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Image of the day – Taking to the air waves

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Parish service on RTE1 next Sunday, 9th October at 11.10am.
A Service of Holy Communion will be broadcast to mark the 200th



anniversary of St Andrew's Church,

Parishioners in the north Dublin group have been reminded not to forget to press the record button on their device before leaving to attend church services at St. Doulagh's and/or St. Andrew's.

Worship will be conducted by the two gentlemen above.

News reports

Church of Ireland Youth Department launches Climate Justice Toolkit



Left to right: Simon Henry, National Youth Officer; Emma Lynch; Church and Supporter Relations Co-ordinator, Tearfund Ireland; Steve Grasham, CIYD Youth Ministry Development Officer (Southern Region); Bishop Pat Storey, CIYD President; and Mrs Brigid Barrett, CIYD Chairperson.

The Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) has launched a Climate Justice Toolkit – a resource pack which explores climate change from a global justice perspective. This has been adapted from materials produced in association with the Girls Friendly Society.

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Steve Grasham, CIYD's Youth Ministry Development Officer for the Southern Region, says: "Climate change presents the single biggest threat to sustainable development everywhere. Its widespread and unprecedented effects disproportionately impact the poorest and most vulnerable people in our world. The aim of this toolkit is to build the knowledge, skills and attitudes of young people as they explore the impact of climate change on our planet, the inequality of its consequences on people, and why this is unjust."

This toolkit uses a 'development education' approach – an interactive and creative learning process that seeks to increase awareness and understanding of the world we live in. It challenges perceptions and stereotypes by encouraging optimism, participation and action for a just world. Through a process of exploration, reflection and action, the activities seek to support young people to make connections between their own lives and climate justice issues, and to empower them to make a positive difference in our world.

The resource is available in a PDF document format. Clergy, youth workers and youth leaders can contact their Diocesan Youth Officer or Steve Grasham at steve@ciyd.org for a copy. In due course, it will also be downloadable from the CIYD website: www.ciyd.org

To find more news stories, videos, photos, and background information on our work towards becoming a more environmentally sustainable Church, you're welcome to visit www.ireland.anglican.org/environment-news

Dublin Board of Education highlights teacher shortage in Synod report



Canon Lesley Robinson presenting the report of the Diocesan Board of Education at Synod in Taney Parish Centre.

The shortage of teachers and lack of affordable accommodation in the capital was highlighted by the Diocesan Board of Education at Dublin & Glendalough's Synods on Tuesday evening (October 4).

Proposing the report in Taney Parish Centre, Canon Lesley Robinson said the board, along with all school communities, welcomed the end of covid protocols such as mask wearing and pods, and a return to normal activities in schools. She noted that along with the withdrawal of covid restrictions came the withdrawal of the extra financial supports which were available to schools over the last couple of years.

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However, she said it was wonderful to see the return of in person assemblies and back to school services and the board looked forward to welcoming back the Diocesan Service for Primary and Junior Schools in Christ Church Cathedral on October 20. She said plans were also advancing for the return of the Patron's Day.

But she said that significant challenges remained in the education sector over and above what the winter held in terms of covid. "Chief among them [is] the shortage of teachers, not just for substitution but in some cases for fixed term contracts and even for principal positions. The lack of available and affordable accommodation in the capital makes recruitment and retention of staff very difficult and is not a problem easily solved," Canon Robinson stated.

The board commended the work done on a daily basis in schools by principals, teachers, SNAs, ancillary staff and boards of management. Canon Robinson paid tribute to members of the Board of Education and to Canon Paul Houston who retired having served the board for 22 years, most recently as chair of the executive and finance committee. She thanked him for his work and welcomed Andrew Forrest as the new chair of that committee. She said the board also bade farewell to the Very Revd Bruce Hayes who left the dioceses during the year having been appointed Dean of Waterford.

Synod members were informed that the board had made the decision to sell the residential property it owned in Arklow along with the adjoining old Carysfort Girls' School. Canon Robinson noted that as a registered charity, good stewardship of the board's assets continued to be a priority.

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She highlighted a number of grants including the Ralph Macklin Endowment/Love's Charity and Gardiner's Charity funds and the financial support available to students undertaking the PME who intend to teach R.E. in a secondary school within the United Dioceses.

She thanked parishes for their support and thanked Canon Adrienne Galligan (Hon Sec of the Executive and Finance Committee) and Christine Richardson (Secretary and Accounting Officer) for their hard work during the year.

Speaking to the report John Aiken of the Kings Hospital School thanked the Archbishop for his support of schools in the dioceses during covid.

Change of venue for General Synod 2023

At Standing Committee's meeting on Tuesday, 20th September, the Honorary Secretaries confirmed that the venue for General Synod 2023 will be changed from Croke Park to White's Hotel, Wexford.

The move is due to a rescheduling of Croke Park's match programme.

General Synod 2023 will take place in person on Friday 12th May and Saturday 13th May, with the third day's business to be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 16th May and the evening of Thursday 18th May (if required).

Looking further ahead for planning purposes, General Synod 2024 will be held in Armagh on Friday 10th May and

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Saturday 11th May, with the third day's business to be conducted remotely on the evening of Tuesday 14th May and the evening of Thursday 16th May (if required).

Kilkenny Day this Sunday

Kilkenny
DAY 2022
SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER

FREE ENTRY

ST CANICES CATHEDRAL
SUNDAY 9TH OCTOBER
2PM-5PM
ALL WELCOME

Kilkenny Day is this Sunday 9th October, there is so much to see and do around Kilkenny for locals and visitors to enjoy. “We are opening our doors from 2pm-5pm Free for

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people to come and explore St Canice's Cathedral. Round Tower will be closed”.

Harvest lunch at St Columba's



St Columba's Knock, Belfast, has expressed appreciation to the parish Catering Committee and all those who generously supported the Harvest Lunch which has raised £3,328.50 to date. A fantastic result!

Christmas Tree Festival in Ballycastle

Ballycastle Church of Ireland Parishes of Ramoan and Culfeightrin are holding a Christmas Tree Festival from December 1-4. The opening ceremony with refreshments



takes place from 6pm on Thursday December 1, with the decorated trees on display throughout that weekend.

'No excuses,' say Archbishops as CofE safeguarding review uncovers hundreds of new cases

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have apologised for failings by the Church of England after an independent review revealed hundreds of new safeguarding cases that require further assessment or action.

The Past Cases Review 2 (PCR2) is the most extensive safeguarding review to date by the Church of England.

Tens of thousands of files and records going back 80 years were examined by independent reviewers across all 42 dioceses of the Church of England.

It was conducted after a previous review completed in 2007 was deemed inadequate and lacking in victim engagement.

PCR2 found 383 new cases being actively managed by CofE safeguarding leads across the country, 168 of which relate to children and 149 to vulnerable adults.

Data on the alleged perpetrators shows that 242 of the cases involve clergy, while a further 51 relate to church officers and another 41 to volunteers.

"These are cases that were identified by independent reviewers as requiring further assessment by today's safeguarding standards and, where necessary, further action," the Church of England said.

"These cover a range of cases, from those resulting in referrals to statutory authorities, to failures to carry out best practice.

"Reviewers found allegations were often dealt with informally, without appropriate investigations or records or referrals to the appropriate diocesan safeguarding professionals."

In a foreword to the review, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York expressed their "great sadness and profound shame" at the findings.

"There are no possible excuses, no rationalisations for our church's failure to share the love of God and value each and every person," they said.

"PCR2 was our next step in extending our search for the truth and being satisfied that past abuses and the misery suffered by survivors, victims and their families was uncovered.

"As a matter of priority, we took immediate action to manage concerns with procedures in place to best support the needs of the victim. This was the very least that children and vulnerable adults who have experienced such abuse deserved and was at the heart of our approach."

The Archbishops extended an apology to victims and said they were committed to making the Church of England a safe place for all.

"We sincerely apologise for our failures and want to reach out to those who are still suffering from the pain and misery they endured. We extend this apology to wider family members affected from this past abuse," they said.

"We are so sorry that this ever happened. It was not your fault and you are not to blame. We should have been better at listening and responding to survivors' and victims' concerns.

"Our faith compels us to take safeguarding with the utmost seriousness; to prevent abuse from occurring; responding

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appropriately where it has in support of our undertaking to making church communities and institutions safer places."

John Bakker, an independent member of the PCR2 Project Board and a survivor of abuse, said the report "goes a very long way to correct the deficiencies of the first PCR process, and overall means that the Church will be a safer place as the recommendations continue to be implemented".

"Survivors are a rich and valuable resource who can assist the Church enormously in its endeavour to be safer. It is therefore essential that they are part of proposals regarding implementation of the recommendations," he said.

"This will mean full and proper engagement, not just being consulted or asked for their views and will be essential if safeguarding within the Church is to be properly trauma-informed."

Mr Bakker said that abuse survivors would need ongoing support from the Church of England and that the review must be a springboard for continued improvement in the area of safeguarding.

"Overall the church must demonstrate towards survivors, in tangible and living ways, its Christian values and actions. These include repentance, justice, compassion, caring, love, forgiveness, respect, honesty and truth," he said.

"It has so often failed in many of these and as a result the abuse that many survivors have suffered has been compounded by the response (or lack of response) of the

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Church, both as an institution and by individuals at all levels within the church.

"I trust that this report will be received by survivors as reason for confidence that the Church has carefully addressed its past failings in terms of culture and specific cases. However only time will tell whether this is the case.

"And to the bishops, other church leaders, and the safeguarding teams both nationally and locally, I reiterate the message that safeguarding work is never complete, and this report must serve as the foundation for action, learning and continued improvement."

[\[https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/lambeth-palace-publishes-summary-and-recommendations-past-cases-review-2\]](https://www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/news/news-and-statements/lambeth-palace-publishes-summary-and-recommendations-past-cases-review-2)

Heritage

Belfast Rector's son awarded Military Cross for service as a chaplain in World War 2

**Chaplain 4th Class Joseph Edward Gough Quinn
Royal Army Chaplains' Department, Service number
91404**

Born: March 28th 1914. Died: September 23rd 1943

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He was the elder son of the Revd. James Quinn, Chancellor of Down Cathedral and his wife, Muriel Alice Maguire. At the time of his birth, his father was Rector of St. Michael's Church, Belfast. His father was later Rector of St Jude's Belfast.

Joseph was educated at Shrewsbury where he was an Exhibitioner and Matriculated in 1933 having won a History Scholarship to Christ Church. He was President of Athletics and a member of Oxford University Centipedes. He graduated with a 2nd in history in 1935 and in theology in 1937.

After graduating, he was a Lecturer in Theology and of Modern History at Wycliffe Hall and after he was ordained in 1938, he was Chaplain of St. Peter's Hall

From April 27th 1939, he was a Chaplain to the Forces 4th Class and was attached to the 5th Battalion Northamptonshire Regiment. He served with them in France, Syria and Italy.

He was awarded the Military Cross which was announced in the London Gazette on December 20th 1940

The citation reads -

'Rev. Quinn acted as chaplain to the Battalion throughout the operations in Belgium and France and was outstanding for the cool manner in which he tended to the wounded without a thought for his own safety. On every occasion when the Battalion occupied a defensive position he refused to go back to the transport lines but stayed in the forward area, encouraging the men and by his personal example of

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fearlessness inspiring all who came in contact with him. On several occasions, owing to the M.O. becoming a casualty, he took charge of the R.A.P. He was badly wounded on 28 May, while tending the injured. He showed a fine example of coolness and courage.'

He was killed at Salerno and his remains were buried in the Salerno War Cemetery.

On March 25th 1997, Dix Noonan Webb sold his medals for £460. The estimate had been £400-£500.

“A fine B.E.F. Military Cross group of six awarded to The Reverend J. E. G. Quinn, Royal Army Chaplains' Department, attached 5th Battalion, Northamptonshire Regiment, later killed in action at Salerno. Military Cross, G.V.I.R., the reverse officially dated '1940' and additionally named; 1939-45 Star; Africa Star, clasp, 8th Army; Italy Star; Defence and War Medals, together with named condolence slip, extremely fine (6) “

The Diaries of Rev. J. E. G. Quinn covering his service as an Army padre in France, Syria and Italy, 1940-1943 are held in the Imperial war museum.

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Vatican called to investigate third level handovers to State

Ruadhán Jones

A prominent Irish theologian has warned that the legacy of Irish religious could be "betrayed" by the gifting of third-level Catholic institutions to the State.

The Vatican must investigate several deals made by the Church in Ireland to hand over Catholic colleges in recent years, Prof. Eamonn Conway told *The Irish Catholic*.

The founder and until recently Head of Theology and Religious Studies at Mary Immaculate College said there needs to be a "formal evaluation" of the deals by the relevant Vatican bodies, such as the Dicastery for Culture and Catholic Education.

Prof. Conway questioned what the Church has received in return for the gifts of the Catholic institutions "in terms of safeguarding resources for the Church's mission in Ireland".

He called for the findings of any evaluation "to be made public in the spirit of accountability as demanded by synodality".

"It is important that the sacrifice of previous generations of Catholics who proudly and generously founded and built up these colleges, and that of the many religious sisters and brothers who worked selflessly over the years to provide a free education, is neither forgotten nor betrayed."

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'All God's creatures got a place in the choir...'



Fr John Dunphy PP Graiguecullen-Killeslin parish, Co. Carlow, blesses a pet dog at a drive-through blessing of pets held Sunday, October 2, ahead of the feast of St Francis of Assisi. See page 15

PSNI failing to reach out to Catholics says police guild

Chai Brady

The Police Service of Northern Ireland is not doing enough to recruit Catholic police officers with outreach to some communities being "non-existent", the newly formed Catholic Police Guild has warned.

Speaking to *The Irish Catholic*, leading members of the guild said they felt they have been "actively excluded" from recruitment drives.

Chief Inspector Graham Dodds claimed the guild were the only group that was not consulted and "found everything out at the last minute for this big drive to recruit more Catholics".


"We were finding out about events from other minority groups. And events were being organised, but not really being promoted..." said Mr Dodds, adding "it's almost as if they were ashamed of us".

Inspector Arthur McKenna who has been in the PSNI for 28 years said they had to "jump through hoops" to establish the guild, which aims to increase the number of Catholic officers and support those currently in the PSNI.

Mr McKenna said he has previously complained to PSNI authorities with responsibility for recruitment, outlining the guild's disappointment

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Invitation to Public lecture: Credible Christian Communication Today

Mater Dei Centre for Catholic Education invites you to a public lecture on Tuesday, 11 October 2022 at 7 p.m. by Prof. John Sullivan, followed by the launch of his new book, *Lights for the Path*.

John is emeritus professor of Christian education, Liverpool Hope University. He is the author and editor of nine books and has written more than one hundred articles and chapters in the field of religion and education.

The book will be launched by Archbishop Dermot Farrell

All welcome. To register please email rita.mccartan@dcu.ie
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Poem for today

To Autumn by William Blake

O Autumn, laden with fruit, and stained
With the blood of the grape, pass not, but sit

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Beneath my shady roof; there thou may'st rest,
And tune thy jolly voice to my fresh pipe,
And all the daughters of the year shall dance!
Sing now the lusty song of fruits and flowers.
`The narrow bud opens her beauties to
The sun, and love runs in her thrilling veins;
Blossoms hang round the brows of Morning, and
Flourish down the bright cheek of modest Eve,
Till clust'ring Summer breaks forth into singing,
And feather'd clouds strew flowers round her head.

`The spirits of the air live on the smells
Of fruit; and Joy, with pinions light, roves round
The gardens, or sits singing in the trees.'
Thus sang the jolly Autumn as he sat;
Then rose, girded himself, and o'er the bleak
Hills fled from our sight; but left his golden load.

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