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**The Archbishop of Canterbury was welcomed by Torres Strait Islanders on Thursday Island earlier this month during his visit to Australia.**

The visit started the final leg of Archbishop Justin and Mrs Welby's Australian tour in North Queensland, which included a visit to the Aboriginal community of Yarrabah the next day. They were accompanied by the Anglican Bishop of North Queensland, Keith Joseph.

The Archbishop was visiting Australia to meet with First Nations people and communities affected by climate change, as part of a visit hosted by the Church of Australia that has seen the Archbishop visit the dioceses of Perth, Adelaide, Melbourne, Sydney, Grafton and North Queensland.

Arriving on Thursday Island the Archbishop and Mrs Welby received a Welcome to Country by the traditional owners of the land and paid their respects to its elders past, present and emerging.

On Saturday evening they were hosted by local Elders Auntie Pauline and Auntie Jennie at a welcome feast

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attended by Islanders from Thursday Island and across the Torres Strait. The evening concluded with traditional song and dance.

The Archbishop and Mrs Welby planted a tree in the grounds of the Anglican Old Cathedral of All Souls and St Bartholomew, before joining the congregation for Holy Eucharist where the Archbishop preached the sermon.

The service was attended by around 250 people from Thursday Island and across the Torres Strait, including local elders, Torres Strait Islander clergy, Melanesian Brothers and local dignitaries.

On leaving Thursday Island, the Archbishop said: “It was an honour to be welcomed to Thursday Island by the people of the Torres Strait Islands. I give thanks for the generous hospitality we received and the worship we shared. I’m especially moved that people travelled from other Torres Strait Islands to be with us.

“Although this was only a short visit, the Islanders I met taught me lots: about their profound connection to the land and sea, their deep sense of community and caring for one another, their faithfulness to Christ and their joy in the Lord. I will remember these lessons and give thanks for them in my prayers.

“At the same time, this was a chance to hear the concerns and challenges of First Nations people in the Torres Strait - especially the impact of the climate crisis, which threatens Indigenous peoples in Australia and elsewhere. The world must urgently listen to the voices of Indigenous people: they

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are not only living with the impacts of climate change, but have much to teach us all about living in harmony with the natural world.

“As I leave Thursday Island, I do so with hope and joy in my heart at our friendship in Jesus Christ - and an ever-deepening commitment to stand alongside our First Nations sisters and brothers. My message to the people of the Torres Strait Islands is this: we will pray for you and support you. Please remember us in your prayers and we will remember you in ours.”

## News reports

### Fr Niall Coll appointed Bishop of Ossory

**Pope Francis has appointed well-known theologian Fr Niall Coll as the new Bishop of Ossory. The announcement came in a communique from the Holy See yesterday morning (Friday).**

Bishop-elect Coll (59) is a priest of the Diocese of Raphoe and up to this point has been serving as parish priest of Donegal Town.

The Letterkenny-native returned to ministry in Raphoe in 2019 after almost 20 years teaching theology and religious education at St Mary's University, Belfast. During this time he was also editor of the influential journal on school ethos *Le Chéile*.

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After studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Maynooth Bishop-elect Coll was ordained in 1988. And continued further studies at Rome's Pontifical Gregorian University where he obtained a licence in dogmatic theology. He went on to complete a higher diploma in education at Trinity College Dublin before completing his doctorate in divinity specialising in Christology at the Gregorian University in 1995.

From 1995-1998 he was a lecturer at St Patrick's College, Carlow before serving as a curate in Dungloe from 1998-2001 while serving as chaplain and a teacher at Pobalscoil na Rosann.

In 2001 he was appointed to St Mary's in Belfast where he taught until 2019 when he was appointed parish priest of Drumholm-Ballintra moving to Donegal Town in 2021.

## **Celebrating partnership in Titanic Parish**

**“Everyone needs a little help from their friends... and there's been no closer friend in the Lord's work in the Titanic Parish than James Brown & Sons Funeral Directors,” writes Church Plant leader, Ross Munro.**

“Like many others we applied to the James Brown & Son's Community Fund in recent months, with an application directed towards the supporting of our youth and young adult provision in the parish. It was such a delight to hear we had been chosen to receive an award of £1000 from the company and to be invited to be part of the recent celebrations with many of the other exciting initiatives

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chosen for support in Belfast City.



“Since our move to St Martin’s Church on the Lower Newtownards Road from the Dock Cafe, James Brown’s heart to be a silent supporter of our community outreach hasn’t gone unnoticed by all those in leadership roles at The Gathering. As the dust settles on another amazing summer of community engagement, our BBQs and the hiring of inflatables as the focal points of our summer events wouldn’t have been the successes they were if it wasn’t for the support of James and his company.

“We want to thank James and the team for their partnership with us, and we look forward to seeing all the Lord will do with their blessing.”

## **Charity chief named as Moderator of the 2023-24 Scots General Assembly**

**Rev Sally Foster-Fulton, 58, who has led Christian Aid in Scotland since 2016, will take a year's sabbatical to**



**become the Kirk's ambassador at home and abroad for 12 months from next May.**

She said she is looking forward to meeting and encouraging people involved in church work at local, national and international levels at a time of unprecedented challenge and opportunity.

A minister with experience working in parishes, hospital chaplaincy and as convener of the former Church and Society Council of the Church of Scotland, the Moderator Designate said:

"I'm excited about what the year will bring.

"I genuinely love and am inspired by the Church of Scotland and its people."

"Over the past years of the pandemic in the face of a global climate emergency and now a cost-of-living crisis, people

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across the Church have been stepping up and doing their very best to make an extraordinary impact in communities, locally, across our nation and in the world."

The married mother of two recently became a grandmother and she said her new role has "shifted her perspective and given new meaning" to her commitment to try and make the world a better place.

Christian Aid works with local partners in 29 countries across the world to fight extreme poverty by providing immediate humanitarian aid, developing long-term sustainable development projects, and advocating for long-lasting change.

The international charity's work is sponsored by 41 Christian denominations. Church leaders and volunteers from many backgrounds sit on its board and raise millions to support its mission. The churches are the mainstay of its support network.

Mrs Foster-Fulton said: "Partnership work is what I love to do.

"Christian Aid works with people of all faiths and none to eradicate poverty in every part of the world."

Born and raised in South Carolina in the USA, Mrs Foster-Fulton is married to Rev Stuart Fulton, a fellow Church of Scotland minister who serves the parish of Newlands South Church in Glasgow.

The couple have two adult daughters, Alex and Gracie.



## **King invites Chief Rabbi to a Coronation sleepover**

**The Chief Rabbi of Britain will stay with the King the night before his Coronation in order to observe the rules of the Jewish sabbath.**

King Charles III's Coronation will take place on Saturday May 6 next year in a ceremony that will also involve his wife, Camilla, the Queen Consort, being anointed and crowned.

However, because the event will occur on a Saturday, Chief Rabbi Ephraim Mirvis will not be able to travel by car, in accordance with religious law.

It has therefore been announced that he and his wife Valerie will stay with the King and Queen Consort to allow them to attend the ceremony without breaking the laws of Shabbat.

It is less than a mile to walk between the royal residence of Clarence House and Westminster Abbey, where the Coronation will take place.

It is understood that Mr Mirvis will spend the Shabbat with local communities during the Coronation weekend.

This is not the first time that the King has taken the Chief Rabbi's religious observance into account. Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, he brought forward the time of a meeting with Mr Mirvis at Buckingham Palace so that he could get to his synagogue before Shabbat on Friday. It is

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part of royal protocol for a monarch to meet faith leaders upon accession to the throne.

It was reported at the time that the Chief Rabbi's staff were astounded by what they called "an amazing gesture" made by the King and his team.

Mr Mirvis will follow a 120-year-old precedent set by Chief Rabbi Hermann Adler, who also attended the Coronation of King Edward VII on a Shabbat in 1902 after staying overnight at a nearby synagogue.

Plans for the King's investiture have been in place since the Coronation of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, in 1953.



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**Episcopal  
Ordination**

**Live from Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin**

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The Episcopal Ordination and Consecration of Ven. Adrian Wilkinson as Bishop of Cashel and Ossory will take place in Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin this Sunday, 30th October 2022, at 3.30pm. You may wish to follow the Service online through the Cathedral's livestream at <https://christchurchcathedral.ie/worship/live-video-stream>

The Order of Service can be downloaded and printed from this link:

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/FMfcgzGqRGgXDCqSWzcsLnHxZNLrWdvg>

## **Dean of St Patrick's online from New York tomorrow**

The Dean of St Patrick's, Dublin, Very Rev Dr William Morton and his wife Rosemary are in New York City this weekend. During their time there they will look to strengthen ties with the American episcopal church and the Irish American diaspora generally. Tomorrow, Sunday, the Dean will begin what will be a very busy round of engagements with a visit to Saint Thomas Church 5th Avenue where he has been asked to preach. You can watch his service streamed here at 11.00 (EST):

<https://www.saintthomaschurch.org/events/mattins-and-festal-eucharist-2022-10-30/>

<https://youtu.be/x61MZa-wckM>

Americans have taken Saint Patrick's Cathedral into their hearts, as evidenced by the huge numbers of visitors who

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come to the Cathedral from the United States and by the many generous donations to the roof appeal received in the recent past. The intent is to inform American friends and supporters of the cathedral's exciting development plans and to extend an open invitation to them to come and see for themselves all that has been achieved with their help over the years.

## **Season of Remembering at York Minster**

**Tuesday 1 November – Sunday 13 November**

Discover York Minster this November with a moving programme of events and services for the Season of Remembering.

This year's programme will help us to engage with the extraordinary power of love and the grief and pain of bereavement. We will also take the opportunity to honour and to pay our respects to those who have died in past conflicts.

### **The Feast of All Saints' Day**

Solemn Eucharist

Tuesday 1 November, 5.30pm

We celebrate all the Saints in light and join in with the worship of Heaven in this jubilant service with music from the Vicars Choral and Choral Scholars of the Choir of York Minster.

### **All Souls' Day**

A day to remember those who have died

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Wednesday 2 November

York Minster is closed for sightseeing but open with free entry to welcome people into the cathedral who want to remember loved ones who have died.

The day will finish with a Requiem Eucharist at 5.30pm.

Yorkshire Speak Their Name memorial quilt

Wednesday 2 November – Thursday 10 November

The quilt movingly commemorates lives lost to suicide. Their individual squares were created in memory of those lost to suicide with a Yorkshire connection.

### **Saturday Mornings at York Minster**

Saturday 5 November, 10.00am

Our popular drop in sessions for families return for the Season of Remembering.

Get hands on creating self-portraits and take the opportunity to thank God for all the people we love.

### **Armistice Day**

Friday 11 November, 11.00am

At just before 11am, York Minster will come to a standstill as prayers are said for all those who made the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of their country in the First and Second World Wars and in subsequent conflicts since.

Great Peter will toll eleven times at 11am followed by the National Two Minutes' Silence.

### **Remembrance Sunday**

Sunday 13 November

York Minster will hold two moving and contemplative sung services:

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10.30am: Service of Thanksgiving and Commemoration for Remembrance Sunday (livestream also available)

4.00pm: Requiem Eucharist for Remembrance Sunday (livestream also available)

Read more at <https://yorkminster.org/whats-on/>

You Tube -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCm0Hm8YfHkPjN2EwZEB64mg>

## Poem for today

### Autumn

by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

With what a glory comes and goes the year!  
The buds of spring, those beautiful harbingers  
Of sunny skies and cloudless times, enjoy  
Life's newness, and earth's garniture spread out;  
And when the silver habit of the clouds  
Comes down upon the autumn sun, and with  
A sober gladness the old year takes up  
His bright inheritance of golden fruits,  
A pomp and pageant fill the splendid scene.

There is a beautiful spirit breathing now  
Its mellow richness on the clustered trees,  
And, from a beaker full of richest dyes,  
Pouring new glory on the autumn woods,  
And dipping in warm light the pillared clouds.

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Morn on the mountain, like a summer bird,  
Lifts up her purple wing, and in the vales  
The gentle wind, a sweet and passionate wooer,  
Kisses the blushing leaf, and stirs up life  
Within the solemn woods of ash deep-crimsoned,  
And silver beech, and maple yellow-leaved,  
Where Autumn, like a faint old man, sits down  
By the wayside a-weary. Through the trees  
The golden robin moves; the purple finch,  
That on wild cherry and red cedar feeds,  
A winter bird, comes with its plaintive whistle,  
And pecks by the witch-hazel, whilst aloud  
From cottage roofs the warbling blue-bird sings;  
And merrily, with oft-repeated stroke,  
Sounds from the threshing-floor the busy flail.

O what a glory doth this world put on  
For him who, with a fervent heart, goes forth  
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks  
On duties well performed, and days well spent!  
For him the wind, ay, and the yellow leaves  
Shall have a voice, and give him eloquent teachings.  
He shall so hear the solemn hymn, that Death  
Has lifted up for all, that he shall go  
To his long resting-place without a tear.

## Speaking to the soul

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