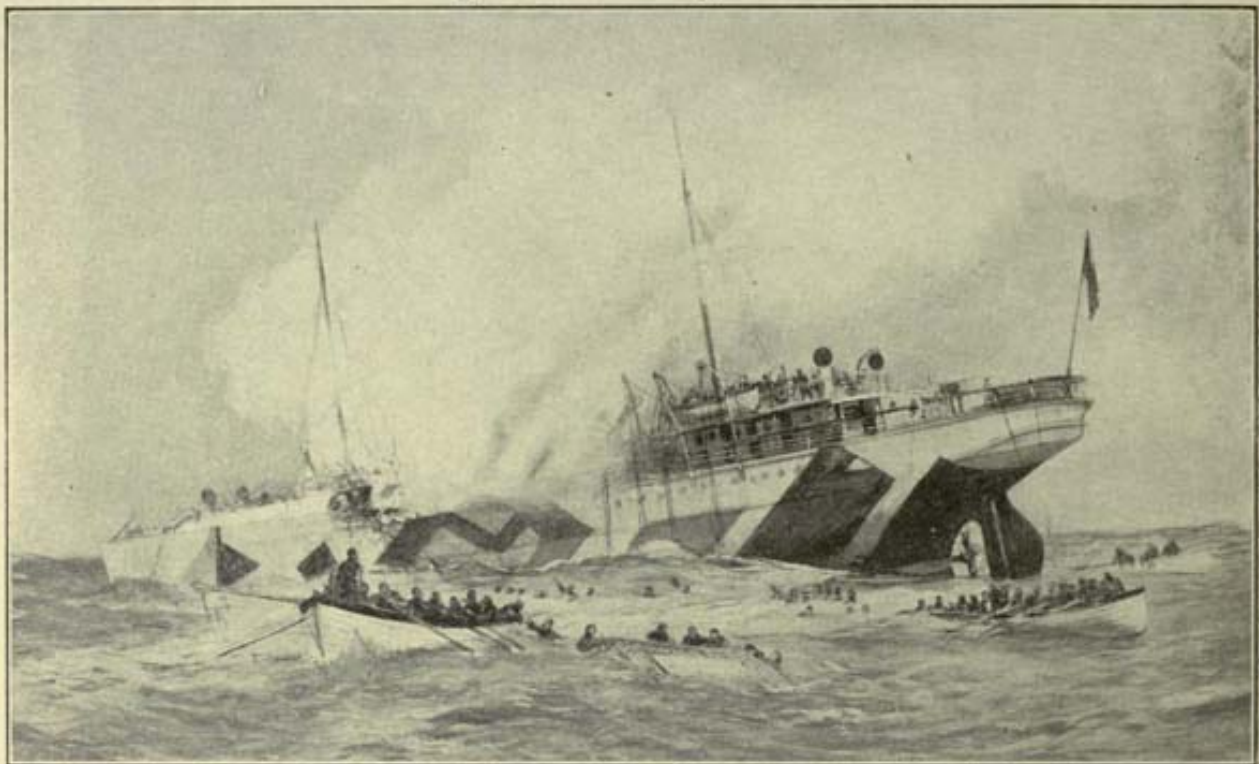


Murder on the High Seas by the Kaiser's Minions



**100th anniversary of the sinking of the
RMS Leinster focus of C of I archive of
the month**

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The image above shows the anchor which was recovered from the wreck of the RMS Leinster and is displayed at Dun Laoghaire as a permanent memorial to all those who lost their lives when The Leinster was sunk by a German U-Boat on the 10th of October 1918.

To mark the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the RMS Leinster – torpedoed and sunk just one month before the end of the First World War – the RCB Library will feature as its October Archive of the Month the online exhibition entitled “The Leinster Tragedy: Human Interest Stories brought to life by the *Church of Ireland Gazette* and Other Sources”.

The Leinster, a Royal Mail steamer, had departed from Carlisle Pier in the port (and parish) of Kingstown (Dún Laoghaire) on Thursday, 10th October 1918. About an hour later, within sight of the shore, she was fatally struck twice. Current research shows that there were 803 persons on board – 75 crew and 728 passengers: 22 postal sorters, 200 civilians and 506 military personnel. A staggering 564

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persons perished, the greatest ever loss of life in the Irish Sea. Eye-witnesses recalled the explosion following the second hit and, within a very short time, the ship went down. Some persons were killed by the blast, some later died from their injuries, some died from drowning, and some were rescued. The Dublin hospitals and morgue were soon full to bursting point with relatives frantically seeking to identify their loved ones.

Collaborating with the historian Dr Miriam Moffitt, who has written the text, and with further input from Philip Lecane, the historian and author of *Torpedoed!*, and significantly, descendants of some of the people on board, the exhibition focuses on the tragedy from a Church of Ireland perspective. Many casualties had strong connections with the Church of Ireland and the impact of the episode was felt in parishes the length and breadth of the country.

The *Church of Ireland Gazette* (the Church's weekly newspaper) in its lead article of 18th October 1918 recorded how '[in] many sermons in our churches last Sunday reference was made to the loss of the Leinster'. Under the stark and simple banner headline titled 'The Leinster', it reflected how '[the] appalling tragedy ... has moved Dublin as perhaps no other incident of the war'. Conveying the shared sense of public outrage, it continued: 'The "Mail" has always been regarded as something in the nature of a civic institution in which all share the feeling of possession and of pride; and when the news spread that the Leinster had been sunk, all distinctions of creed and class and party were forgotten ... It was universally felt that the blow to the Leinster was a blow to Ireland ...'.

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Among the sermons reported was that of the rector of Christ Church, Dún Laoghaire (then Kingstown), the Revd John Pim. One of his parishioners, Dorothy M Jones, a voluntary nurse, had perished, and in a bid to offer comfort to her family and all others mourning victims he reflected how two days later, exactly over the spot where the Leinster had been hit and sunk, several in his rectory household as well as other witnesses in Dún Laoghaire had seen what they described as a 'great cloud Figure, with outstretched arms, which assumed the form of a cross, and, as the sharpness of its outlines passed, seemed to be full of the faces of men and women'.

Other stories held deep within the family-memories of those involved are also included, an example recounted recently in county Cork thus:

'William Henry Wood was returning on the Leinster to his regiment in England. The story goes as told in Skibbereen that he had met Mrs Elizabeth Ellam from London, mother-in-law of Ronald Hackett the local dentist, who was on a visit to see a newly born grandchild. After the torpedoing of the ship, he found himself near this older lady, whom he recognised as Mrs Ellam, who was badly injured. He endeavoured to save her by helping her cling unto a baulk of timber. After an hour or more they were both rescued, but Mrs Ellam subsequently died of her wounds.'

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The exhibition also explores the diversity of responses within the Church of Ireland. Clergy of all denominations were swift to condemn the attack; and some like the rector of Dún Laoghaire had actually witnessed it. Evidence of divergent opinion however, can be seen in the *Gazette* editorials and other articles. In the 18th October 1918 edition, there is a discernible difference between the tone of the lead article and the 'Editorial Notes', which strongly advocated recruitment as a response, insisting that '[if] Ireland is to redeem her good name in the world before it is too late her sons have no time to lose. Peace is approaching with giant and rapid strides'. This contrasted with a more nuanced reflected, possibly penned by Warre B Wells which vigorously condemned Germany for the outrage and expressed a hope that the episode would 'have a direct influence on the present peace proposals' but did not in any way advocate enlisting. Instead it hoped that the sinking of the Leinster would strengthen the resolve of those engaged in peace talks and would 'stiffen public opinion against negotiation with the enemy short of dictation' (*Church of Ireland Gazette*, 18th October 1918).

These and other previously hidden stories bringing the events of this time to light are to be found in the new online exhibition, which is supported by the Commemorations Unit in the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. The Department has previously supported the Library's exhibitions presenting other aspects of the Decade of Commemorations, including the extraordinary experience of the *Church of Ireland Gazette's* editor, Warre B Wells, who remained holed up in the *Gazette's* premises in Middle Abbey Street for the duration of the Easter Rising in 1916, featured in "Reporting the Rising: A Church of

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Ireland Perspective Through the Lens of the *Church of Ireland Gazette*” (available at <http://bit.ly/2DZGgtE>) and furthermore in “Good Wishes for the Great Adventure: The Church of Ireland and the Irish Convention, 1917” which uncovers the content of the diary of Rosamond Stephen – the Library’s founding benefactor – and many other resources concerning the Irish Convention, the last all-Ireland assembly attempt to find an acceptable political solution before Partition (available at <http://bit.ly/2yeReW7>).

“*The Leinster Tragedy*” may be viewed online from 9th October 2018 here: www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive

Dun Laoghaire churches to mark centenary

One of the casualties was Dorothy Jones, from Charleville next door to St Patrick’s church, where she was baptized. She had volunteered as an auxiliary Nurse with the Voluntary Aid Detachment of the St John Ambulance Association and is remembered on the church’s War Memorial. As part of the Official Commemoration Ceremonies in Dun Laoghaire on Wednesday church bells in the area, including St Patrick’s Dalkey, will be rung at 9.45 am – the time when the first torpedo struck the ship 100 years ago.

Irish nun skydives for 80th birthday and says it helped her 'prepare for death'

An Irish nun has described her "leap of faith" as she skydived 5,000 feet out of an airplane to celebrate her 80th birthday.

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**Sister
Immaculata
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closest she
has been to a
man in her life**



Sister Immaculata Knox said she had always wanted to skydive, and claimed the experience was a great way to "prepare for death".

Knox, originally from Ireland but now living in the United States, said she needed special permission for the dive as she was paired with a male parachutist, revealing it was "the closest I've been to a gentleman in my life".

Sister Immaculata, now 83, is a member of the Sisters of Mercy religious order and moved to Melbourne, Florida in 1961, helping with the foundation of the Ascension Catholic School in the city.

Her remarkable story came about by chance three years ago when a friend was able to organise a tandem parachute jump.

Knox said in a YouTube video: "It was a special occasion in the parish and a friend of mine was there and we were chatting about things that we would like to do and I said 'I've always wanted to jump out of an airplane'.

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“He said ‘are you serious’? I said ‘yeah, and he said ‘well if you’re ready, you can go tomorrow, Saturday, and you’ll be going in tandem.’”



The nun, who has spent 60 years as a primary school teacher in the school she founded, described the experience as like a "sensory overload".

She explained: “We took off on the airstrip and we go up, up, up, and we’re a mile up and it’s our turn.

“I have the parachute on and I’m in tandem with Santos, we’re linked together. I had to get permission because this was the closest I’ve been to a gentleman in my life but he was strapped onto my back.

“We came to the opening of the back door of the plane, where you just see space out there. I had my feet on the metal pad, Santos was behind me and I think he gave me a little push.

“It’s like sensory overload. That is such an experience, of total silence. But it was a wonderful experience.”

Sister Immaculata recommended anyone to take the "leap of faith", and says she has no fear of death.

She added: "As I say, if you ever want to prepare for death, I think it’s a good idea to jump out of a plane because you have no prior experience.

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"You're taking this leap of faith, you're going into the unknown.

"It was great because really I'm not afraid of dying."

Churchgoers heartbroken as Belfast congregation prepares for final service

Members of Fortwilliam and Macrory Presbyterian Church in north Belfast say they are heartbroken that the historic church is to close next weekend. The final service at the 133-year-old church on the Antrim Road is due to take place on Sunday, October 14 at 11am.

Originally called Fortwilliam Park Presbyterian, the church amalgamated with Macrory Memorial in nearby Duncairn Gardens in 2005. But attendances have dwindled in recent years to the point where it is no longer viable to keep the church open.

Rev Jim Stothers, deputy clerk of the General Assembly, said the closure of



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the church has come about “due primarily to exceptional demographic change in the area over the last 40 to 50 years” – change that has also seen several other Presbyterian churches in the area shut their doors.

The landmark building at the junction of Fortwilliam Park is to be put up for sale, with proceeds going towards “mission purposes” within the North Belfast Presbytery and throughout Ireland.



Life-long member of the Fortwilliam congregation Pat Martin MBE, 80, has been attending the church since she was three years old. An elder for more than 25 years, she described its pending closure as “heartbreaking.” “I still sit in the same pew my father did all those years ago and I am absolutely heartbroken that the church is closing,” she said.

“Macrory Memorial merged with us in 2005 and we were hoping the extra numbers would have kept us going, but sadly not. “I’ll be very sad to see it close.”

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Also expressing sadness at the situation facing the congregation, Robert Briscoe, church elder and former musical director, said Fortwilliam and Macrory has not only been a place of worship but “an important community resource.”

“The church was seen as a genuine safe place and shared space within north Belfast with the building being used by many community groups. The congregation was always very welcoming, hosting events such as the annual Carols for All service. I have fond memories of these special services which brought the entire community together,” he said.

“I will miss the people greatly. The fact we were a small congregation meant you got to know everyone so well and make the most wonderful friends.

“I would hope that the building will continue to find a use as a community resource in some way.”

Stressing that he appreciates “the deep sadness felt by those who have worshiped faithfully at Fortwilliam and Macrory for many years and the upset that this brings”, Rev Stothers added: “In the Old Testament, the writer of Ecclesiastes says that ‘there is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens’. I want therefore to give thanks for the life and witness of Fortwilliam and Macrory, for the lives changed through the preaching of the gospel there and the impact it has had on the area and on so many people over the past 133 years.”

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The congregation of Fortwilliam and Macrory will be amalgamated with Whitehouse Presbyterian Church a few miles away at Shore Road, Newtownabbey.

- Ulster Architectural Heritage (UAH) has said it hopes to see Fortwilliam and Macrory Presbyterian Church put back into use as soon as possible. Report courtesy the News Letter

Church of Ireland Historical Society's November meeting

The next meeting of the Society will be held in the Music Room, Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, (directly above the Chapter Room) on Saturday 3 November 2018.

PROGRAMME

10.30am Coffee and registration

11am Prof Steven Ellis: 'Sacred space and "true religion": the Irish Reformation and the Collegiate church of St Nicholas, Galway'

12pm Ms Marion Rogan: 'Promoting an Irish-speaking ministry in the Church of Ireland in the nineteenth century: William Bedell scholarships and Collegiate schools' [Research paper]

12.45pm Lunch (in the cathedral crypt)

2pm Dr Ciara Boylan: 'Archbishop Richard Whately (1787–1863): a churchman in Ireland in the age of reform'

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3pm Dr Niamh NicGhabhann: “‘Went to see the poor church dismantled. Mr D. got some of the oak”: medieval architecture, identity and the Church of Ireland during the nineteenth century’

Speakers:

- Prof Steven Ellis is Emeritus Professor of History at NUI Galway. He is an expert in sixteenth century Britain and Ireland and has written widely on the subject. Among his publications include *Ireland in the age of the Tudors, 1447–1603* (London, 1998) and *Defending English ground: war and peace in Meath and Northumberland, 1460–1542* (Oxford, 2015).
 - Ms Marion Rogan is a John and Pat Hume PhD scholar at Maynooth University. Her thesis is entitled ‘The “Second
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Reformation” in Ireland, 1798–1861: case study of Rev. Robert Winning and the Kingscourt District’. She is author of *Charles Tisdall of County Meath, 1740–51: from spendthrift youth to improving landlord* (Dublin, 2014).

- Dr Ciara Boylan is a postdoctoral researcher at the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at NUI Galway. Her research interests include the history and philosophy of education, the history of children and childhood, and educational policy. She is author of *The life and career of Archbishop Richard Whately: Ireland, religion and reform* (Dublin, 2018).

- Dr Niamh NicGhabhann is course director of the MA Festive Arts Programme at the Irish World Academy of Music and Dance at the University of Limerick. Her research focuses on Irish studies, with an emphasis on the art and architecture of Ireland. She is widely published on the subject and is author of *Medieval Ecclesiastical Buildings in Ireland, 1789–1915* (Dublin, 2015).

Registration:

You can register online [here](#). If you wish to become a member the annual subscription was fixed last year at €40 (or £35). This includes admission to our bi-annual conferences, lunch, book discounts, and exclusive access to the Society’s podcasts. Non-members are most welcome. They are asked to subscribe €10 (or £7) at the door to assist with conference expenses (lunch not included).

Queries may be either addressed to the honorary secretary, Dr Adrian Empey, by email at:

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<http://churchofirelandhist.org>

The Church of Ireland Historical Society meets twice a year: in Armagh Robinson Library, in April, and in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, in November. It exists to promote scholarly interest in the history of the Church, and to facilitate publication. Queries may be addressed to Dr Adrian Empey, Honorary Secretary, Church of Ireland Historical Society secretary.coihs@gmail.com
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First woman installed as Dean of Cloyne

On Friday evening, 5th October, in Saint Colman's Cathedral, Cloyne, County Cork, the Cloyne Union of Parishes welcomed their new rector – Susan Green. The Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton, who presided at the Service, instituted Susan to the incumbency of the Cloyne Union of Parishes, and appointed her as Dean of Cloyne.

At the same Service, therefore, Susan was installed as Dean of Cloyne by the Archdeacon, the Venerable Adrian Wilkinson, on foot of the mandate of the Bishop. Present to support the new Dean were members of her family including her husband, the Venerable Andrew Orr who is Archdeacon of Ossory and Leighlin, and their daughter Rachel, as well as Susan's mother and other members of the family circle. Bishop Colton said that he hoped that the

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entire family – Susan, Andrew, Rachel, Patrick and Ciara – would feel welcome in their new surroundings in East Cork.



The Very Reverend Susan Green (centre) with her husband, Archdeacon Andrew Orr, and their daughter, Rachel

Among those present were Cllr Michael Hegarty representing the Mayor of County Cork, Minister of State David Stanton, T.D., Kevin O’Keeffe, T.D., and the principals of the two schools in the parish: Dr Edward Gash (Principal of Midleton College) and Ms Elma Huggard (Principal of St John the Baptist National School, Midleton). Children and young people from both schools took part in the Service.

Parishioners, clergy and readers from Cork, Cloyne and Ross were joined by the new Dean’s former colleagues in

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Kilkenny College and from the Diocese of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. Representatives were in attendance from the community including An Garda Síochána, and Midleton Rugby Club. Ecuemcnical guests from sister churches included: the Reverend Richard Cronin (Presbyterian Church in Ireland), Canon Jim Killeen (Parish Priest of Midleton), Father Pat Linehan (Parish Priest of Cloyne) and Father Patrick McCarthy (Saleen).

The Very Reverend Susan Green is now the first woman to serve as Dean of a Cathedral in Cork, Cloyne and Ross. Preaching at the Service, the Reverend Katharine Poulton, Rector of Julianstown, who herself served as Dean of Ossory for a time, referred to the fact that Susan is now one of only two women who are Deans of Cathedrals in Ireland, the other being the Very Reverend Maria Jansson, Dean of Waterford, who was also present. Other Deans present were the Dean of Cork, the Very Reverend Nigel Dunne, and the Dean of Lismore, the Very Reverend Paul Draper.

Atonement focus of new issue of Search

The Autumn 2018 issue of Search, a C of I journal, is available from today. In the foreword, the editor, Ginnie Kennerley, wrote -

“The Atonement has long been a contested area in Christian doctrine – if only because the Church has never decreed any single teaching on exactly *HOW* Christ's work of salvation is to be under-stood. But the way we understand it has important implications for the way we think of God and for how that affects our spirituality, our

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The annual Blessing of Animals Service was held in St Mary's Church, Carrigaline recently. Although again mainly dogs turned up in need of a blessing, there were a couple of very brave cats and a bemused looking fish!

emotions and our personal behaviour. In this issue Andrew Campbell and Rob Clements present a dialogue exploring recent ideas of 'nonviolent atonement' which, while it seeks to correct ideas of a vengeful God, may risk accepting a world indifferent to injustice. Still confronting atonement issues, mindful of 1918 and the first Armistice Day, Peter Rutherford follows with a reflection on the 'false picture of God' which chaplains such as Woodbine Willie (Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy) found had alienated soldiers from

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Christian faith, and which he passionately denounced in his poetry.

“Further good things in this issue are of particular ecumenical interest: Maurice Elliott writes of his recent experience of the Global Christian Forum meeting in Colombia, noting that this is the broadest inter-church body we have, and the most prayerful, with membership including the full spectrum of the universal Church, from Orthodox and Roman Catholic through to Pentecostals. There follows an introduction by its co-chair Archbishop David Moxon to ARCIC III’s recently completed statement advocating closer alignment between our Churches in the areas of ecclesiology and ethics; then a reflection on the ongoing work of the Dublin University Mission to Chota Nagpur by Steve Brunn. John Rutter then shares some thoughts on the little known life and work of Peter Martyr Vermigli, a close associate of Thomas Cranmer.

“Pope Francis’ visit of August attracted interest, participation, and perhaps also a degree of indifference in the C of I. Archbishop Jackson took part in certain key occasions; Greg Fromholz was in the thick of it; and Stephen Farrell pondered it from a distance. Both the latter share their thoughts in this issue, as does Brian Grogan SJ, who provided a much needed point of stillness at the RDS congress.

“This issue closes with a Liturgica column from an English professor of theology, Thomas O’Loughlin, which is followed by a wide selection of book reviews – historical,

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theological, ecclesial and liturgical.”

News briefs

+++Dublin University Far Eastern Mission represented at inauguration of the Province of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

The Anglican Church in Hong Kong is celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the inauguration of the Province of the Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. A Festival Eucharist will be held today (Saturday) which will be attended by worldwide representatives of the Anglican Church and other church leaders. Dublin University Far Eastern Mission will be represented by Dr Kerry Houston who will make a presentation to Archbishop Paul Kwong to mark this occasion. DUFEM has been nurturing and supporting links between the Church of Ireland and the Province of Hong Kong in the realms of education and clergy and student exchanges in recent years. Dr Houston will be attending a series of meetings to further develop these links.

+++Service of Thanksgiving for South Belfast Foodbank

- Bruce Gardiner-Crehan, manager of South Belfast Foodbank, spoke at the inaugural annual Service of Thanksgiving for the work of the Foodbank in the South Belfast area, held in St Bartholomew's Parish Church, Stranmillis. St Bartholomew's is a founder member of the Foodbank, and the rector, the Rev Kevin Graham said the church was delighted to host this service. "From the idea of a Foodbank in South Belfast to its inception and since, we have been delighted to partner with other churches in the area to assist those in food poverty," Kevin said. "It is sad,

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but that is the reality in 2018 and our Christian discipleship requires something of us. “As we give thanks for the work done to date we are also challenged to not only continue but also to confront the root causes of food poverty and other kinds of poverty in the community around us.”

+++Meath Remembrance service at Kildare - The Bishop of Meath and Kildare, The Most Rev Pat Storey, along with the Dean and Chapter of St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare invite you to attend a special service in St Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare on Sunday, November 4th, 2018 at 3 p.m to commemorate all who served from these dioceses, and in particular those who made the supreme sacrifice. Kildare Cathedral has been chosen as the place of commemoration because the county of Kildare was a major centre of military activity. The Curragh Camp was the headquarters of the British Army in Ireland and there were significant garrisons in the neighbouring towns of Newbridge and Naas. This Service of Commemoration will mark the end of World War I.

+++Home from Zambia - Keith & Lyn Scott arrived yesterday at Dublin airport from Zambia, via Ethiopia. CMSI tweeted - Pray for the Scott's as they adjust to being back in Ireland and start their home assignment visits next Sunday!

+++Grandparents' Day in Positive Ageing Week - St Mary's Church of Ireland National School, Carrigaline, County Cork, held a special 'Grandparents' Day' during Positive Ageing Week recently. The children were asked to invite their Grandparents into the school for refreshments and to visit their classrooms. Those whose grandparents

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couldn't be with them on the day were encouraged to bring along photos to be displayed in the Canon McCrea Hall. The staff were also encouraged to display photos of their own grandparents. All of the classes did some kind of artwork project for viewing in the Hall while visitors were having a cup of tea and it was altogether a marvellous gathering. Well done to Ms Elliffe, the principal, for her innovative idea and to all the teachers and special needs assistants for their help on the day.

+++ Eco-Congregation Ireland's latest newsletter is now available - highlighting examples of environmental projects undertaken by churches across the island of Ireland. This edition highlights the *Awareness Certificate* and *Endeavour Certificate*, which can be awarded to parishes in their journey towards a final Eco-Congregation Ireland award, and also *Actions to Help Pollinators* – a resource with 24 practical actions that any parish can take to help bees living within its land. Limerick and Killaloe's ecumenical mission evening on stewardship (coming up on 16th October) and the Revd Trevor Sargent's ecological notes – on driving and carbon emissions and living with less plastic – are also featured. Eco-Congregation Ireland is an initiative of the Irish Inter Church Meeting, and includes members from the Roman Catholic Church, Church of Ireland, Presbyterian Church, Methodist Church and Religious Society of Friends. Its Chair, the Revd Andrew Orr, has also contributed to a new video to promote the Church of Ireland's Environmental Charter. For more information contact - info@ecocongregationireland.com
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+++The Methodist President's week -

Sunday 7th October - Cullybackey Methodist Harvest

Monday 8th - Meeting in Belfast

Derryanville, Portadown Harvest Praise Service

Tuesday 9th October - Connexional Team Meeting, Belfast

Wednesday 10th - Invitation to ceremony at Queens University

Thursday 11th - Home/ office Belfast

Friday 12th - Methodist College Prize Day

'Greater Love 'Stories, music and images to commemorate the centenary of the end of World War 1, Belfast

+++New GFS Chaplain - Emma Rothwell has been appointed the new GFS chaplain for Meath and Kildare. Emma is a diocesan lay-reader and teaches at Wilsons' Hospital. She was formerly Youth and Children's Officer for the dioceses. The Girls' Friendly Society was founded in London in 1875 by an Irishwoman – Mrs Elizabeth Townsend to provide support and skills training for girls who came from the country to work in the city. It was a society for friendship and recreation in which all girls might share, bound together in a fellowship of Christian love and service. The movement spread rapidly all over England and came to Ireland in 1877 and also to America and Australia about the same time. The Girls' Friendly Society is the oldest Church of Ireland organisation for girls and women. Now 140 years later the Society has broadened its scope and offers an even wider appeal. The motto, purpose and prayer has not changed down the years but one generation after another has found fresh inspiration in it.

Today the Girls Friendly Society is active in eighty branches throughout Ireland. A wide spectrum of interest is covered in the badge syllabus, which includes a study of the natural

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world, the community and the church, handcrafts and skills, information technology, sports and outdoor pursuits, as well as participating in fund raising to demonstrate our will to help others, both locally and globally. Membership is open to women of all ages.

News links

The Gazette needs to retain its voice

The Church of Ireland Gazette has announced that from January next year it will be published monthly, ... This will make it challenging to maintain the edge on news and topicality while also speaking in a strong, independent voice.

Regional Anglican Inter Faith Network for Europe and Americas launched

The meeting took place in September and brought together members of the Church of Ireland, Church of England and Church in Wales.

Why the EU should soften its stance on the Irish border

<https://capx.co/brussels-can-show-flexibility-on-the-irish-border-or-risk-no-deal/>

Bishop: "Brexit is a strange mix of exaggeration and complacency"

He said: "I cannot emphasise enough just how important it is for the Church of Ireland in rural dioceses like Clogher to inspire young men and women ...

Scouting Ireland appoints new directors to board

<https://www.rte.ie/news/ireland/2018/1006/1001403-scouts-directors-board/>

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Civil Rights anniversary: Sinn Fein trying to hijack history, says Eamonn McCann

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/civil-rights-anniversary-sinn-fein-trying-to-hijack-history-says-eamonn-mccann-1-8657934>

Arlene Foster: Terrorist perpetrators are not victims

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/arlene-foster-terrorist-perpetrators-are-not-victims-37388221.html>

'To equate bomb maker with innocent victim morally wrong and indefensible': DUP rejects definition of victims in legacy...

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/to-equate-bomb-maker-with-innocent-victim-morally-wrong-and-indefensible-dup-rejects-definition-of-victims-in-legacy-proposals-37387942.html>

Legacy Scandal: 'The Army kept good records but terrorists didn't, so historic probes are uneven

<https://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/opinion/legacy-scandal-the-army-kept-good-records-but-terrorists-didn-t-so-historic-probes-are-uneven-says-lord-dannatt-1-8658842>

C of I legacy submission

<https://www.ireland.anglican.org/cmsfiles/pdf/Resources/CASC/CASC-Addressing-the-Legacy-of-the-Past.pdf>

Concern over decline in those who believe Northern Ireland cross-community relations are improving

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<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/concern-over-decline-in-those-who-believe-northern-ireland-crosscommunity-relations-are-improving-37386625.html>

Northern Ireland abortion laws leave doctors fearing life imprisonment, court told

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/northern-ireland-abortion-laws-leave-doctors-fearing-life-imprisonment-court-told-37388724.html>

Schools may send children home due to teacher shortages

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/schools-may-send-children-home-due-to-teacher-shortages-1.3653283>

Pupils will have to opt in for religious instruction in State schools

Schools will be required to ensure students who do not take **religious** ... Atheist **Ireland** insisted it was assured by department officials that this was the ...

Online course offers theological training for Evangelical women

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2018/5-october/news/uk/online-course-offers-theological-training-for-evangelical-women>

Final Mass in one of Ireland's largest Catholic churches to take place in Dublin

Final Mass in one of Ireland's largest Catholic churches to take place in ... The Church of the Annunciation is to be demolished to make way for a ...

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12 local projects to receive funding of €892000

In the south of the county, €80,000 will go towards re-slating the historic Collon Church of Ireland Church while €42,400 will go towards a viewing ...

Rural funding hope for Briery Gap theatre

... have already been singled out for funding from the Rural Regeneration pot, which includes revamping the Church of Ireland in Macroom and to put ...

Pope orders 'thorough study' of all documentation relating to disgraced US cardinal

The latest crisis began in August during the pope's visit to **Ireland**. ... Vigano accused a long list of current and past Vatican and US **church** officials of ...

David Behrens: A revelatory Archbishop – and Church's chance for a leap of faith by appointing ...

John Sentamu has given the Church of England nearly two years to get its house in order before, three days shy of his 71st birthday, he finally leaves ...

C of E ups its digital resources for Christmas

The Church of England has launched its Christmas campaign for this year, #FollowTheStar, as it seeks to draw more people to church over Advent ...

Irish nun skydives for 80th birthday and says it helped her 'prepare for death'

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