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Masonic Secrets to be revealed

What is really behind the secret handshake and initiation ceremonies? The Masonic Order opens up in a new and exclusive exhibition in The Linenhall Library, Belfast - 'Freemasonry in Ireland' 1 - 28 Nov. Free admission.

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Presbyterian church 2018 Recognition Awards launched

Do you know someone, or a team of people, who are making an absolutely outstanding contribution in the area of social witness? If you do, now is the time to celebrate their contribution to the life of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI) and the community in the 2018 Recognition Awards.

PCI's Recognition Awards take place every two years and celebrate the exceptional contributions of its staff and volunteers in congregations, homes and support units across Ireland. This is the third time the Awards have taken place since they began in 2012.

The Church, across its 500-plus congregations and 17 homes and support units is asking its members if they know of someone, or a team of people, who are making an outstanding contribution in the area of social witness.

Encouraging people to nominate those who make such a difference, Lindsay Conway, Council for Social Witness Secretary said, "Our church has hundreds of 'unsung heroes' – people who up and down the country are giving tirelessly of themselves to make life a bit more tolerable and a little happier for hundreds, if not thousands of people.

"People matter to God, so they matter to us. We are called to demonstrate his love for people, which means putting of our faith into practical action and simple Christian caring, which is a powerful social witness of the gospel.

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Care home and support managers, along with PCI staff, launching the 2018 Recognition Awards at Assembly Buildings in Belfast



“It is also a very special kind of witness and we want to honour the contributions made by staff and volunteers as they reach out to others in our homes and support units and in the community as a whole in different hands-on everyday ways.”

The 12 categories for staff and volunteers, which include awards for volunteering, safeguarding, promoting good practice, leadership and team of the year, have to be in by 30 November. There are also awards for unsung heroes.

The awards will be presented by the Moderator, Dr Charles McMullen, at a special reception and buffet lunch in Assembly Buildings, Belfast, on 14 December.

“If one of your church groups is helping to meet the needs of your community in an exceptional way, or you know an individual who is making a real difference in demonstrating Christ’s love to others, or a member of staff in one our homes or support units, please let us know!” Lindsay Conway said. You can download full list of categories, guidelines and nomination forms [here](#).

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Archbishop Clarke of Armagh visits Hospice Services in Newry

The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Reverend Dr Richard Clarke, has recently made a visit to Southern Area Hospice Services in Newry to take a tour of the facilities and meet with staff, volunteers and patients along the way.

“Whenever I have the opportunity to pay a pastoral visit to a hospice, I am inevitably both moved and humbled by the immense love, dignity and care with which both patients and their families are treated by all those involved in the life of the hospice movement,” the Archbishop explained.

“Although this was not my first visit to the Newry hospice, I found myself being struck afresh by the atmosphere of calmness and positivity that is evident as soon as one walks through the door. I prayed privately with a number of the patients, and then later with members of staff, praying that God’s blessing may be on them and that the Newry

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hospice may continue to be truly life-enhancing for all those for whom they care.”

Speaking of the Archbishop’s visit, Southern Area Hospice Chaplain, the Rev Matthew Hagan, said: “It is wonderful for the hospice to have the Archbishop of Armagh to visit and see the excellent level of care afforded to each patient and their family members. The Archbishop is very supportive of hospices and is very supportive of the Annual Hospice Sunday Appeal – an initiative I started in 2014 and to date has raised £85,000 for hospice care in Northern Ireland with Church of Ireland parishes contributing to their local hospice. The Dioceses of Armagh, Down and Dromore, Clogher and Derry and Raphoe all contribute to hospice care.”

Without Christ, Church’s mission is just ‘social activism’ Pope says

If one’s work as a Catholic is not united to Christ Jesus, it is no longer the “mission” to which the Church is called, Pope Francis told a group of religious brothers this week.

“Let us not forget that the condition of every mission in the Church is that we are united to the Risen Christ as branches to the vine. Otherwise what we do is social activism,” the pope said.

“This is why I repeat to you the exhortation to remain in [Christ],” he continued. “First of all, we need to let ourselves be renewed in faith and hope by Jesus alive in the Word and in the Eucharist, but also in sacramental forgiveness.

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We need to be with him in silent adoration, in lectio divina, in the Rosary of the Virgin Mary.”

Pope Francis addressed around 45 members of the Congregation of the Missionaries of St. Charles Borromeo, commonly called “Scalabrinians” after their founder Blessed Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, during their 15th general chapter meeting in Rome.

In spontaneous remarks before the start of his prepared speech, the pope spoke about the Old Testament passage that says to receive the stranger, “for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.”

He condemned what he characterized as a “wave of closure” toward foreigners, and attacks carried out on foreign people, recalling that he himself is the son of a migrant who came to Argentina.

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He also criticized the word “wellbeing,” which he said leads people to close their doors against immigrants, “that they do not disturb you,” so that “only those people who serve my wellbeing can enter” the country.

During his prepared remarks, Francis spoke to the religious order about their mission, which he said, “today as yesterday” takes place in difficult contexts “sometimes characterized by attitudes of suspicion and prejudice, or even rejection towards the foreign person.”

These contexts should motivate people to have courage and perseverance in bringing the love of Christ to those who are far from their families and homeland, and “are in danger of feeling far from God,” he said.

As illustrated in the New Testament episode of Jesus’ walk with his disciples along the road to Emmaus, evangelization takes place by walking with people, he said, listening to people, to their histories, their disappointed hopes, their expectations, their trials of faith.

“First of all listen, and do it in an attitude of compassion, of sincere closeness,” he said.

There is a risk, he continued, that the stories of immigrants, both the beautiful and ugly, will be erased. He added that this is a serious loss which can be combated by listening and by walking with people and with communities.

He explained that this listening must be followed by sharing the Eucharist and the Word of God: “Tell them about

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[Christ's] mystery of love: incarnation, passion, death and resurrection."

"The Risen Christ sends you today, in the Church, to walk together with many brothers and sisters who travel their way from Jerusalem to Emmaus as migrants. An ancient and always new mission; tiring, and sometimes painful, but also able to make you cry with joy."

Do this with the charism of your founder, Bl. Giovanni Battista Scalabrini, he urged: pay attention to the "dignity of the human person, especially where it is most wounded and threatened."

Francis concluded the audience by encouraging the religious brothers to continue to share their journey and to face present challenges together with lay people.

Archbishop of Canterbury reveals favourite hymn

The Archbishop of Canterbury told BBC's Songs of Praise that his favourite hymn reminds him of when he became a Christian.

Most Rev Justin Welby said: "My favourite hymn is 'And Can It Be that I Should Gain An Interest in My Saviour's Blood' written by Charles Wesley immediately after his discovery of God's love for him in Jesus Christ and it was the first hymn that was sung at my first church service after I discovered the love of Jesus Christ for me and opened my heart to his love and it's been my favourite ever since."

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Archbishop Justin went to Cambridge University and became a Christian there through a friend.

The hymn And Can It Be was written in 1738 by Charles Wesley, the brother of John Wesley, who together founded the Methodist Church.

Charles Wesley went on to write thousands of hymns, including Christ The Lord Is Risen Today, Hark! The Heralds Angels Sing and Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending.

Fresh sorrow for South Sudan as death announced of Archbishop Peter Munde Yacob

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan has entered seven days of mourning following the death of Archbishop Peter Munde Yacob.

Archbishop Peter led the internal province of Western Equatoria and was the acting Primate of the ECSS following the retirement of Archbishop Daniel Deng Bul until the installation earlier this year of new the new Primate, Archbishop Justin Badi Arama.

Archbishop Peter died at the weekend at the Coptic Hospital in Nairobi. He had fallen ill over the summer.

Last month the Bishop of Yirol, Simon Adut Yuang, was one of 20 people killed when a plane travelling from the South

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Sudanese capital Juba crashed into a lake as it attempted to land at Yirol Airport. Days earlier, the Church's national Youth Coordinator, Joseph Kiri, was killed by gunman as he drove to Yei on a humanitarian mission for the NGO Across.



Archbishop Peter Munde Yacob speaking during the installation of Archbishop Justin Badi Arama earlier this year.

“Mama Joyce and I are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Archbishop Peter Munde”, Archbishop Justin Badi Arama said. “Our prayers are with Archbishop Peter’s family and friends at this time and with the congregations of the Internal Province of Western Equatoria.”

In addition to his role as Archbishop of Western Equatoria, which he had held since December 2016, he was also the Bishop of Yambio and the Provincial Dean.

Announcing the death, Archbishop Justin quoted Romans 14:8 – “If we live we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.”

Speaking on *Radio Miraya*, Pastor Elinama Jacob Bisi from the regional interfaith council said that Archbishop Peter’s

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legacy would be peace. “I am sure the whole Western Equatorial State is weeping. . . We are weeping, we are mourning in our hearts, because he helped us very much in all the process of peace that we have achieved today”, he said.

“Peace is the legacy he has left behind”, he added. “In all his talks, in all his speeches to the public, to the people, he was stressing much on peace – let us bring peace to our hearts, to our lives, to our country. He was a man of peace

Archbishop Peter leaves a wife, Margaret, and their children.

News briefs

Remembrance Day Service from Enniskillen on RTÉ1

RTÉ1 Service from Enniskillen: On Sunday, 11th November, at 11.30am, a Remembrance Day Service will be broadcast on RTÉ 1 television from St Macartin’s Cathedral, Enniskillen, with representatives from the British, Irish, American and Polish Governments and the Northern Ireland Assembly. The Service will be conducted by the Dean of Clogher, the Very Revd Kenneth Hall, and the preacher is the Bishop of Clogher, the Right Revd John McDowell.

The Cathedral Choir will sing an anthem, “Thankfulness should be in every heart”, based on a setting of words penned almost 100 years ago by the Revd Canon Charles Albert Robinson, Rector of Magheraveely Parish, near Kesh, who lost his only son, Lieutenant Charles Arthur

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Robinson from the 4th Battalion, Royal Irish Fusiliers, in battle in the First World War on 9th April 1917.

Moderator congratulates President on re-election

Following Friday's Presidential Election, the Moderator, Rt Rev Dr Charles McMullen, has written to President Michael D Higgins to congratulate him on his re-election. Reflecting on his own election, albeit to different kind of office - and for one year and not seven - Dr McMullen said that he could 'appreciate the responsibility that humbles and the challenges that come with it.'

Building Blocks Children's Ministry Conference

The Building Blocks Children's Ministry Conference is back and better than ever! Packed full of ideas to inspire, engage and resource your Children's Ministry, the conference will be taken place on Saturday, 10th November, from 9.30am to 4.00pm in St Andrew's College, Booterstown, Co. Dublin.

Victoria Beech from GodVenture is the keynote speaker and will be joined by Elke Koker from Tearfund; Julie Currie, the Diocesan Children's Officer for Down and Dromore; Nicky Blair, from the Irish Methodist



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Youth and Children's Department; teacher and counsellor Helen Groves; and Martyn Payne from Bible Reading Fellowship and Messy Church.

A wide variety of seminars will be available

For more information, find us on Facebook:

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To book online, go to the Eventbrite page for the conference: <http://bit.ly/2RowmDA> (tickets are €35)

To download a booking form and for more seminar information, go to: www.cm.ireland.anglican.org/building-blocks-booking-form-2018

New videos on organ registration



Church Music Dublin is pleased to have announced two new videos on organ registration. These are part of the second series – now using a larger three-manual organ. Simon Harden demonstrates options for *Ich ruf zu dir Herr Jesu Christ* BWV 639 and discusses options for registering this piece when at a larger instrument.

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Try watching this video on www.youtube.com All videos from Church Music Dublin are available [here](#).

INVITATION

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The Rokeby Lecture

'Artful Impressions in the Archbishop's Cabinet'

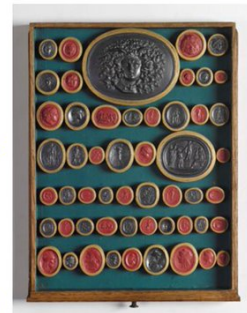
Thursday 22nd November at 7.30pm



Speaker: Professor Tim Wilks

Tim Wilks is Emeritus Professor of Cultural History, Solent University, Southampton, and a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society. He has published widely on British and European visual, material and literary culture in the Renaissance and early-Modern periods.

Tim will take an in depth look at Archbishop Robinson's gem collection held in the Library's own collection. This is a rare 18th century collection, collected by Archbishop Robinson and willed by him to the Robinson Library. It is presumed that the collection was once on display in the Palace in Armagh, housed in a cabinet designed by Thomas Cooley.



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