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Image of the day - Albert in the autumn, Belfast

News Reports

Pope Francis appoints Bishop Francis Duffy as Archbishop of Tuam

His Holiness Pope Francis has appointed Bishop Francis Duffy, Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois, as the new Archbishop of Tuam. The news of this appointment was made public yesterday morning.

Archbishop-elect Duffy concelebrated Mass in the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Tuam, with His Excellency Archbishop Jude Thaddeus Okolo, Apostolic Nuncio to Ireland; and Archbishop Michael Neary, Archbishop of Tuam. The celebration of this Mass was livestreamed .

Francis Duffy was born on 21 April 1958 in the parish of Templeport, Co Cavan to parents Mary Catherine Dolan and Frank Duffy.

He attended primary school at Munlough National School, Bawnboy, and completed his post-primary education at Saint Patrick's College, Cavan.

Francis studied for the priesthood at Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth and was ordained a priest for the diocese of Kilmore on 20 June 1982 in Saint Mogue's Church, Bawnboy, Co Cavan by Bishop Francis MacKiernan.

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He taught at Saint Patrick's College, Cavan, and was appointed principal of Fatima and Felim's Secondary School, Ballinamore, Co Leitrim in 1996.

After twelve years as principal Father Francis was appointed Diocesan Secretary and Financial Administrator and Chancellor. During that time he was resident priest in the parish of Laragh, Co Cavan. On 17 July 2013 he was appointed Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmacnois with his episcopal ordination taking place on 6 October 2013 at Saint Mary's Church, Athlone.

As a member of the Irish Bishops' Conference, Bishop Duffy is currently chair of the Council for Liturgy, a member of the Council for Education, as well as a member of the Commission for Worship, Pastoral Renewal and Faith Development.

Archbishop Eamon Martin paid tribute to Archbishop Michael Neary. He said - My feelings are mixed, of course, as Archbishop Michael – currently the longest serving member of the Bishops' Conference – has never hesitated to offer friendship, support and wise counsel to me and to many others. A natural teacher, I will miss Archbishop Michael's many gifts and helpful insights.

I have fond memories from my time as a seminarian in Saint Patrick's College, Maynooth, of Archbishop Michael's lectures on the Old Testament. His expert knowledge and understanding of the Pentateuch, the Wisdom literature and the Prophets added profoundly to his reflections on the Gospels and to his unstinting commitment as a follower of Christ. His love for the Word of God, developed during his

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time as a professor of Sacred Scripture, also underpinned his support for Catholic education at various levels and his keen interest in priestly formation.

Archbishop Michael's interventions in the Bishops' Conference were characterised by a scriptural and theological depth, and were highly valued in his roles as chair of the Council for Doctrine and of the Theological Committee. He was a long-standing member of the Standing Committee and of the Commission for Catholic Education. Archbishop Michael's ability was recognised by the Holy See through appointments to the Vox Clara and Sapienti committees, advising the Congregation for Divine Worship and Discipline of the Sacraments on English translations of liturgical texts.

I would like to pay tribute to Archbishop Michael's dedication to our emigrant population abroad. As chair of the Bishops' Council for Emigrants he travelled to England and met with Irish people living on the margins: the poor, the dispossessed and prisoners. He often highlighted their plight publicly. Regionally, Archbishop Michael worked alongside his brother bishops in the west of Ireland to support the operation of the Developing The West Together, including serving on its board, helping to progress the social and economic development of Sligo, Mayo, Roscommon, and Galway.

Archbishop Michael has always been sensitive to popular devotion and to the fostering of the Irish language and our native traditions of prayer and pilgrimage.

Church leaders tributes on the death of Austin Currie

The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, issued the following statement:

‘It was with a heartfelt sadness that I learned of the death of Austin Currie. His whole political career was founded on a desire for justice and peace, which he pursued with a single-minded focus on both sides of the Border in Ireland. In his early political life he did so at a time when it was not only unpopular, but positively dangerous, to speak truth to power.

‘It was people like Austin Currie who represented the true spirit of the United States Civil Rights movement in the Northern Ireland. A responsible radical, who knew that violence can only divide, but that patience, persistent and generous public advocacy and action will lay a solid foundation for a peaceful and just society. At a time when social and political polarisation both create and feed off a destructive and divisive populism, his contribution to peace-making serves as an example to be remembered. My prayers and sympathy are with his wife Annita, their children, and the family circle.’

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev.Dr.Sahr Yambasu in his statement said of Austin Currie:

"At the height of the sectarian segregation of Northern Ireland, Austin Currie dared to dream of a land founded on equality and secured in peace and prosperity.

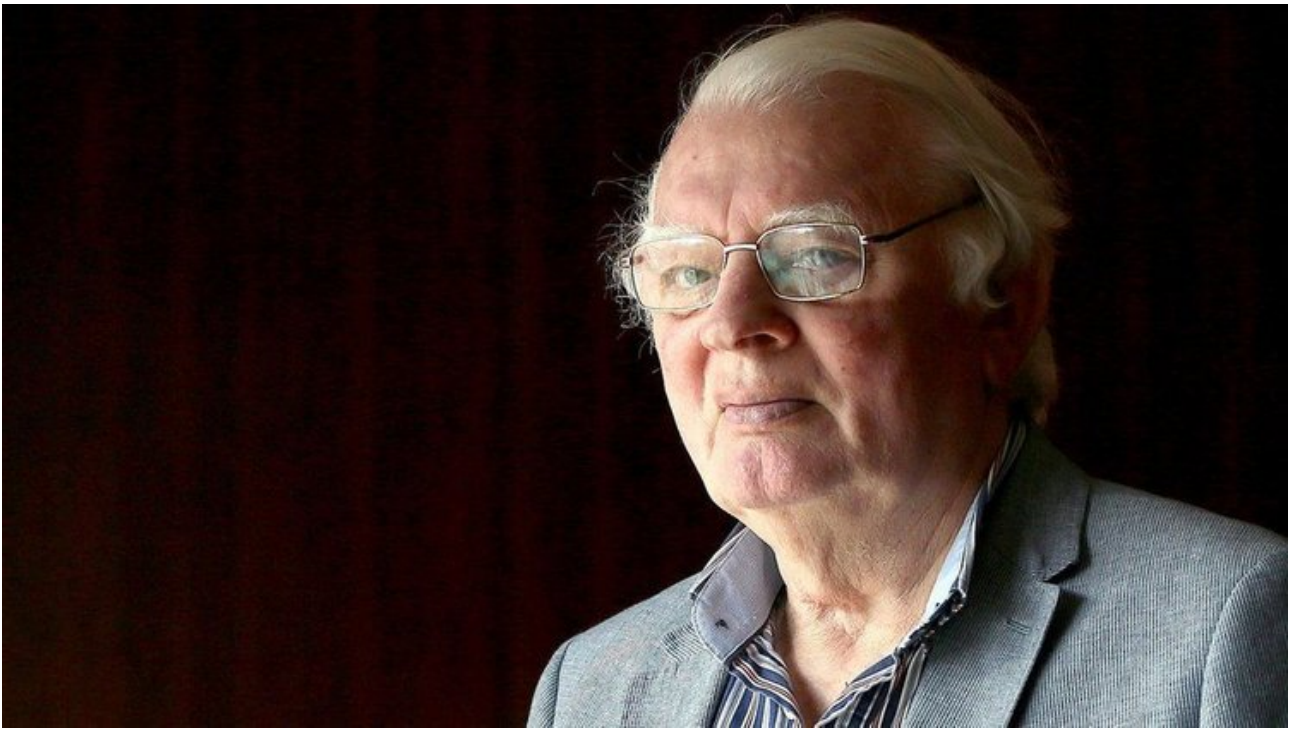


Image: Brian Lawless (BBC News)

"His famous occupation of the house in Caledon to protest the inequalities of housing policy towards Catholics was just one landmark in a life and career the hallmark of which was a belief in the innate goodness of Ireland and her people.

"His public service, both north and south of the border, his contribution to the non-violent civil rights movement, his time spent in the various legislatures on this island and his tireless commitment to its people will long be remembered and stands as an example to subsequent generations of wholehearted and sacrificial commitment to making those dreams of a better future, reality without the use of bullet or bomb.

"I extend the sympathies of the Methodist Church in Ireland to Austin's wife Annita, their children and family circle."

People and places

Enniskillen Remembrance Service on RTE television and radio

RTÉ Television will be broadcasting a service on Remembrance Sunday featuring clergy, singers and readers from Enniskillen. The RTÉ Sunday Service on RTÉ One television will be broadcast from 11.10am while RTÉ Radio 1 Extra will beginning broadcasting at 11am on Sunday, 14th November.

The service will be led by Dean Kenneth Hall of St. Macartin's Cathedral and the preacher will be Monsignor Peter O'Reilly of St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church. Also taking part will be Cathedral choir member and soloist, Jane McKinley and the organist will be Orly Watson. The lessons will be read by John Jones, Chairman of the Enniskillen branch of the Royal British Legion and by Audrey Williamson, Churchwarden in Enniskillen Cathedral. Prayers will be led by Linda Kingston, Churchwarden.

C of I Day of Prayer for Young People & Youth Ministry

The Church of Ireland Youth Department's annual Day of Prayer is on the move to the Sunday before Advent, which will this year be Sunday, 21st November. It previously took place on the Sunday before Lent. CIYD is encouraging all churches to make a little space to pray for young people

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Sharon Ferguson was licensed as a parish reader by the Rev Peter Jones, Connor Diocesan Warden of Readers, at a service in Carnmoney Parish Church. Sharon, front right, is pictured with the Rev Andy Heber, vicar, the Rev Peter Jones and the Rev Carol Harvey, curate-assistant. Sharon is Carnmoney's first ever parish reader.

on that day.

Bishop Pat Storey, President of CIYD, says: "As our annual Day of Prayer moves to the Sunday before Advent each year, we remember that Advent is a time to prepare and to look forward. As we exit this pandemic, we will take time ahead of and during Advent to pray for our young people who have had their lives on hold for so long. We pray for their spiritual future and their unique contribution to the

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Church. We celebrate their commitment and enthusiasm. We long to meet together again and to connect.

“This Advent, our day of prayer for our young people and youth ministry thus holds special significance. We bring them before God and we celebrate each one. We pray; God hears!”

Simon Henry, CIYD’s National Youth Officer, adds, “Youth ministry has been mightily challenged over the past year and young people have missed out on so much. This is an opportunity to bring them once again to the forefront of our thoughts and prayers.”

A PDF version of a book published by CIYD in 2019 with lots of ideas of how to pray is available to help local churches to plan ahead for the Day of Prayer. Please email admin@ciyd.org for your copy.

Cathedral Community Awards Scheme opens in Limerick

The Dean of Limerick, the Very Revd Niall J Sloane, is delighted to announce the 2021 Cathedral Community Awards Scheme.

The Awards Scheme, which was established in 2018, hopes to highlight the ‘unsung heroes’ of Limerick and will awarded in February 2022.

Nomination forms are available from the Cathedral Office until the closing date of 30th November 2021.

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Service of Light - Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, November 14



A Service of Light acknowledging the impact of the pandemic on loss and bereavement is being held for the Diocese of Dublin in Christ Church Cathedral on Remembrance Sunday, November 14 at 3.30pm. This will include Duruflé's Requiem sung by the cathedral choir.

The service will include the reading of names of those who have passed away since the start of the pandemic and the lighting of candles in their memory. The service is a recognition of the severe impact coronavirus restrictions have had on the grieving process, including the usual funeral rites which have had to be greatly curtailed.

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In order for all who have passed away to be honoured, Rectors/clergy are being asked to send in the names of those who have died in their parishes since restrictions began to the Revd Abigail Sines abigail@christchurch.ie (Dublin Diocese) by Saturday November 13.

Clergy are invited to attend and robe (choir dress) and representatives of the families of all the deceased are also invited to attend and to light a candle in memory of their loved ones.

A Service of Light for the Diocese of Glendalough will take place in St Saviour's Church, Arklow, on Sunday November 28 at 3pm.

Clergy are asked to email the names of those who have passed away in parishes in Glendalough to the Ven Neal O'Raw revdoraw@gmail.com (Glendalough Diocese) by the Saturday before the service.

For those who are struggling to come to terms with their loss, the Dublin Bereavement Support Service provides free, professional and confidential support www.bereavementsupport.ie



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Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts and books



Kirk's online Advent calendar shines a 'Light in the Darkness'

The countdown starts as Advent begins on Sunday 28 November running until Friday 24 December. This year, contributors across the length and breadth of the Church of Scotland are joining together to shine a 'Light in the Darkness' through this year's Advent calendar.

Meaning 'coming' or 'arrival', Advent is a time of prayer and preparation for the coming of God's Son. It is also a time when we look outwards to the needs of others, spreading

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joy with friends, families, local communities and further afield.

As with last year, things will feel very different to previous years, as Covid-19 restrictions continue across Scotland. However, we hope that our Advent calendar will help spread a little hope and joy during these dark days.

Light in the Darkness

Light in the Darkness is the theme of the Church of Scotland's 2021 Advent calendar, inspired by John 1:5 'The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it':

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

He was with God in the beginning.

Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.

In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

On Sunday 28 November things get underway with an introductory video on our website from the Moderator, Lord Wallace, followed by daily offerings through the next four weeks. The first window in the calendar will open on Wednesday 1 December. We invite you to sign up for a daily email or visit our online Advent Calendar for some daily inspiration.

Throughout the season we'll bring you stories that highlight how church members around the country and further afield

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are planning to celebrate the birth of Jesus and sharing their faith, joy and love.

The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, Lord Wallace, invites everyone to join us in this year's Advent:

"Counting down the days to Christmas can be both exciting and energising as we anticipate the celebration of Jesus' birth. Emmanuel — God with us.

"Due to the pandemic, many people still experience anxiety or still feel the pains of loss or illness or uncertainty. But we have the assurance that the darkness can never extinguish the light.

"Can I therefore encourage people to sign up to this Advent calendar and reflect each day on the hope which the Light of the World brings into our world."

This year for our daily Advent offerings we have collected moving, thought-provoking and encouraging stories sourced from our Church of Scotland congregations. They will include:

Videos — Lord Wallace will introduce Advent, followed by a few extra surprises throughout the season.

Inspiring stories and reflections — of creative events and personal experiences from individuals and groups across the Kirk.

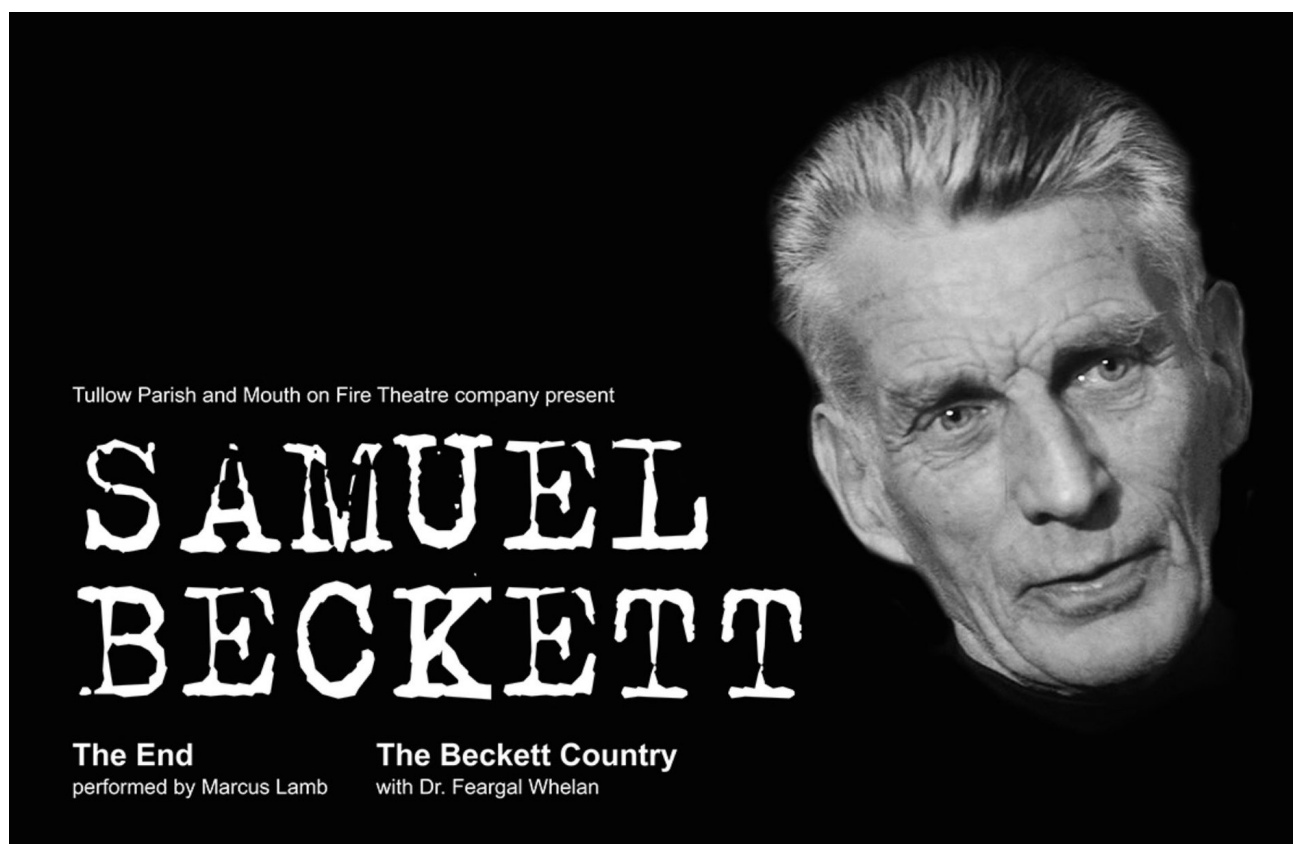
Prayers — a selection of prayers on this year's theme from people from across the Church.

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Sign up for your daily reminder

You can sign up for a daily reminder email straight into your inbox with a link to that day's Advent window, starting from Wednesday 1 December. Link at -

[[] <https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news-and-events/news/2021/articles/kirks-advent-calendar-shines-a-light-in-the-darkness>]



Beckett in Foxrock 2021 – Online event

In common with so many things over the last 18 months Beckett in Foxrock 2021 had to go online. Beckett in Foxrock is organised by Tullow Parish in association with Mouth on Fire Theatre Company to commemorate the Nobel Laureate's association with the parish.

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Beckett in Foxrock 2021 is an online film double bill of Samuel Beckett's darkly funny *The End* memorably performed by Marcus Lamb and *The Beckett Country* which is beautifully filmed in sunny Dublin. It is interpreted and narrated by Dr Feargal Whelan and takes us to the places in Dublin which so influenced Beckett – from his birthplace in Foxrock (Boghill in *All that Fall*) to Tullow Church which he attended with his mother, to Trinity College and Carrickmines Golf Club where he mentally replayed the first four holes when, in later life, he couldn't sleep. Tullow Church features very strongly both inside and outside.

The films, which are presented as one, are only available to view until November 30. They can be viewed at any time in the comfort of people's own homes and all for only €10. Tickets may be booked on [TakeYourSeats.ie](https://www.TakeYourSeats.ie)

Faith Under Fire - film testimony from Iran

Coming 18 November 2021, *Faith Under Fire* – three films featuring the inspiring testimony of Iranian Christian, Motjaba Hosseini. From the Diocese of Down and Dromore in association with Open Doors UK & Ireland.

See link -

[[] <https://www.downanddromore.org/news/2021/11/coming-soon-faith-under-fire>]

Perspective

The UK doesn't have to take the EU's punishment writes Iain Dale

Remainers will fume, but we have every reason to fix the broken and unfair Northern Ireland Protocol

I can hear it now. Sir John Major will take to the airwaves denouncing it. Alastair Campbell and Andrew Adonis will have a fit of the vapours on Twitter. Emily Thornberry will pronounce with all the solemnity she can muster that it is a dark day when Britain breaks a treaty.

As night follows day, all these things will surely happen if and when Britain invokes Article 16 of the Northern Ireland Protocol in a few weeks' time. They will conveniently ignore the fact that the EU did the self-same thing earlier this year, albeit for only a few hours. The still very vocal Remain lobby will claim that it is yet another example of Britain's cavalier attitude to international law.

Except that it would be nothing of the sort. Article 16 was written into the treaty because people on both sides anticipated that it might be needed. And it looks very much like it will be needed now.

On the face of it, the European Commission made a bold gesture towards alleviating some of the worst economic effects of the Northern Ireland Protocol a few weeks ago, but its proposals were a cosmetic attempt to appear sweet and reasonable.

The British side's analysis is that they are not the game-changer that was needed and do little to reduce the amount of paperwork and bureaucracy which has been inflicted on many firms in Northern Ireland. They also fail to address the constitutional issues with the protocol, including the delicate matter of judicial oversight.

In any case, the fact is that the protocol was in some ways explicitly designed to punish Britain, as Jean-Claude Juncker's adviser Martin Selmayr admitted with his famous phrase "Northern Ireland is the price the Brits must pay for Brexit".

The EU has scant regard for peace in Northern Ireland. If it did, it wouldn't be so ridiculously concerned about the damage a British sausage entering the single market could do to its integrity. It thought it could use Northern Ireland (and its puppets in Dublin, for that matter) to try to keep the whole UK in the customs union and the single market. Few people realise how close that was to happening under Theresa May.

The British mainland thankfully avoided that fate, but at the price of leaving Northern Ireland behind.

The protocol was a trap set by Brussels and Boris Johnson, consciously or unconsciously, fell into it just to "get Brexit done".

Selmayr won in the short term. But the protocol is an unequal treaty which was never going to last. The

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Government's duty is to protect the integrity of the UK's single market, even if it failed to do so in 2019.

Iain Dale presents the Evening Show on LBC Radio.

Poem for today

Hedauville, November 1915 by Vera Brittain

The sunshine on the long white road
That ribboned down the hill,
The velvet clematis that clung
Around your window-sill
Are waiting for you still.
Again the shadowed pool shall break
In dimples at your feet,
And when the thrush sings in your wood,
Unknowing you may meet
Another stranger, sweet.
And if he is not quite so old
As the boy you used to know,
And less proud, too, and worthier,
You may not let him go –
(And daisies are truer than passion-flowers)
It will be better so.

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