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## **Archbishops of Armagh to Join in Wreath Laying Ceremony in Armagh on Remembrance Sunday**

Archbishop Richard Clarke (Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh) and Archbishop Eamon Martin (Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh) will jointly lay a wreath at the War Memorial on the Mall, Armagh, on Remembrance Sunday (Sunday November 13, 2016) at 11.00 am.

Following the ceremony, both Archbishops will also attend the Service at St Patrick's Church of Ireland Cathedral, Armagh.

The act of joint jointly laying a wreath in remembrance follows on from both Archbishops

leading a peace pilgrimage to the significant First World War sites of battle of 1916 in France and Belgium in June this year, along with a group of young adults drawn from both Church of Ireland and Roman Catholic traditions from across the island of Ireland. The pilgrimage in June included the laying of a wreath symbolising peace at the Menin Gate at Ypres.

## **Permanent diaconate could change face of Irish Church, Bishop Nulty**

The permanent diaconate is still very much in the early stages of roll out, Bishop Denis Nulty has told ordained and discerning deacons and their wives.

He added that the permanent diaconate: “has the capacity and capability of changing the face of the Irish Church.”

There are over sixty deacons working in several dioceses in Ireland and there will be one hundred within the next three years – mostly along the East coast. He added: “It still is very early days in the ministry and indeed the understanding of the diaconate.”



### ***Bishop Denis Nulty and Deacons***

Bishop Nulty was present with eight deacons who have been ordained, and their wives, who shared their experiences and impressions with six new discerning deacons and their wives.

The six will undergo much of their formation within the Diocese, whereas the ordained deacons had had the added burden of travelling to Dublin for their formation.

In his homily at a Mass with the deacons, Bishop Nulty spoke of the message of Pope Francis to the World Youth Day about having boots laced and being active players on the field.

“I suggest the diaconal calling invites us similarly to have our boots laced in the middle of the fray witnessing to the gospel of mercy and compassion. A deacon who is more present in the sacristy and sanctuary and not lingering on the edges with the broken and the bruised is missing something that is fundamental in his calling,” he said.

He thanked those present for their witness, and for patience as everyone in the Church becomes accustomed to having deacons in their midst.

Deacon Patrick Roche, Parish of Leighlin, Co Carlow, said that he finds the ministry “fantastic”.

He was ordained three years ago and said he has enjoyed every minute of his very active ministry in the parish.

“A lot of what I do could be done by a lay person, but I think the grace of ordination and the diaconate gives me the courage and confidence to be effective,” he said.

He added that each of the eight deacons have a different experience of ministry. Some are doing less parish work, some have newborn babies and others college graduates among their children.

Apart from parish work, deacons also have their own day-jobs as well as family life.

Patrick Roche is married to Mairéad and has three children, Tessa, Lucy and Patrick, and when he started out they were in primary and secondary school.

Bishop Nulty thanked the wives of the deacons by name and added: “whatever about the history of deacons, the history of the inclusion of lay women in our church has been equally thin and sparse; we are still in the early stages of understanding the gifts and the uniqueness that the woman’s voice brings to church matters.”

He said that deacons’ wives occupy an “unequalled position” in the Catholic Church structure.

“They are married to ordained clergy and they are expected to be part of the formation process. At the end of that training and formation, the deacon is ordained; the wife is not,” he said.

Patrick Roche said that during his training he, and his wife in particular, had concerns that their children might be bullied in school or held to higher standards in the parish. However, this was

not a problem for the Roche family, and as teens and young people they were free to explore their own faith and commitments.

Patrick Roche hopes the diaconate will be opened to women in the future, saying that “the conversation around married men or women becoming priests is closed but the conversation around women deacons is open.”

He said that opening up the diaconate “is not going to solve vocations, but for us to stand as a religious institution saying we have any kind of discriminatory values is off-putting for people. I don’t think we can mature fully as a religious institution unless all members of the institution have the same opportunities.”

However, he does not want to see the permanent diaconate as something that discourages lay involvement.

“I set out from the outset to ensure I was not a barrier, or that because I was there, that others would feel they could walk away and I would look after it,” he said. He added that deacons need to be conduits through which lay people can get more involved and participate further in the parish.

## **Irish Council of Churches Programme Officer appointed**

The Irish Council of Churches (ICC) has announced the appointment of Dr Damian Jackson to the position of Programme Officer. This is a joint initiative of the ICC and the Irish Episcopal Conference, with funding from Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The role will be based in Dublin.

Dr Jackson holds a PhD in Christian ethics and migration studies from the Irish School of Ecumenics (ISE) in Trinity College Dublin, and has also held Postdoctoral Researcher and Lecturer positions with the ISE. He is a member of Adelaide Road Presbyterian Church in Dublin and currently sits on the Inter-Cultural Relations Panel of the Presbyterian Church. He has extensive experience in supporting inter-church and inter-faith relations and collaboration and has served as Chair of the Dublin City Interfaith Forum.

Commenting on his new role, Dr Jackson said, "I'm very excited to join the team at the The Irish Council of Churches and the Irish Inter-Church Meeting. There are many opportunities for

churches to work together to serve their communities and address national issues. I look forward to working with them to build relationships, and to support collaboration and existing inter–church initiatives. When churches work together not only does it benefit the churches themselves, but also their society. Most of all, however, it is a powerful witness to God’s love and His ability to heal relationships.”

Welcoming Dr Jackson’s appointment, ICC General Secretary Dr Nicola Brady said, “The creation of this role represents a significant opportunity to raise awareness of the important work being done by churches across the island of Ireland. It will support the strengthening of collaboration amongst different denominations. Damian brings valuable experience and expertise to this role and will be an important addition to the team.”

## **New book on 18th century Archbishop of Armagh is ‘ripping good read’, Archbishop Clarke**

A new book featuring the letters of Archbishop Hugh Boulter paints a richer picture of the 18th century Archbishop of Armagh, who is often



considered a one dimensional character. The Boulter Letters, edited by Kenneth Milne and Paddy McNally, was launched in Christ Church Cathedral on Saturday November 5 by Professor David Hayton. The current Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, also spoke at the launch.

Following his appointment as Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of the Church of Ireland in 1724, Hugh Boulter quickly established himself as a central figure in the government of Ireland and the foremost upholder of the 'English interest' in Ireland until his death in 1744.

Originally published in 1769–70, The Boulter Letters represent one of the most important printed sources for the political and ecclesiastical history of Ireland in the early Hanoverian period. This new edition reproduces for the first time the originally published correspondence in its entirety, includes previously unpublished letters written by and to Boulter, and contains an extensive introduction to the collection.

It offers a fascinating insight into the political and ecclesiastical history of Ireland in the first half of the 18th century.

Lunching the book Professor David Hayton, Professor Emeritus at Queens University Belfast, explained that it could be said of Hugh Boulter that he was fortunate in his friends but unfortunate in his enemies. His friends included many influential people. However, he numbered among his enemies Jonathan Swift, who along with others, saw Boulter as someone brought in to put forward unworthy designs and uphold the English interest in Ireland.

But, Professor Hayton said that Boulter was a vigorous defender of the interests of the Church of Ireland and the modern edition of his letters provided a much more rounded insight. Just as important as the letters are the lengthy introductions of both editors, Professor Hayton commented. “Kenneth Milne’s introduction tells us a great deal about Boulter’s personal background and his rise in the church. Paddy McNally’s introduction is also enlightening and gives great detail of ecclesiastical manoeuvres,” he explained.

“This is an important resource for the 18th century history and for the Church of Ireland. His letters are a good read and they’re enormously informative and tell us about a range of subjects.

They are interesting and revealing,” Professor Hayton said adding that the book is beautifully produced by Four Courts Press.

Speaking at the launch, Archbishop Richard Clarke said that many people had a single vision of Archbishop Boulter and he was seen primarily as an English operative. The Archbishop agreed that this was true on one level but he also had a pastoral heart and an evangelical concern for the people of Ireland.

Archbishop Clarke described the book as a ‘ripping good read’. “It’s a wonderful and entertaining book and it allows a much richer picture of who Hugh Boulter actually was,” he said.

Dr Milne paid tribute to his co–editor, Paddy McNally, for being largely responsible for the idea behind the book. He said it was a complex book to produce but said that Four Courts Press had done tremendous work. He also thanked the Church of Ireland Historical Society and the Dean of Christ Church for facilitating the launch and the Friends of Christ Church Cathedral for hosting it.

Kenneth Milne is Historiographer of the Church of Ireland and Keeper of the Archives at Christ

Church Cathedral, Dublin. Paddy McNally is Principal Lecturer in History at the University of Worcester.

## News briefs

### **+++ TV chef launches parish cookery book -**

Almost 500 people turned up at the Abbey Hotel in Donegal Town on Wednesday evening to see one of Ireland's best known TV chefs, Rachel Allen, launch the latest addition to the country's culinary canon. For a change, though, it wasn't one of her own books she was promoting: 'A Donegal Cook Book' was produced by members of one of the Raphoe Diocese's smallest parishes, Killymard. Parishioners contributed all of the recipes in the new book and all the proceeds will go to Killymard Parish Church. Hundreds of copies were snapped up on the night by an enthusiastic audience, some of whom had travelled from as far away as Londonderry. The highpoint of the evening was a cookery demonstration by Ms Allen, who is part of Ireland's most famous cookery dynasty, the Allen family of Ballymaloe House. The cookery book was the brainchild of Killymard parishioner Mandy Ellis, who studied at Ballymaloe House Cookery School. Archdeacon Huss thanked her

for having the vision to encourage her fellow parishioners to “do something big for a change”.

**+++ The life of St Brigid -** The speaker for the Belfast Cathedral Mothers’ Union branch meeting on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November is Dr Thérèse Cullen. Thérèse has contributed much to the life of the cathedral over the course of the past three years and is recognised for her knowledge and expertise in the field Irish Christian tradition and spirituality. She will be speaking on St Brigid. The Mothers’ Union invites anyone who would like to hear Thérèse to join them on Saturday morning. The session begins with a short act of worship in the Chapel of Unity at 10.15 a.m.

**+++ Two Way mission -** Forty delegates attended the Church of Ireland Council for Mission’s conference on Global Shaping Local: Two–Way Mission, at St Columba’s Parish Centre, Omagh, on Saturday, 5th November. Following a time of worship, the conference was opened by the Rt Revd Ken Good, Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, who led a discussion about countries and regions of the world in which delegates had a particular interest. The keynote speaker was Dr Mark Welsh, Mission

Development Officer with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, who focused on how to envision, equip and engage parishes in relation to global mission.

### **+++ Thanksgiving for the life of Cork**

**Diocesan Reader** - A Requiem Eucharist and Thanksgiving for the life of Herbert Calvert was held yesterday, 9th November 2016, in Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. Herbert, who died in the care of Saint Luke's Home, Cork on Wednesday, 2nd November, served the Church of Ireland faithfully as a Diocesan Lay Reader since he was first licensed in the Diocese of Elphin on 2nd September 1962. The family moved to Cork in 1970 and Herbert continued as a Diocesan Lay Reader ever since in Cork, Cloyne and Ross and was affectionately regarded by his Lay Reader colleagues as the 'senior lay reader' in the Diocese. He must surely have been one of the longest serving Diocesan Readers in the Church of Ireland. Warm tributes were paid to Herbert's life of service in scouting, in the wider community and within the Church of Ireland. The Bishop of Cork, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton, presided at the Requiem assisted by the Reverend Edwin Hunter, and the sermon was preached by the Dean of Cork, the Very

Reverend Nigel Dunne. Also taking part were the Reverend Ted Ardis, Canon Ian Jonas from Carrigrohane Union of Parishes, and a representative group of Lay Readers from the Diocese. Bishop Colton said: As a Diocese we remember Herbert with affection and give thanks for his 54 years of ministry in the Church of Ireland, particularly here in Cork, Cloyne and Ross. We remember too his late wife Heather at this time and, on behalf of us all, I extend our deepest sympathy to their children Jonathan, Marcus, Felicity, Timothy and their families, as well as Herbert's wide circle of friends.

**+++ Drumalis Choral singing workshop for Advent & Christmas** - Saturday, 19 November at Drumalis, 9:30 am – 4:30 pm. This workshop is particularly useful for church/school choirs and individuals looking for material for the Christmas & Advent season. The cost for the day is £35 per person, including tuition, refreshments and lunch. For further details or to book a place, please contact Drumalis – tel 028 28272196/28276455 (Mon – Fri, 9am – 5pm) Booking forms are also available on the Drumalis website – <http://www.drumalis.co.uk>

**+++ Annual Mass for Deceased Teachers -** will be celebrated in the Good Shepherd Church, Belfast (Down & Connor), on Mon 21st Nov 21st at 7.30pm. Relatives of the deceased, teachers, retired colleagues, pupils and parishioners are all invited. Refreshments afterwards in the adjacent Good Shepherd Centre.

**+++ Advent Day of Recollection -** for young women age 18-35, on November 26th, 2016, 2-8pm at the Dominican Priory, Glentworth St. Limerick. Join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia and Father John Walsh, O.P. for spiritual conferences, Eucharistic Adoration and confession opportunities, dinner and discussion. Please RSVP by 20th November to [limerick@op-tn.org](mailto:limerick@op-tn.org) or 061-311728. Donation of €15 requested.

**+++ Church in Chains -** Is your church taking part in International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church on Sunday 20 November? Find out more, order resources <http://www.churchinchains.ie/node/466>

**+++ The European Route of Cistercian abbeys**  
- Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe. The Cistercian Order has a rich history continues  
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today, in the heart of the evolution of the Roman Church and the European states. The "white monks" are revealed as exemplary constructors participating in the development of rural areas, controlling the hydraulic and agricultural techniques most advanced - through their barns, cellars, mills, foundries - and contributing since the Middle Age at the development of art, knowledge and understanding in Europe. The European Route of Cistercian abbeys proposes to give meaning to the Cistercian heritage that our age has inherited, through rural tourism of discovery and quality, educational and cultural events, use of new digital tools adapted to cultural heritage conservation and promotion. Cultural and touristic Association created in 1993, the European Charter of Cistercian abbeys and sites unites nearly 200 sites in 11 European countries, opened to the public, managed by local and national governments, privates, cultural associations. Combining a scientific committee composed of researchers, historians and archaeologists, the Charter provides ongoing training and transmission of the Cistercian culture through Europe.<http://culture-routes.net/routes/the-european-route-of-cistercian-abbeys>

**+++ Via Francigena** - official website 1800 kilometres from Canterbury to Rome

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## **News links to reports on faith, politics and education**

**ITV/Times/Guard/Ind/Tel/Mail/Mirror/HuffPo/Christian Today/Premier**

Coverage of a statement (see above) and Tweet by the Archbishop of Canterbury and his interview with ITN following Donald Trump's US election victory. Archbishop Justin said: "As President-elect Donald Trump prepares to take office, my continuing prayers are that the United States of America may find reconciliation after a bitter campaign, and that Mr Trump may be given wisdom, insight and grace as he faces the tasks before him. Together we pray for all the people of the United States."

<http://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2016-11-09/the-archbishop-of-canterbury-there-are-huge-amounts-of-fear-in-the-world-as-a-result-of-trumps-election/>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/jubilation-gave-way-to-shock-and-anguish-87j6dvstb>

<https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2016/nov/09/theresa-may-congratulates-us-election-win>  
<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/archbishop-of-canterbury-donald-trump-win-pray-for-america-a7407641.html>  
<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/09/uk-reaction-donald-trump-us-president-live/>  
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/video/news/video-1355405/Savage-Archbishop-disappointed-Presidential-campaign.html>  
<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/live-clinton-donald-trump-election-9192209>  
[http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/justin-welby-suggests-we-should-pray-for-america-after-donald-trumps-victory\\_uk\\_58230d6de4b0c2e24ab1acd8](http://www.huffingtonpost.co.uk/entry/justin-welby-suggests-we-should-pray-for-america-after-donald-trumps-victory_uk_58230d6de4b0c2e24ab1acd8)  
<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Archbishop-Justin-Welby-offers-Trump-prayers-but-stops-short-of-congratulating-him>

## **Bath Chronicle**

Reports on the Archbishop of Canterbury's visit to the Diocese of Bath and Wells including a visit to Bath Abbey, Downside Abbey and Bath Spa University.

<http://www.bathchronicle.co.uk/archbishop/story-29881990-detail/story.html>

## **Tel**

Report of an address by former Archbishop of Canterbury Lord Carey in which he said that greater mobility brought by the car and new career patterns has “hollowed out” bonds of family life which provide care and support for the elderly. Lord Carey told a conference, hosted by the think tank the International Longevity Centre that a once common pattern of family life which revolved around the older generation has all but disappeared because greater mobility has scattered communities.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/11/09/cars-and-careers-have-left-elderly-forgotten-former-archbishop/>

## **Yorks Post**

Interview with Rev Matt Woodcock on his book ‘Becoming Reverend’ published last week by Church House Publishing

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/analysis/the-hull-vicar-swapping-news-for-pews-1-8229601>

## **Tel/Times/Express**

Reviews of ITV documentary Breaking the Silence: Britain’s Adoption Scandal featuring a group of women who speak of being pressured

into adoption by agencies working on behalf of the Catholic Church, and also the Church of England and Salvation Army

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/tv/2016/11/09/breaking-the-silence-britains-adoption-scandal-was-a-heartbreaki/>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/black-and-british-britains-adoption-scandal-z3g885wsv>

<http://www.express.co.uk/showbiz/tv-radio/730642/TV-Review-Black-British-Forgotten-History-Britain-Adoption-Scandal-Breaking-Silence>

### **Sun/Mail/Premier**

Reports on determination of a Bishop's Disciplinary Tribunal for the Diocese of Sodor and Man following a complaint brought under the Clergy Discipline Measure against Rev Dr Jules Gomes, former vicar of Arbory and Castletown, Isle of Man.

<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/2153017/potty-mouthed-vicar-facing-axe-over-x-rated-rants-to-colleagues-accuses-church-of-england-of-using-sharia-law-to-discipline-him/>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3919296/Raging-vicar-faces-sack-shocking-church-warden-making-cleaner-quit-f-word-outbursts.html>

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Vicar-faces-sack-after-foul-mouthed-rant>

## **Premier**

Report on a speech about church schools by Second Church Estates Commissioner Dame Caroline Spelman MP in a Commons debate on faith and grammar school expansion. She said she wanted to ‘scotch the myth’ that church schools are forces for segregation adding that church schools are sought after by people of all faiths and none.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Faith-schools-have-key-role-in-fighting-extremism-says-Church-of-England-MP>

## **Mail**

Comment piece on the implications of Donald Trump’s victory in the US election saying that it has ‘sounded an unmistakable warning’ to the West’s “we know best political class”. The article claims that there have been ‘wails of disbelief’ from ‘bien pensant politicians’ and ‘the massed ranks of luvvies’ including figures such as Madonna, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Lily Allen .

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/debate/article-3922152/DAILY-MAIL-COMMENT-America-s-lesson-complacent-elites.html>



***Wreath at Theipval***