



**Image of the day - St Mary's Limerick**

## News Reports



### Connor clergy wife dies in car crash

**Mrs Aurelia Kelly died following a two vehicle road traffic collision in Co Antrim on Thursday afternoon.**

The mother-of-two from Ballymena was the wife of Revd Trevor Kelly, NSM curate of Drummaul, Duneane and Ballyscullion.

Police said they received a report at around 2.50pm on Thursday that a car and a lorry were involved in the incident at the Frosses Road area of Ballymoney.

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Mrs Kelly, 54, driver of the car, sadly died at the scene as a result of her injuries.

A male passenger in the car was taken to hospital following the incident.

The Church of Ireland Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev George Davison, was among those extending his condolences to Mrs Kelly's family.

He said: "Aurelia was much loved by her family and by the parish families in Connor diocese where she lived and served.

"She was a lady who made a wonderful contribution to the lives of those around her.

"On behalf of all of us in Connor diocese, I express our love and sympathy to Trevor, their children Andrew & Rebecca and to Aurelia's parents. Please continue to hold the whole family in your prayers at this difficult time.

"May they know the hope and comfort of Christ as they grieve.

"The eternal God is your refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms." Deut. 33:27"

In a social media post, the grouped parishes of Craigs, Dunaghy and Killagan said: "As a parish, we are very saddened to learn of the tragic passing of Aurelia Kelly.

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“Aurelia was a well-loved lady throughout our grouped parishes, she had a huge heart and spent many hours supporting various charities in many creative ways.

“We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Trevor, Andrew and Laura and Rebecca and assure them of our prayers and support.”

St. Colmanells and Portglenone Church of Ireland said it had lost a very dear friend and supporter.

“It was such shocking news to learn that Aurelia Kelly lost her life in a road traffic collision yesterday afternoon,” they added.

“Aurelia was so well-known and loved throughout our congregation and her untimely passing will be hard on many. Our prayers are focused of course on her husband Trevor and on Aurelia's children Andrew and Rebecca, and the rest of her close family and friends at this difficult time.”

## **Anglican Communion co-hosts official COP26 side event**

**The Anglican Communion co-hosted an official side event for COP26 yesterday (3 November) entitled “Making Peace with Nature: Heeding the Call of Indigenous Peoples”.**

The event, organised by the World Council of Churches, the Interfaith Rainforest Initiative, the Episcopal Church,

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Religions for Peace and the Anglican Communion, featured key religious and indigenous leaders from diverse traditions. It was an opportunity for religious leaders across faiths to highlight the urgent need to recognise the rights and spiritualities of indigenous peoples, and how important they are to “achieving the goals of the Paris climate agreement”.

Among those speaking was Archbishop Mark MacDonald, an Indigenous leader from the Anglican Church of Canada. He said: “An estimated 80% of the biodiversity that is on this planet is under the oversight, the protocols, the life of indigenous people. So, the rights of indigenous people, the life of indigenous people, is so intimate to the future of the planet, that there is no liveable future for this planet that does not address the rights of indigenous people”.

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He also said that it was “absolutely critical for us to understand that indigenous people and their life stand in a prophetic relationship with humanity’s future.” He ended by saying: “Let us take heed. Let us listen. Let us understand. For in this, we will find life.”

Dr Charles McNeill, Senior Advisor on Forests and Climate for the United Nations Environmental Programme, moderated the event. He specifically noted that “Anglicans and Episcopalians and other faiths are undergoing a kind of transformation in the way they are opening up to and even embracing the need to respect and protect indigenous peoples’ rights and spirituality”.

Another Anglican participant, the Revd Rachel Taber-Hamilton from the Shackan First Nation, echoed the importance of taking seriously the voices and experiences of indigenous peoples. She said: “Unless our theologians of all kinds begin to listen closely to the theologies of indigenous peoples, we will not survive, not only as a race, but as a world, because in those stories, which are genuinely deep and profound theologies of the sacred, of creation, there is relationship with place...with other...with plants...with animals, that sees and frames the world that God has created as deeply and profoundly sacred.”

Dr Elizabeth Perry from the Anglican Alliance, one of the Anglican Communion delegates at COP26 said: “It was striking how story and narrative emerged as critical to action. The panellists, who came from diverse places and cultures, spoke powerfully about how the way we see the world - the stories we tell, the theologies we inhabit - shape us in our deepest being and determine how we live in the

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world. This reflects what we have been learning ourselves, as the Anglican Communion, as we have intentionally striven to put Indigenous wisdom and perspectives at the heart of our engagement with the environmental emergency.”

## **Pope plans Dec. 2-6 visit to Cyprus and Greece**

**Pope Francis’ planned trip to the eastern Mediterranean in December will focus on migration, Catholic-Orthodox relations and promoting peace in a region known more for its vacation spots than its ongoing political tensions.**

The Vatican announced Nov. 5 that Pope Francis would visit Nicosia, Cyprus, Dec. 2-4 and Athens and Lesbos, Greece, Dec. 4-6.

The pope had made a one-day visit to migrant and refugee camps on the Greek island of Lesbos in 2016, but this will be his first visit to the Greek mainland.

The Moria refugee camp the pope visited was the largest refugee camp in Europe until it burned down in September 2020; a temporary camp was set up nearby and continues to host thousands of migrants and refugees.

While migrants and refugees crossing the Mediterranean and landing in Italy, Spain, Greece and even Malta make headlines, significant numbers of them end up in Cyprus. As of Oct. 31, according to the U.N. Office of the High

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Pope Francis meets refugees at the Moria refugee camp on the island of Lesbos, Greece, in this April 16, 2016, file photo. Pope Francis will visit Greece again Dec. 4-6, 2021.

Commissioner for Refugees, 464 migrants had reached Malta since Jan. 1 while 1,515 had reached Cyprus.

Lasting peace, a true sense of kinship and greater Christian-Muslim dialogue are expected to be topics during the pope's visit to Cyprus, which has been divided between the Greek Cypriots in the South and Turkish Cypriots in the North since 1974. U.N. troops continue to patrol a buffer zone between the two parts of the island.

The Vatican said Nov. 5 that exact details of the pope's program would be released later.



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The theme for the pope's visit to Cyprus is: "Comforting each other in faith," highlighting the importance of comforting and encouraging one another, which are "essential dimensions for dialogue, encounter and welcome and are salient characteristics of the life and history of the island," the Vatican press office said.

The theme for the pope's visit to Greece is: "May we be increasingly open to God's surprises," a quote from the pope himself.

Explaining the theme, the Vatican press office said, "As Greece feels the effects of the pandemic and the recent financial crisis, the motto expresses the hope that the pope's visit will bring a ray of light for the future of Greece, a country of deeply rooted faith and an illustrious past."

## People and places

### Christ Church Primacy - BBC Radio Ulster's Morning Service for 7 November

**Community Pastor, Denise Wilson, will lead a Service of Holy Communion which will include an interview with Bangor CAP Centre Manager, Ashleen Johnston. The celebrant and preacher will be Canon Simon Doogan.**

The broadcast begins at 10.15 am and will be available online for the following month at this link - [ ] <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0011bk7> ]

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Bangor CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Centre is run in conjunction with Christ Church Primacy and seeks to offer free help and advice to anyone struggling with debt. Through a combination of advice, financial education, budgeting and insolvency services the aim of CAP is to offer a sustainable solution and real hope for the future. The local centre also operates a storehouse ministry (with the help of other churches) to practically help clients in need of food.

## Archbishop of Armagh visits CITI

**The Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd John McDowell, visited the Church of Ireland Theological Institute on Thursday (November 4) to meet the ordinands.**

They enjoyed a session in which the Archbishop conducted a conversation with the students in relation to matters of personal discipleship and ministerial formation. Archbishop McDowell is pictured (next page) with the ordinands and Director of CITI, Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, and teaching staff, Dr Katie Heffelfinger and the Revd Dr Patrick McGlinchey.

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## **Bishop Patrick Rooke lays up his crozier**

**On Sunday 31st October, 'All Saints Sunday', in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, Bishop Patrick Rooke laid up his crozier on the day that he retired from the active episcopate and as bishop, the last bishop, of the Diocese of Tuam, Killala and Achonry.**

The following day, 1st November, TKA became part of the larger and new United Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe.

This was an historic day tinged with joy, sadness and expectation. Joy for bishop Patrick as those present gave thanks for his life of dedicated ministry as deacon, priest and bishop. Sadness as the Diocese lost a faithful pastor and its stand-alone status. Expectation as under God, there is a new beginning for TKA in unity with the Diocese of Limerick and Killaloe.

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The service was attended by people from every parish in the diocese. Archbishop Michael Neary and Fr Pat Farragher of the Cathedral of the Assumption



were present. It was a simple celebration of the Holy Communion led by the Dean, Very Revd Alistair Grimason and Bishop Rooke. The Revd Canon Andrew Ison read the Epistle. The Archdeacon, Ven Stephen McWhirter, read the Gospel. And the intercessions were led by the Rev Canon Doris Clements. David Forde played the organ.

In his address, the Dean spoke of Thanksgiving for the Saints of God; all those both named and unnamed, who in their time had kept the light of faith alive and passed it on to our present generation. At the end of his sermon, the Dean invited the congregation to come forward and light a candle in simple remembrance of those individuals who had personally touched their lives and encouraged them in their discipleship.

At the end of the service, the congregation kept prayerful silence as Bishop Patrick laid his crozier, a symbol of his episcopate, upon the High Altar.

Tea was served in the Synod Hall afterwards. The Dean made presentations to Canon Ison and Canon Clements,

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both of whom retired from the Cathedral Chapter that day. A cake, specially commissioned by the Cathedral Family, was given to bishop Patrick and gifts were given to Alison and Susanna, the bishop's wife and daughter.

The process of the election of a bishop for the new united diocese begins on 19th November when the first meeting of the Electoral College will take place in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin on 19th November.

## **Blessing of Mothers' Union Banner in St Mary & All Saints, Glanmire**

**On 31st October, in St Mary & All Saints' Church, Cobh and Glanmire Union of Parishes, the parish's new Mothers' Union banner was blessed by the Rector, the Rev'd Paul Arbuthnot. This was a part of the Patronal Festival Eucharist for All Saints' Day in Glanmire.**

The banner was presented by three long serving members of the branch from each of the churches in the parish: John Sweetnam (Glanmire), June Bollard (Cobh), and Sandra Carson (Little Island). Much of the needlework on the banner was completed by Shirley Walkin, a churchwarden in Christ Church, Rushbrooke (Cobh).

Mrs Hilary Dring, the Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union was in attendance. She addressed the congregation, updating them on the work that the Mothers' Union is doing across the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross. At the end of the service, the Branch President of the Mothers' Union, Mrs Hazel Sweetnam, thanked all those who had worked on the

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## Members of the Mothers' Union with the Rev'd Paul Arbuthnot in St Mary & All Saints' Church, Glanmire

banner and who sustain the life of the Mothers' Union in the parish. The service also coincided with the parish's annual Gift Day, which raised vital funds to sustain the life and witness of the parish in the community.

The Rev'd Paul Arbuthnot commented, "The Mothers' Union is very much the heartbeat of our parish life. We are all very grateful to Hazel Sweetnam, our Branch President, for all the work she does in coordinating the Mothers' Union in this parish. The new banner is testament to the skill of those who made it, and to the lively faith which exudes from the branch members. Also, on this our Gift Day and Patronal Festival, we give high and hearty thanks to God for all

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members of our parish, for all that has been, all that is, and all that is to come.”

## **Former Navy aircraft engineer appointed Bishop**

An aircraft engineer, who served in the Royal Navy during the Falklands War, will be the next Bishop of Swansea and Brecon. The Archdeacon of Wrexham, John Lomas, has been chosen as the 10th Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

## **Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts and books**

## **Retirement of Bishop Kenneth Kearon**

Last Sunday afternoon 31st October 2021, Hallowe'en, at a service of choral evensong in St Mary's Cathedral, Limerick Bishop Kenneth Kearon addressed his diocese in his last sermon as diocesan bishop which is available here, 2:10 min in:

[ <https://anchor.fm/limerick-anglican/episodes/Retirement-Service-for-Bishop-Kenneth-in-St-Marys-Cathedral-31st-October-2021-e19jq5h/a-a6qddr1> ]

## **Climate Sunday: Impressions from COP26**

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland invite you to attend the Climate Sunday: Impressions from COP26 Zoom webinar taking place on Thursday 18th November 2021, from 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

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Hear more about what happened at the UN Climate Change conference COP26, the outcomes, significant moments and what happens next. Full details are available here and attendance can be registered at this link

<https://ctbi.org.uk/climate-sunday-impressions-from-cop26/>.

If you have any questions that you would like to submit prior to the webinar to be addressed on the night, please email [climatesunday@ctbi.org.uk](mailto:climatesunday@ctbi.org.uk)

## **RCB Library open again with many new titles available**

The RCB Library is open again with access to the printed collection available to all members and campus students and staff, Monday to Friday.

The parish history section of the Library is a valued and eclectic part of the Library's collection, and the Library continued to accession parish histories that will be of use to



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researchers, historians, and the general public. Of particular interest was the publication this year of Desmond Gillmor's *Drumlease: Two Centuries of a Church of Ireland Parish in County Leitrim*. Added to this was the accession of several local histories on areas such as Ballymahon, Shrule,

and Kilchreest.

In addition, the Library accessioned many new current affairs, history and biography titles. Of particular interest to the Library's members are memoirs by Mary McAleese (*Here's The Story*, published by Penguin Ireland) and Barack Obama's insightful *A Promised Land* about his journey from community organizer to President of the United States.

The Library has been innovative by developing a new way of allowing members to borrow books through the Click-and-Collect service, and staff are now welcoming members to visit the Library to 'browse and borrow' on Thursdays during normal opening hours.

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To read more about the newest additions to the Library's collection, please visit

[www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/library/archive)

Information on becoming a member of the Library, for €5 per annum or €40 for a life membership, is available at

[www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library/rcb-library-membership](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/about/rcb-library/rcb-library-membership)

## Perspective

### On Bishop Michael Nazir-Ali's Move to Rome... by Trevor Wyatt

As has been widely reported in the media, Rt Revd Michael Nazir-Ali, former Bishop of Rochester, was recently received into the full communion of the Catholic Church by Monsignor Keith Newton on the Feast of St Michael and All Angels, and with the permission of the Holy See will be ordained to the Catholic priesthood for the Ordinariate at some point in the future. It was my privilege to be Ordained Deacon and then Priest by Bishop Michael in Rochester Cathedral at Michaelmas in 2000/2001. It is a sadness to me that the Bishop who Ordained me has left the Church of England. Bishop Michael has held many senior positions, has a fine theological mind and his leaving will be considered by many to be a deficit to the Church of England.

It seems that a key reason for Bishop Michael leaving, as reported in an interview with the Telegraph is "a lack of teaching authority in Anglicanism, a lack of a sense of belonging to a worldwide church where everyone has to do things in step, rather than everyone doing whatever they

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want to do”. In its governance structures the Church of England and the worldwide fellowship of Anglican churches (the Anglican Communion) has never had a centralised authority like the Papacy in the Roman Catholic Church that can amongst other things, provide a “clear teaching authority” that all are compelled to follow. The founding fathers of the Church of England relied on a doctrine of provincial autonomy – the church was beholden to nobody but the King, and least of all to a Bishop in a foreign land. The Anglican tradition has tended to eschew centralisation and see benefits where authority is mediated through a number of separate entities thus avoiding the dangers of tyranny and unchecked power. Anglicanism has historically been committed to an approach to authority where its sources are dispersed through a number of different channels with the objective that they are mutually restricting and illuminating. The timeless words of Lord Acton warn us that ‘Power tends to corrupt and absolute power corrupts absolutely’.

Because the Anglican tradition has not had a “centralised authority” it has become the kind of church where people can more freely express their opinion about things. The intellectual freedom to question the establishment, speak truth to power, challenge accepted norms and the status quo without being excommunicated is something that many Anglicans treasure. Admittedly this doesn’t look too good in our media age of “sound bites” however the richness of working with different perspectives is arguably something to be celebrated rather than disparaged. The history of the Church of England especially over the last two hundred years has been one of living with increasing diversity over a wide range of theological issues.

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During the nineteenth century the various ‘parties’ within the Church of England – the catholics, evangelicals and the so-called liberals became more visible. The Catholic tradition was re-energised and led by the so called ‘Oxford movement’ including John Henry Newman, who of course went to Rome like Bishop Michael. In the Church of England one could now be ‘Catholic’ or ‘Evangelical’. However, differences don’t stop here. Anglicans have always had different opinions about most ethical issues that one might care to mention. When it comes to whether we can “go to war” and kill the enemy, there are ‘pacifists’ who believe that war is always wrong, and then there are those who support the ‘just war’ theory – that in certain proscribed circumstances it is ok. Over the question of contraception, although it was overwhelmingly supported by the Lambeth Conference in 1930 a large minority of Bishops present disagreed with the majority. When the Abortion Act was passed in October 1967 it is on record that Bishops of the Church of England voted both ‘for’ and ‘against’. Although General Synod agreed to the Ordination of women as Priests back in 1992, and women as Bishops in 2014, many issues remain and we need to find better ways of living together with our differences over this so that both sides on this issue can flourish. On marriage after divorce, the church allows clergy the right of conscience not to remarry divorced people. The most recent example of difference has been the spectacle of two recent Archbishops, Carey and Williams, taking opposing views on assisted dying. When we come to the issue of the day – human sexuality – there are passionately held view on all sides and the church finds itself divided pretty much down the middle, if the most recent General Synod elections are anything to go by.

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If anything summarises Anglicanism in its classical form and in its history, it is living with diversity and difference – whether Catholic or Protestant, or over the many complex ethical issues about which we take different views. In the future it is unlikely that there will be a ‘knock down argument’ or an ‘overwhelming consensus’ on many of these issues.

It is perhaps ironic that just at the moment when Bishop Michael has moved to Rome, Pope Francis has formally launched a two-year global consultation process in the Roman Catholic Church, saying “. It seems highly likely that many of the questions about which Anglicans disagree will at the very least be debated in this consultation process e.g. women priests and human sexuality.

In response to this diversity that is the sheer reality of things in the Anglican tradition, my deepest prayer and urgings are to encourage everyone on all sides to hold on to our shared identity in Christ above everything else, and to find ways of walking towards each other rather than walking away. That we enter into the areas of tension and find ways of inhabiting uncomfortable places, disagreeing with each other in the kindest way possible and holding on to each other with bonds of love and affection. I recognise immediately that staying and remaining requires sacrifice and has been at a huge personal cost to many, and that I speak as a white straight male whose lived experience is not directly affected as it is for so many others. Not everyone will feel that they can keep with us, but I profoundly hope that most will. Over the years the Anglican tradition has been wonderfully creative and resourceful in finding ways to hold different kinds of acknowledged, public

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disagreement within a framework of common life as one church, and one communion of churches.

I for one hope we can find similarly creative ways through the current issues that threaten our common life.

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## Poem for today

### In a field by Seamus Heaney

And there I was in the middle of a field,  
The furrows once called "scores" still with their gloss,  
The tractor with its hoisted plough just gone  
Snarling at an unexpected speed  
Out on the road. Last of the jobs,  
The windings had been ploughed, furrows turned  
Three ply or four round each of the four sides  
Of the breathing land, to mark it off  
And out. Within that boundary now  
Step the fleshy earth and follow  
The long healed footprints of one who arrived  
From nowhere, unfamiliar and de-mobbed,  
In buttoned khaki and buffed army boots,  
Bruising the turned-up acres of our back field  
To stumble from the windings' magic ring  
And take me by a hand to lead me back  
Through the same old gate into the yard  
Where everyone has suddenly appeared  
All standing waiting.

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*Last poem of Seamus Heaney, published eight years ago in  
The Guardian*

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