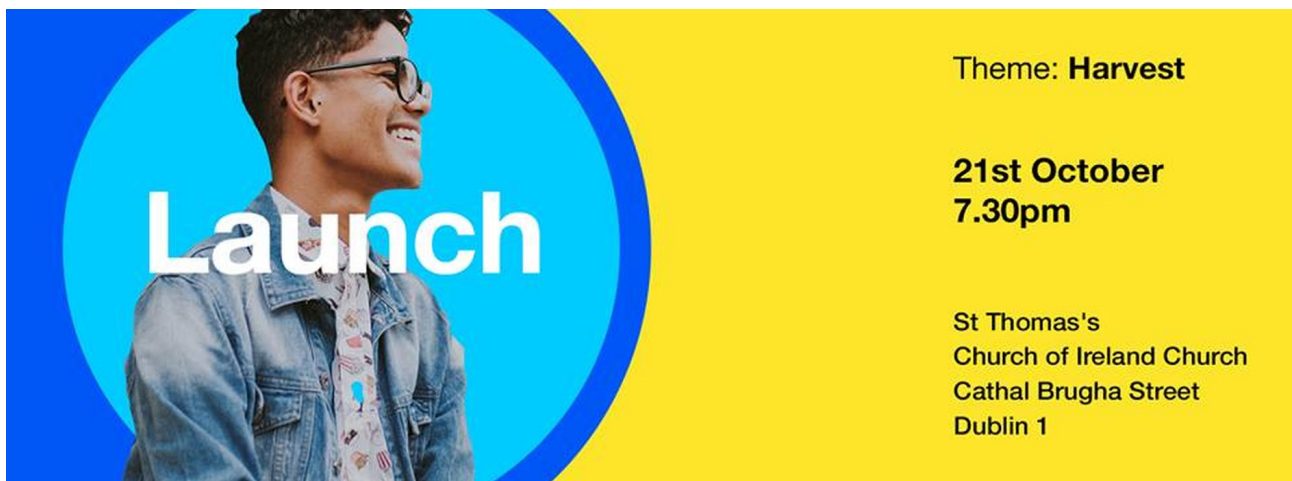


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Students breathe new life into historic city centre church With 'ONE Dublin' Gospel music services

A graphic for a 'Launch' event. On the left, a young man with glasses and a denim jacket is smiling, looking to the right. The word 'Launch' is written in large white letters over a blue circular background behind him. The right side of the graphic has a yellow background with black text.

Theme: **Harvest**

21st October
7.30pm

St Thomas's
Church of Ireland Church
Cathal Brugha Street
Dublin 1

A group of visionary and energetic university students from across Dublin have come together to re-establish regular worship in St Thomas's Church of Ireland Church, which stands at the gateway of O'Connell Street into Dublin's North East Inner City.

Established first in 1758 and then rebuilt and uniquely paid for by the Irish Free State Government after its destruction

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in the Civil War of 1922, the historic Anglican church on Cathal Brugha Street lies in an area which the current Government acknowledges has suffered from ‘decades of under–investment’.

The Student Gospel Music Services, called ‘ONE Dublin’, begin on Sunday 21st October at 7.30pm. Music will be led by Discovery Gospel Choir and worship and preaching will be led by members of the Anglican Chaplaincy Team at Third Level (ACT3), a network of Church of Ireland

Chaplains working in Dublin Universities.

Matthew Hewston, Chairperson of Dublin City University’s ‘Kingdom Cafe’, says, “‘ONE Dublin’ is probably best described as a ‘movement’, a means of harnessing the passion of students to really make a change in Dublin 1. Its big vision is to bring unity to Dublin’s

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divisions and see our capital city flourish in a new way.”

The Revd Rob Jones, Chaplain in Dublin Institute of Technology and chairperson of ACT3, says, “It’s been amazing to see the transformative impact that students can make to local communities and the city as a whole. ‘ONE Dublin’ will reflect and encourage that dynamic with uplifting and energising Gospel Music and Praise.”

‘ONE Dublin’ Services will take place on Sunday 21st October (Harvest), Sunday 18th November (Remembrance) and Sunday 9th December (Advent) from 7.30–9.00pm in St Thomas’s Church, Cathal Brugha Street, Dublin 1.

Pope Francis ‘didn’t do enough on clerical sex abuse during Irish visit’

Most Irish people believe Pope Francis did not do enough to address clerical abuse during his recent visit, researchers have said.

The pontiff made his first papal trip to the Republic in August and his many protests and public pronouncements on the wrongdoing helped define the visit.

But a research study from Queen’s University Belfast said only 30% of Irish people believed he did enough, although half of practising Catholics concurred.

QUB researcher Dr Gladys Ganiel said: “Francis’ visit to Ireland has revealed a lot about how people in Ireland think about the Catholic Church.

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“Even a pope as popular as Francis cannot distract from the widespread dismay about the way that the church has handled clerical sexual abuse.

“At the same time, this survey shows clear evidence that Francis’ pontificate has had a positive impact on a significant minority of people’s perceptions of the Catholic Church, both since his visit to Ireland and since he became pope in 2013.”



A URC minister the Revd Philip Woods has been appointed the Presbyterian World Mission's Associate Director for Strategy, Program and Recruitment.

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She said indifference was the main reason why attendance at some of the papal events, including the farewell Mass at Phoenix Park in Dublin, was lower than expected.

Dr Ganiel designed the survey, which received 840 responses. She is a research fellow from the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's.

Key findings included:

31% agreed the visit had been “a healing time for victims and survivors of clerical sex abuse”, 36% disagreed and 24% said neither/nor or had no opinion;

23% agreed the visit had been “a healing time for LGBTQI people and their families”, 40% disagreed and 37% said neither/nor or had no opinion

66% said their opinion of the Catholic Church has not changed since Francis became pope in 2013, with 22% saying their opinion had become more favourable;

50% agreed that Pope Francis's visit was good for the Catholic Church in Ireland and Ireland as a nation, and 75% of practising Catholics agreed with this statement;

80% did not attend any of the events surrounding the papal visit, 51% because they were simply not interested and 30% said they disagreed with how the Church has handled abuse.

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For practising Catholics, 39% said the main reason why they did not attend any of the events was because the travel/walk was too difficult, 22% said they were not interested and 18% said they disagreed with how the church handled abuse.

Dr Ganiel added: “For all the respondents except practising Catholics, indifference seems to have trumped anger about abuse as a reason for not attending – although abuse is still the next most significant factor.”

Historic Iona Abbey gears up for final refurbishment push

The Iona Community is gearing up for the final stage of the redevelopment of its historic Iona Abbey base.

Founded by Rev George MacLeod during the Great Depression, the Community rebuilt the medieval abbey and developed a communal life together that has proved highly influential in modern worship, spirituality and social activism.

During 2018, accommodation and facilities on the island of Iona have been made more accessible for visitors: bathrooms have been replaced to suit people with disabilities, a lift has been installed and lighting has been improved to create a safer environment in the 1930s accommodation.

The volunteers and staff on the island have now started packing up the building so that phase two of the project

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Staff and volunteers are clearing the Iona Abbey accommodation

can begin: linking the centre to the island's renewable energy resources, installing a sustainable heating system, replacing electrics and refurbishing the bedrooms, bathrooms and the refectory.

The Community has raised more than £3.3 million for the work on the island including more than 1,300 individual donations, ranging from £2 to an unexpected £882,000 from the Ark of the Covenant Church through the Charity Commission. Over \$1 million was donated from friends and foundations in the USA.

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It needs a final £400,000 by the end of 2018 so that the residential and community space can reopen in time for Easter 2020.

The Iona Community's co-leader Rev Kathy Galloway said: 'The generosity of our members, friends and associates has made this progress possible, and we now just need help crossing the line of our fundraising campaign.

'The Iona Community welcomes around 1500 guests to the island each year, and we want to welcome people from all walks of life for generations to come.

'Raising the final £400,000 will mean we can complete and equip the living and community space and minimise the impact our closure has on the island's economy.'

She said that at the moment many rooms were too cold to use past October and before March.

'We need help now to cross the line so that we can safeguard Iona Abbey as a living place of hospitality, and ensure that thousands more people can visit this special place seeking sanctuary and inspiration.'

For more information or to donate, click [here](#).

Pope said to be ready to accept Kim Jong Un's invitation - official

Pope Francis is understood to be ready to accept [an invitation to visit North Korea](#), a senior South Korean official has told reporters.

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Lee Hae-chan was quoted by the Seoul-based Yonhap news agency as saying he had been led to believe the pontiff wishes to travel the North Korea in early 2019. The chairman of the ruling Democratic Party told colleagues: "I heard that there is talk that Pope Francis wants to visit North Korea next spring".

Veritas Publications invites you to the launch of

THE BEATITUDES OF
Pope Francis
by Aidan Donaldson

Wednesday, 17 October at 7 p.m.

Holy Family Church, Belfast

Launched by Jim Deeds

RSVP by Friday, 12 October to events@veritas.ie



Last week, the South Korean president's office said leader Moon Jae-in was told by Kim Jong Un that the Catholic leader would be "enthusiastically" welcomed in Pyongyang.

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Following a similar invitation for the then-Pope John Paul II to visit North Korea, the Vatican said a papal trip would only be possible if Catholic priests were accepted there.

North Korea has consistently been named in Open Doors' annual World Watch List as the country where persecution against Christians is worst.

It is expected a formal letter of invitation from the North Korean premier will be given to Pope Francis when Mr Jae-in meets the pope at the Vatican later this week.

The news comes four months after a much-anticipated visit between Kim Jong Un and US President Donald Trump in Singapore.

News briefs

+++Raising Faith

Care for the Family invites you to *Raising Faith*, a new event which teaches parents to help their children discover a vibrant, personal faith in God in the simple everyday of family life

Raising Faith is for any parent, particularly those with children under the age of 10, who want practical tips on how to build faith into family life.

Speakers Katharine Hill and Andy Frost will share what they have learned through real life examples, great tips, and simple ideas you can put into practice straightaway.

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The Raising Faith tour will be in Glenmachan Church of God, Glenmachan Rd, Belfast, BT4 2NN, on November 15 with the event getting underway at 7.30pm. To find our more [download a brochure](#). To book your place visit cff.org.uk/raisingfaith or call 028 9262 8050.

+++Lurgan Cross-community War Memorial service

Everyone is warmly invited this Sunday 21st October to a Cross Community Service at 3.30pm in Shankill Parish Church ("The Big Church"). This will be a service of Remembrance marking the addition of names to the town War Memorial for all those who fell from Lurgan in the 1st and 2nd World Wars. Lest we forget.

+++Armagh appointments

Following the retirement of Canon Neville Hughes, the Archbishop has announced the appointment of Revd Elizabeth Cairns as Rural Dean of Mullabrack, and Revd Dr churchnewsireland@gmail.org

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Peter Thompson as a Canon in the chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral Armagh as Prebendary of Mullabrack.

+++Bishop of Cashel preacher at Enniskillen Harvest Service



Pictured with the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall and the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell is the Right Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop of Cashel and Ossory who was the preacher at St Macartin's Cathedral Harvest Thanksgiving Service in Enniskillen. Also pictured is the Revd Chris MacBruithin, Curate; Scott Elliott and Churchwardens, Karen Clyde and Sandra Richmond.

+++Alpha in Monaghan

Rev Colin Anderson is the minister of Corvally Presbyterian Church. Pray for the life and witness of this rural

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congregation in County Monaghan, and for the Alpha course running once a month.

+++Christian Aid Laganside walk



At this year's annual Laganside Walk, 65 Christian Aid supporters walked alongside those living in poverty around the world. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces and a pleasure to see new ones too! Together they generously donated £823.00.

+++Mothers' Union Savings and Credits projects

So far, 20,250 disadvantaged people have been trained by Mothers' Union in Savings and Credits projects equipping them with [#skills](#) to manage finances and provide for their families. Read more with our online resources here: [https://www.mothersunion.org/projects/savings-credit-groups ...](https://www.mothersunion.org/projects/savings-credit-groups...)

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News links

Exorcism: A look at the secretive world of Irish demon busters

He reportedly dropped the reiki and went back to the church. ... In one case in Co Derry, Fr Collins and a Church of Ireland exorcist Canon William ...

Mother-of-five takes on new role as minister

<http://fermanaghherald.com/2018/10/mother-of-five-takes-on-new-role-as-minister/>

Archbishop Oscar Romero and Pope Paul VI canonised in Rome

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/world/archbishop-oscar-romero-and-pope-paul-vi-canonised-in-rome-1.3663395>

Oscar Romero: one-time conservative who became a nation's social martyr

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/oscar-romero-one-time-conservative-who-became-a-nation-s-social-martyr-1.3657423>

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<http://www.dublindiocese.ie/statement-on-holy-cross-college-clonliffe/>

Garda Supt David Taylor suspended after Disclosures Tribunal report

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New teachers' NI job scheme excludes 2018 graduates

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