



The Bishop of Limerick, the Right Revd. Kenneth Kearon with Keith and Lyn Scott who are returning to Zambia with CMSI

Limerick commissioning service of Keith and Lyn Scott to serve again in Zambia

CMSI staff Jenny Smyth, Gillian Maganda and Roger Thompson, local clergy and readers, friends and supporters joined worshippers at St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick on Sunday 13th November for a special service of commissioning for Keith and Lyn Scott.

The choral evensong service was led by the Bishop of Limerick, the Right Revd. Kenneth Kearon, and included an interview with Jenny (CMSI Mission Director). Jenny talked about the three ways in which CMSI work – supporting the global church, resourcing the church in Ireland and resourcing individuals.

Keith and Lyn are preparing to return to Kitwe in the Diocese of Northern Zambia to help with clergy training. The bishop asked about the church in Zambia and Jenny explained that it is lively and growing, and very involved in social action projects such as medical care, pre-school nurseries and education. Bishop Kenneth commented on the impressive breadth of social involvement he had seen there himself, and how this was a challenge to the Church here in Ireland.



In the act of commissioning Keith and Lyn responded to questions asked by Roger Thompson (CMSI Partnership Coordinator for Zambia) and the bishop, committing themselves to serve as Mission Partners in a spirit of love. Bishop Kenneth then led prayers of blessing, before congratulating them on their faithfulness in following God's call. The evening concluded with refreshments and a chance for all the congregation to mingle, passing on their good wishes to the Scotts in person.

The Scotts returned to Ireland in 2008. Since then, Keith and Lyn have been involved in parish ministry in the Diocese of Limerick, based in the Rathkeale Group of Parishes. Adam and Hanna have completed their schooling and are studying and working in England.

In Kitwe, Keith will be involved in teaching and training at St John's Anglican Seminary as well as some involvement in parish ministry. Lyn will be involved in teaching English (academic and theological) to the seminary students, as well as seeking to improve their study and preaching skills. She's also keen to engage with the work of the Mothers' Union.

Please pray for the Scotts as they prepare to move from their home in Askeaton at the end of November, and then fly out to Kitwe on 6th January.

Fundraising campaign gets underway for Dublin diocesan refugee housing

Fundraising for Dublin & Glendalough's Diocesan Refugee Housing Appeal is already underway.



The group of people from St John's Church, Coolock, who raised funds for the Diocesan Housing Appeal on the Camino de Glendalough.

The appeal, which plans to raise €300,000 over three years to support a new housing project by the Irish Refugee Council with the Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland, was launched last month. Parishes and organisations throughout the dioceses are already coming up with ways to get involved and become part of the solution to the accommodation crisis.

In November a group of 22 people from St John's G4J Sunday Club in Coolock , participated Come&C Camino de Glendalough. They used

the event as a fundraiser by way of a sponsored walk in aid of the housing appeal.

Archbishop Michael Jackson has written to all parishes and schools in the dioceses asking them to be part of the solution to the housing crisis. He points out that by providing accommodation for refugees and those emerging from the direct provision system, pressure will be eased on the already strained organisations trying to tackle Ireland's homelessness crisis.

“In the face of the personal impoverishment of enforced emigration, we who are significantly better off can frequently find that we feel powerless in a world picture that is beyond our grasp. It is in response to this need that a group within the Diocesan Councils [comprising Canon Horace McKinley, the Revd Olive Donohoe and Dr Sharee Basdeo Kelly] has come up with a project partnership on behalf of the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough,” he said.

The Archbishop added: “I wish to emphasise that the provision of all this very sizeable new accommodation will have the very positive benefit of not adding even more to the demands of our already existing and esteemed

accommodation/homeless Agencies and public services here”.

The IRC is Ireland’s only national non–Governmental organisation specialising in working with refugees and people in the asylum process. In collaboration with the Association of Missionaries and Religious in Ireland, AMRI (formerly CORI and IMU), the IRC is in the process of acquiring several properties, both in Dublin and nationwide, that are being donated by the various AMRI congregations. These properties will all require very extensive renovation and modernisation and this is where the money raised by the people of Dublin and Glendalough will be utilised. It is hoped that the initial work on some of these properties will commence in June 2017.

To contribute to the appeal monies can be forwarded by cheque to: the United Dioceses of Dublin and Glendalough, Church House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6 (marked Housing Appeal). Donations can also be lodged directly to: DIOCESAN FUNDS OF DUBLIN AND GLENDALOUGH, Bank of Ireland, College Green, Dublin 2, BIC: BOFII E2D, IBAN: IE16

BOFI 9067 9369 3548 78, Reference: Housing appeal. Donations may attract a tax rebate.

Mission to Seafarers' Belfast Heritage Sunday

There will be plenty of activity at the Docks in Belfast on Sunday November 27 when Mission to Seafarers hosts a Heritage Sunday event.

Organised in association with Belfast Hidden Tours, this will feature a walking tour of Sailortown with historian John Gray (11am), lunch and refreshments and The Belfast Story – a show in which the history of Belfast is told through traditional Irish music, song and dance with a contemporary twist.

The show will featured dancers from Riverdance.

The Mission to Seafarers is based at the Flying Angel Centre, Prince's Dock Street, Belfast, BT1 3AA.

For bookings and enquiries, contact 028 9075 1131 or email doreen@missiontoseafarers-ni.org.

Olympian and Bishop in soft play area



St. Luke's National School, Douglas, Cork recently developed a specialised soft surface play area for the children of the school.

Two past pupils of the school – John Jermyn, member of the Irish Olympic Hockey team, and our school Patron, Bishop Paul Colton – were present. John Jermyn performed the official opening, and Bishop Colton blessed our new play area.

The development of this area was made possible through extensive fundraising by the Parents' Association and the support of parents and local businesses. The area was named 'Inis Beag' or 'Little Island'; this is a special place for the pupils and greatly enhances the school facilities.

New book from Kerry priest's blog on his battle with cancer

A County Kerry priest whose blog detailing his cancer battle has been read by over 40,000 people plans to launch a book this week detailing his battle with cancer and his life as a priest.

Fr Pat Moore's new book, *Weather A Storm*, will be launched in the Listowel Arms Hotel next Friday night, November 18 at 7.30 pm by his close friend, the film-maker Gerard Barrett.

The book looks back on 58-year-old Fr Moore's career, including his time spent in Rome, Listowel, Gneeveguilla, Lixnaw, Duagh, and Lyre, as well as his time growing up in Asdee. He also uses some extracts from his [CaringBridge](#) blog and his new website www.frpatmoore.com.

Fr Pat, who has been a Kerry diocesan priest for 34 years and is currently parish priest of Duagh,



finished his treatment for oesophageal cancer two months ago, and has written fifteen chapters about his life, saying that writing them kept him feeling positive.

“I discuss my first illness and how that shaped me for what was ahead,” he said. “There is so much in the book about my life and so much more.”

He continued: “Professor Brendan Kennelly said to me ‘the opposite to depression is expression’ and writing the book has kept my spirits up. It has allowed me to become more reflective. I’ve got great support, comfort and inspiration from this site as it keeps lines of communication open with

so many friends and acquaintances at home and abroad.”

Fr Moore is also well known for his blog and website. Speaking about them recently, Fr Moore said, “For me, with people and friends around the diocese, I wanted to communicate directly and put the story out. I wanted to be as honest and transparent as possible.”

He added that “one of the main questions that people visiting my blog have been asking me is ‘what can I do for you?’” He answers emphatically: “Give blood. I had to have four units of blood since last Saturday and I am so grateful for the gift of giving.” Fr Moore’s blog can be viewed at caringbridge.org under Fr Pat Moore.

Copies of the book signed by Fr Pat Moore will be on sale on the night and a €1 donation from each book sold will be given to the Kerry-Cork Health Link Bus.

Preparations for diocesan discussions on human sexuality

Preparations are underway in Dublin and Glendalough to begin the process of listening,



talking and learning about issues relating to human sexuality in the context of Christian belief. A number of groups in the dioceses are set to meet and parishes are also being encouraged to use material produced by the Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief.

The Select Committee on Human Sexuality in the Context of Christian Belief was established in May 2013 following a resolution of the 2012 General Synod. The Select Committee's remit is to enable a listening, dialogue and learning process within the Church of Ireland to continue

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on all issues concerning human sexuality in the context of Christian belief.

In May of this year the committee launched its Guide to the Conversation – a new resource designed to assist members of the Church in the ongoing process of listening, learning and dialogue on the issue. The Guide outlines the process to date along with contextual essays and contributions from different viewpoints.

This has been followed recently by the publication and distribution to all clergy of a study guide with three modules. These modules present an opportunity for individuals and groups to engage in discussion, study, reflection and prayer on some of the issues and passages of scripture which are relevant to the wider understanding of human sexuality and in particular, homosexuality.

Under the direction of the Archdeacon of Glendalough an implementation group comprising the Archdeacon of Dublin, Canon Aisling Shine & Rev Stephen Farrell in consultation with the Archbishop have met to consider the best way the United Dioceses can make a helpful response to the Select Committee following the issuing of this material.

While encouraging all parishes to use the material and to make any responses to Archdeacon Rountree, six groupings have been identified and asked to meet and make a considered response so that a range of views may be heard. These include the Mothers' Union, Secondary Schools through the diocesan network of School Chaplains, Universities & Institutes of Technology through their chaplains, South–East Glendalough Rural Deanery, a group of parishes in west Dublin and Christ Church Cathedral.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Presbyterian minister steps aside from congregation

News Letter

The Presbyterian minister of Alliance MLA David Ford's church has temporarily stepped aside for three months while another inquiry is conducted into a dispute within the congregation.

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/ford-dispute-sees-presbyterian-minister-step-aside-1-7681552>

Almost 80,000 children get sub-standard education in Northern Ireland, says report

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/almost-80000-children-get-substandard-education-in-northern-ireland-says-report-35218387.html>

BBC News

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-37996040>

11-plus should have 'no part' in Catholic education, principals say

"No part of Catholic education should be involved in supporting or operating a system of selection which promotes social segregation and inequality"

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/educationnews/>

2016/11/15/news/11-plus-should-have-no-part-in-catholic-education-783215/

Pro-gay marriage cake case to go before Supreme Court

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/progay-marriage-cake-case-to-go-before-supreme-court-35221390.html>

Priest: I would like to meet people who attacked my home

Belfast Telegraph

[http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/priest-i-would-like-to-meet-people-who-attacked-my-home-35215893.html?](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/priest-i-would-like-to-meet-people-who-attacked-my-home-35215893.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks)

[utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks](http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/priest-i-would-like-to-meet-people-who-attacked-my-home-35215893.html?utm_source=ipad_share&utm_medium=ipad_app&utm_campaign=clickbacks)

Yorks Post

Report that the presenter Chris Evans received an honorary degree at York Minster from the Archbishop of York. Mr Evans, who hosts the BBC Radio 2 breakfast show, received the accolade from York St John University, for his outstanding contribution to broadcasting.

Archbishop Sentamu said: "Chris brings such energy and passion to everything he does and his unique style of warmth and entertainment make him a much-loved personality."

<http://www.yorkshirepost.co.uk/news/education/evans-above-archbishop-bestows-honour-on-radio-2-s-chris-1-8239840>

BBC

Report that another senior lawyer on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, IICSA, has resigned. The BBC reports that Aileen McColgan, the barrister leading the inquiry's investigations into the Anglican and Catholic Church, has resigned because of serious concerns over the Inquiry's leadership. An IICSA spokesperson said that lawyers come and go according to their professional obligations - and that they would not comment on specifics.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37994878>

Guard

Report that Amazon is launching a TV ad in which an imam and a vicar exchange gifts and the advertisement is to be first shown in the UK during ITV's Coronation Street on Wednesday night. Simon Morris, director of advertising at Amazon, is quoted as saying the advertisement is about 'selflessness and thinking of other people'. A Church of England spokesman said: "We were pleased to offer advice to Amazon as they created this advertisement.

"Fostering interfaith dialogue and community cohesion is a daily part of our work. In many parts of the country the Church of England is the guarantor and convenor of much interfaith dialogue, and this advert reflects that reality."

<https://www.theguardian.com/media/2016/nov/16/amazon-tv-ad-imam-vicar-exchanging-gifts>

Guard/Eastern Daily Press/BBC

Reports that 'Dippy the diplodocus', star of the Natural History Museum since 1905, is embarking on Britain's first dinosaur tour visiting a series of venues around the country including Norwich Cathedral. Sir Michael Dixon, director of the Natural History Museum, is quoted as saying: "We wanted Dippy to visit unusual locations so

he can draw in people who may not traditionally visit a museum."

<https://www.theguardian.com/science/2016/nov/15/dinosaur-on-tour-host-venues-for-dippy-the-diplodocus-announced-natural-history-museum>

<http://www.edp24.co.uk/home/>

[your chance to see famous dippy the diplodocus skeleton at norwich cathedral 1 4775640](http://www.edp24.co.uk/home/your-chance-to-see-famous-dippy-the-diplodocus-skeleton-at-norwich-cathedral-1-4775640)

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-scotland-glasgow-west-37977745>

BBC/Times/FT/Mail

Reports that archaeologists have discovered 81 "extremely rare" tree-trunk coffins at a "previously unknown" early Christian Anglo-Saxon community's cemetery. Found at Great Ryburgh in Norfolk, their "remarkable preservation" was due to the waterlogged conditions of the river valley. Historic England believes the burials date from between the 7th and 9th Centuries AD and were "the final resting place for a community of early Christians".

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-norfolk-37940012> <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/coffins-lift-lid-on-the-spread-of-christianity-3tfx96vnp>

<https://www.ft.com/content/116bc1fc-ab2c-11e6-9cb3-bb8207902122> <http://>

www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-3940118/Anglo-Saxon-burial-ground-hollowed-tree-trunks-used-coffins-wooden-planks-line-graves-1-100-years.html

Premier

Reports that a Muslim chaplain fighting for equal pay to his Christian colleagues has taken his battle to the UK's highest court. Mohammad Naeem, a chaplain for the Prison Service, appeared in the Supreme Court on Monday as part of a legal battle which has lasted five years. Naeem argued that he was being racially and religiously discriminated against during his work because he was being paid £5,000 less than his fellow Christian chaplains.

<http://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Chaplaincy-pay-battle-reaches-Supreme-Court>