This will be my first time in Belfast.”

Of his role as international leader he said: “I am in a position where I can encourage the global Salvation Army which is made up of all the bits and pieces of innumeral communities throughout the world.

“Belfast is one of those communities where we’ve had a Salvation Army which has served for more than 100 years

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**Salvation Army's
international
leader General
Brian Peddle**



and is still quite strong and connected to its community and looking forward to

serving people hand-in-hand with other agencies leading up to Christmas.” He added: “I’m now the international leader by election. It’s the pinnacle if you look at it in terms of structure but in terms of my calling to ministry, both my wife and I would record that the best ministry is a ministry to people.”

Already a well-travelled minister, his new role will see him continue to tour the world: “The Salvation Army serves in 131 countries in the world, we’ve already found our way to national offices in more than 30 of those. After Ireland we’ll be travelling on to Sri Lanka and then Tanzania and so the story goes.”

**First ordinations to the permanent
diaconate for the Diocese of Down and
Connor**

This Sunday, 14 October 2018, Bishop Noel Treanor will celebrate the ordination Mass for nine candidates to the permanent diaconate. These will be the first ordinations for the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Down and Connor.

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Speaking ahead of the historic ordination, Bishop Treanor said, “I welcome the arrival of the permanent diaconate to our diocese. I salute the nine men who will be ordained on Sunday in Saint Peter’s Cathedral, Belfast. To these men, and to their families, I express heartfelt gratitude and appreciation and I assure them of the prayers and support of myself and of the priests and peoples of Down and Connor.”

Those to be ordained as permanent deacons are: Joseph Baxter, Terence Butcher, Brendan Dowd, Brett Lockhart, James McAllister, Gregory McGuigan, Patrick McNeill, Kevin Webb, and Martin Whyte.

Connor’s Affirm project will support young people in difficulty

Affirm, a new project to support young people going through difficulty, is being launched in Connor Diocese.

The project will develop greater access to support for young people and provide training for leaders within local parishes

It will make use of local expertise through different established organisations, specifically The Big House (www.thebighouse.org.uk), who seek to support young people experiencing difficulties with a Christian perspective.

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**Connor
Diocesan Youth
Officer
Christina Baillie**



The project will incorporate residentials, youth sessions in parishes, training for leaders and a

resource developed by The Big House and Diocesan Youth Officer, Christina Baillie.

Christina said: “Young people across the diocese experience such a range of difficult issues as they grow and develop, and we want to assure them that the church is a safe place to be heard and belong.

“This project provides an opportunity through funding from the Church of Ireland Priorities Fund to support young people locally where they are known and cared for, communicating who God is through truth they can relate to.”

Christina added: “I would love to see as many parishes as possible connecting and making use of the project within their own context.”

CMS and Diocese of London open new school for lay pioneer ministry

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A new School of Pioneers is opening in London to provide non-residential training in pioneer ministry for lay leaders. The initiative is being run jointly by the Diocese's Centre for Church Planting and Growth and the Anglican mission agency Church Mission Society (CMS). The new venture will "identify and train new pioneer leaders to birth 'new churches, for new people in new places' across London", a spokesperson for the diocese said in a statement.

The Diocese of London is more than half-way through an ambitious target of opening or re-launching 100 new worshipping communities by 2020. In 2017 the diocese's electoral roll figures – the closest to a membership list in the Church of England – showed a 13 per cent increase in church membership since 2012, bucking the national trend and demonstrating a clear demand for church growth, the diocesan statement said.

"I am excited by the potential of our partnership with CMS", the Bishop of Islington, Ric Thorpe, who leads the Centre for Church Planting and Growth, said. "We are working to encourage a culture of pioneering through church plants, fresh expressions and missional communities throughout the diocese and through the School of Pioneers, we will be able to train and commission lay people to lead new forms of church in new places for new people."

The Director of Mission Education at CMS, Jonny Baker, said: "The London School of Pioneers is part of our growing network of training hubs for lay pioneers that we are

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developing in partnership with dioceses around the country which began with the St Cedd Centre for Pioneer Mission in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

“They are the result of nine years of sustained success and continued growth of the Pioneer Mission Leadership Training programme that CMS has pioneered from its base in Oxford.

“The Church of England now wants a more accessible version of this training based in their own diverse contexts, in order to train and equip their lay people for pioneering mission”, he said. “The hubs form part of a rapidly expanding network of pioneers across the UK that is changing the ecclesial landscape and influencing the development of pioneer training in other parts of the world.”



The new School of Pioneers has the backing of the Bishop of London, Sarah Mullally. It will allow the diocese to offer formal training to lay pioneers for the first time, “and testifies to the growing importance of ‘pioneering’ in the

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Church's strategy to reach a generation who have grown up in a post-Christian culture," the statement said.

The School is aimed at lay people who are either already involved in pioneering, or who have been identified as pioneers within the diocese. It will offer pioneers the chance to understand their vocation, and gain the expertise, experience and understanding to help them launch and lead fresh expressions of church including missional communities, community projects and entrepreneurships, across the diocese.

Meanwhile, the diocese's plan to open 100 new churches continues, with the opening next week of the new St Luke's Church in Millwall, in the south London district known as the Isle of Dogs. The Bishop of Stepney, Adrian Newman, will rededicate the building – his last major engagement before he retires. The original St Luke's was a temporary iron-building, constructed in 1865. That was replaced with a 700-seat Gothic-style building in 1873, but that building was destroyed in an air raid during World War II; following which the parish was merged with the neighbouring Christ Church.

The new St Luke's has been built to cater for what Bishop Adrian described as "today's needs of a flourishing Isle of Dogs community." He said that the new building was "a fantastic example of how the Diocese is working confidently to foster its ministry in East London."

The Priest Missioner at St Luke's, Ed Dix, said: "With so many new homes being built all around us on the Isle of Dogs, the church family at St Luke's is overjoyed that we

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too will soon have a new home, to share with each other and with our local community.

“Our vision as a church is to be overflowing with the life of God, and the installation of the spire on the new church building . . . is a big sign to our neighbours that we are here: to be a blessing to all, and to point people to the Risen Lord Jesus.”

Pope Francis to canonise Blessed Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero on Sunday

This Sunday, 14 October, Pope Francis will canonise Blessed Pope Paul VI and Blessed Oscar Romero, the martyred Archbishop of San Salvador, as saints.



The ceremony will take place during Mass in Saint Peter's Square, Rome.

Archbishop Eamon Martin of Armagh, and Bishop Donal McKeown of Derry, who are currently participating in the Synod of Bishops on Youth, Faith and Vocational

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Discernment, will attend the canonisation ceremony on behalf of the Irish Bishops' Conference.

During their Autumn General Meeting in Maynooth, the bishops asked the faithful to pray, through the intercession of the new saints, asking for a renewed dedication to the universal call to holiness, which was emphasized by the Second Vatican Council, and for a commitment to building a culture of life at all stages.

Dublin & Glendalough Synod supports Homelessness Charity

Dublin & Glendalough Synods broke with tradition this year. Instead of having a full catered meal, members enjoyed soup and sandwiches in support of homelessness and addiction charity, Tiglin. In return for a donation, Tiglin provided members with the same food they serve from their

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No Bucks Café bus which caters for homeless people on the streets of Dublin and its suburbs.

Phil Thompson, CEO of Tiglin and the Revd Niall Stratford with Temple Carrig students who helped serve soup and sandwiches to Synod members.

The initiative was organised by the Revd Niall Stratford who said members were offered the opportunity to do something practical at Synod to assist those less fortunate. “Instead of indulging in a full catered meal, we could experience at first hand what they experience on a daily basis. They don’t have a choice – but we do. So why don’t we consciously exercise our choice: not to have a lavish meal,” he explained. Approximately €2,000 was raised for Tiglin.

Tiglin’s CEO, Phil Thompson, addressed Synod members at their gathering in Temple Carrig School in Greystones on Tuesday evening. He explained the background to Tiglin and said that having worked in the area of homelessness he observed that for many many people, it was addiction that had brought them to the streets.

He said that there were now about 10,000 people registered homeless, with 4,000 of those being children. He was keen to point out that there were many different reasons for people becoming homeless but that the cohort Tiglin sought to help was those trapped in addiction. It was mostly this cohort who could be seen sleeping on the streets, he said and it was mostly these people who used the No Bucks Café.

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“The No Bucks Café bus is often the first port of call for people. We hand out food but the real goal is establishing trust and building relationships to encourage people to find a way out of addiction,” Phil stated. “The food you will have tonight is typically what is provided by No Bucks four nights a week. We meet about 100 people each night.”

Tiglin, which largely relies on charitable donations, runs a programme which is focused on education but has a spiritual core based on Christian principals. Up to 100 people are involved in its programme at any one time.

Tiglin’s staff and volunteers were out working on the No Bucks Café on the night so students from Temple Carrig stepped in and cheerfully served the soup and sandwiches to members. Tiglin is the school’s nominated charity this year.

News briefs.....

+++CMSI Teams and visits - Pray for Rev Bryan Follis, Rev Willy Nixon and Nigel Quinn as they head to Egypt next weekend. They will be teaching ministry students at Alexandria School of Theology in Cairo. Pray for protection and effectiveness during their training sessions.

+++Frock Around The Clock - will be returning to Belfast Cathedral on Saturday November 3 for The Wonderful Winter Fair. This event will feature around 80 exhibitors, selling beautiful and original handmade and vintage treasures as well as holistic products and services. Browse

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among stalls showcasing fashion accessories, jewellery, furniture, homewares, collectables, textiles and decor, artisan food, art, crafts and gifts, beauty and wellness and more! A visit to The Wonderful Winter Fair will not only give you a chance to get ahead with your Christmas shopping, but you can also take an audio tour of the Cathedral which is included in the special admission cost of £3. Admission to visitors outside of services is normally £5 but this will be reduced to £3 on the day of the event and will include access to the fair and all parts of the Cathedral open to the public. All proceeds from the admission fee will go to Belfast Cathedral, so you will be supporting the mission and ministry of this wonderful building in the heart of the city as you browse and shop.

+++Good reviews for Multi-Faith Ireland book - The Revd Suzanne Cousins' dissertation on Christian–Muslim engagement – Generous Love in Multi–Faith Ireland – has been positively reviewed in two church publications over recent months. This is the eighth title in the Braemor Studies series, which commenced in 2013 and aims to publish the best student dissertations from the Church of Ireland Theological Institute. Writing in the Methodist Recorder, Dr Fergus O'Ferrall describes Generous Love as 'an excellent introduction to the best that has been written about inter–faith relationships'. Peter Costello, in the Irish Catholic, found it 'in many ways a challenging read' but nevertheless 'one which in its insights, information, and references will be found immensely valuable not only to clergy in the greater Dublin region, where religious diversity is strongest, but to everyone in any part of the country concerned about these matters.' Mrs Cousins is currently

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Bishop's Curate in the Moville Group of Parishes in the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe. Generous Love is available at £5/€6 from the Church of Ireland's online bookstore.

News links

Callinan told TD that Maurice McCabe was sex abuser, tribunal finds

The tribunal is investigating whether there was a smear campaign at the highest levels of the Gardaí.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/crime-and-law/callinan-told-td-that-maurice-mccabe-was-sex-abuser-tribunal-finds-1.3660053>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-45821886>

Joy! Sacred Concert' - An Derry evening of sacred music from local community and church choirs

<http://www.derrydiocese.org/component/easyblog/entry/news/joy-sacred-concert-an-evening-of-sacred-music-from-local-community-and-church-choirs-1?Itemid=549>

RSCM Ireland ~ Voice for Life Workshop & Taster Session

<http://rscmireland.com/events/voice-for-life-taster-session-1/>

We should celebrate the 'gay cake' verdict – but the battle for conscience rights goes on

<http://catholicherald.co.uk/commentandblogs/2018/10/11/we-should-celebrate-the-gay-cake-verdict-but-the-battle-for-conscience-rights-goes-on/>

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Clontarf's second Ecumenical Conference takes place on Saturday October 13.

<https://www.facebook.com/DublinandGlendalough/posts/clontarfs-second-ecumenical-conference-takes-place-on-saturday-october-13-four-e/1875162402519795/>

