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## **Archbishop of Canterbury to visit Pope in Rome**

Archbishop Justin Welby and Pope Francis will be celebrating 50 years of closer ties between the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches.

The Archbishop of Canterbury will meet the Pope in Rome next week as part a week-long summit in Canterbury and Rome to mark 50 years of closer and deeper relationships between the Anglican Communion and Roman Catholic Church. During the week, bishops from both Churches will look ahead to opportunities for greater unity.

The meeting will be Archbishop Justin and Pope Francis' third formal meeting since they were installed within a week of each other in 2013.

The highlight of the visit will be a service at the church of San Gregorio al Cielo jointly led by Archbishop Justin Welby and Pope Francis. The Sistine Chapel Choir will be joined by the choir of Canterbury Cathedral. This service, at 6pm on October 5, will also see the commissioning of 19 pairs of Anglican and Roman Catholic bishops from around the world to work together in joint mission. The bishops have been chosen by IARCCUM – the International Anglican Roman Catholic Commission on Unity and Mission.

The monastery church of San Gregorio is uniquely suited to such an occasion. The prior of the monastery was St Augustine, sent by the

Pope in 597 to evangelise England. More recently, San Gregorio sent its ancient relic, the head of the crozier of St Gregory the Great, to Canterbury for the Primate's Gathering and Meeting in January 2016. It was a symbol of prayer and support for the Archbishop and the Anglican Communion.

Archbishop Justin Welby will be joined in Rome by the Community of St Anselm, the monastic-inspired community for young Christians from across the world and different denominations, which he founded at Lambeth Palace in 2015. The community will be on retreat in Rome and will participate in and contribute to shared acts of prayer and worship during the celebrations.

Prior of the Community of St Anselm, the Revd Anders Litzell, said: "We count it a blessing and a sign to be traveling to Rome to participate in – and celebrate – the work of unity and sisterhood between our churches, which the Spirit has been bringing to increasing fruition over many years. As a Community, we are committed to praying for, and embodying, unity in the Holy Spirit and in the bond of peace across the Body of Christ. We hope that this milestone event shall be a sign

that brings us all to join our prayers with that of Christ, that we all shall be one.”

The summit will mark the 50th anniversary of the Anglican Centre in Rome. There will be a dinner hosted by Archbishop Welby to celebrate its work. The Centre opened in 1966 with the aim of promoting Christian unity in a divided world. The Centre was established as a result of the historic meeting in Rome of Archbishop Michael Ramsey and Pope Paul VI during which the Pope presented the Archbishop with his papal ring. As a mark of their deep friendship and respect, Archbishop Welby will wear the ring when he visits Rome next month. The Archbishop will also have a private meeting with the Pope.

The Director of the Anglican centre, Archbishop David Moxon, said: “The Anglican Centre has worked for fifty years to help Roman Catholics and Anglicans work together, pray together, study and talk together. The journey we are on demands the laying-down of old fears and misconceptions of each other, and the building up of a shared story together. These celebrations mark the writing of a new chapter in the history of the Christian Church.”

The week will also include the formal presentation of a book marking the 20 years of work on reconciling the two churches by the second Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC II). The Commission met between 1983 and 2005. The document '*Looking Towards a Church Fully Reconciled*' has been produced following a mandate from Pope Benedict and Archbishop Rowan Williams in 2009. It will be presented to the Pope and the Archbishop.

The 19 pairs of IARCUUM bishops are taking part in a summit which begins in Canterbury on Friday September 30 and ends in Rome on Friday 7 October.

The Anglican co-chair of IARCCUM, Bishop David Hamid, stressed the enormous importance of the week.

“It is an immensely significant occasion” said Bishop Hamid. “There has been such an extraordinary progress towards reconciliation between the two communions in these past fifty years that it is easy to forget just how far we have journeyed together as sisters and brothers in Christ. The common faith we have discovered

through our years of dialogue now compels us to act together, sharing in Christ's mission in the world".

Other scheduled events include:

- All bishops taking part in Evensong at Canterbury Cathedral (3.15pm, 1 October )
- A Catholic Vigil mass in Canterbury Cathedral (5.30pm, 1 October )
- A Symposium at the Pontifical Gregorian University on current relations between the two Churches and where issues remain unresolved, including a series of presentations by theologians and writers: Paula Gooder, Nick Sagovsky, Paul Murray and Anna Rowlands (9.00am-1.00pm 5 October )

## **Retirement of Bishop MacDaid of Clogher**

Pope Francis has accepted the resignation of Bishop Liam MacDaid, Bishop of Clogher, due to ill health. The announcement was made last Saturday 1 October 2016.



A statement by the Diocese of Clogher said, “Some months ago Bishop Liam MacDaid, on medical advice, wrote to Pope Francis requesting him to accept his early retirement as Bishop of Clogher due to ill-health...

The statement continued, “Bishop Liam has always been very keen to communicate with the people of the diocese, whether through visits to parishes or through pastoral letters. He is keen

to ensure that the People of God throughout Clogher diocese should hear from him the background to his retirement, including some of the medical advice he has received, together with his reflections on diocesan life and that of the wider Church at this time. With this in mind, he has written a pastoral letter to the priests and people of the diocese which will be read at all Masses this weekend.”

Bishop Liam was appointed Bishop of Clogher by Pope Benedict XVI on 6 May 2010, in succession to Bishop Joseph Duffy who is now bishop-emeritus. Bishop Liam was subsequently ordained on 25 July 2010 in Saint Macartan’s Cathedral in Monaghan.

Paying tribute to Bishop MacDaid, Archbishop Eamon Martin, the Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, said, “I wish to express my deep gratitude to Bishop Liam MacDaid whose resignation as Bishop of Clogher was accepted by Pope Francis today on grounds of ill health. Bishop MacDaid has been a valued member of the Episcopal Conference since his ordination as Bishop of Clogher in 2010. His gentle pastoral wisdom, his warm concern for others and his genuine dedication to furthering the mission of



the Church was evident in his fidelity to the work of the Conference.

“In particular, I salute Bishop Liam’s generous contribution to ACCORD Catholic Marriage Care, his work with the Council for Marriage and the Family of the Episcopal Conference, and his commitment to the religious publisher Veritas.

“Conscious of the horrific extent of injury and loss of human life on our roads, Bishop Liam has been a compassionate and tireless advocate for greater road safety awareness across the island, and in particular amongst young people.

“One of the highlights of Bishop Liam’s episcopal ministry was his hosting in June 2012 of the Papal Legate, Cardinal Marc Ouellet, on the pilgrimage island of Lough Derg as part of the 50th International Eucharistic Congress in Ireland. It was a profoundly moving experience for all involved.

“I look forward to our continued friendship in the years ahead and I pray God’s blessing on Bishop Liam, assuring him of our prayerful good wishes for his health at this time and in the future.”

## **Moderator welcomes peaceful resolution in North Belfast**

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Rt. Rev. Dr. Frank Sellar, has welcomed Saturday morning's completion of the return parade by three Ligoniel lodges as a result of the recent negotiated agreement between the lodges and local residents in North Belfast. Dr. Sellar also welcomed the peaceful nature of the preceding protest parade by some residents opposed to the Twaddell Avenue agreement.

“Today has been a watershed moment for North Belfast and the community in and around Twaddell Avenue in particular. Given the tensions involved and violence that repeatedly marked this event in the past, what took place this morning brings with it genuine hope for the future.

“I appreciate that not everyone in the community agreed with what has taken place today. I respect that and welcome the peaceful nature of their protest that preceded the return parade to Ligoniel Orange Hall.

“For many in the area, this particular chapter is now closed and I hope what has transpired becomes as a catalyst for a new beginning in inter-community relations. Just as the agreement took dedication, patience and persistence of all involved, I urge that the same energy now be invested in the coming weeks, months and years to the strengthening of relationships in the area. For this reason, and not minimising the challenges ahead, I give thanks for what took place today and the hope, I believe, it signifies for the future,” Dr. Sellar said.

## **Book launch ‘Space for Grace: Stories from the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen’s University’**

“Space for Grace: Stories from the Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen’s University Belfast”, published by Shanway Press is the first book from Dominic O’Reilly of Newcastle, County Down. As someone who has served in the Chaplaincy while a student and later on in life Dominic took the decision to put a compendium of memories together after hearing other people’s stories of university life.

While this book has been two years in the making the story of the Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB goes back over one hundred years. It is a truly incredible story when you consider the many people who ministered to the student body, staff and visitors. It is incredible when you consider some of the figures who walked those corridors; many of whom were kind enough to offer heartfelt contributions to the book which will be launched on October 4th in the Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB at 7:30pm, which is open to the public.

A full programme has been organised for the evening with music being provided by Méabh Carlin and Hannah McCauley, a photography exhibit by local artist Daniel McCabe and a keynote address from Dominican priest Fr John Harris OP.

In these pages you will be able to read the stories of people who substantially contributed to shaping the political arena of Northern Ireland; people such as Margaret Ritchie MP, Professor Monica McWilliams, Eamonn McCann MLA and Austin Currie. You will read stories of clergy who experienced life on the university campus such as Bishop Donal McKeown and others. You will

hear from those who are deeply involved in the life of the Church at present (while working within their own respective fields). Listen to those who have been among the staffers of a university setting such as Dr Gaven Kerr, Lady Brenda McLaughlin, the current Vice Chancellor at QUB Prof Patrick Johnston and others. There is also word from artists such as Andrea Begley, The Priests and more. Not forgetting phenomenal contributions from the chaplains themselves; Bishop Patrick Walsh, Monsignor Ambrose Macauley, Bishop Anthony Farquhar, Fr Joe Gunn and Fr Gary Toman.

Dominic has said “Space for Grace are words I associate with Bishop McKeown and I think they really are the ones that sum up the The Catholic Chaplaincy at QUB. It is a physical place but creates space for grace within each of us. It exists within the diocese of Down and Connor but is open to one and all. A truly welcoming home away from home for many. Not only this but it is a space in which we can encounter God’s grace, freely offered at any time.””

## **Discipleship at core of diocesan life, Bishop Pat Storey**

Bishop Pat Storey highlighted discipleship as being at the core of diocesan life. She made her remarks during her Presidential address at the Meath and Kildare (Church of Ireland) diocesan synod. This met on Saturday 1 October in the new parish centre in Dunboyne.

The dioceses of Meath and Kildare has set itself three priorities in the coming years. Bishop Pat spoke of the three priorities during her address. These included:

- Encouraging personal discipleship.
- Developing and encouraging ministry
- Taking initiatives to meet practical need, to serve others

These priorities aim to bring the diocesan vision statement into reality - 'Together in God's love transforming lives'.

She talked of the importance of action when we set goals and priorities. She encouraged synod members by highlighting the various actions that are already being taken across the dioceses to see the goals become reality. These include



***Diocesan Youth and Children's Officer, Emma Rothwell with Bishop Pat Storey***

plans for the use of the 'Pilgrim' course in every across the dioceses in 2017. This is an Anglican course already used to great effect across these islands.

## **Pope prays for Middle East peace with Chaldean Catholics**

At a brief prayer service with Chaldean Catholics in Georgia, Pope Francis has pleaded with God to grant peace to persecuted Christians and the victims of war, especially in Syria and Iraq.

With 300 people squeezed into the small Chaldean Church of St Simon the Tanner, Pope Francis joined representatives of the Chaldean community who have lived in Georgia for generations, but also most of the Chaldean Church's bishops, who came from Iraq, Syria and throughout the Middle East to pray with the Pope.

Chaldean bishops and donors from the United States also were present. They provided much of the money to build the Church of St Simon, which was consecrated in 2009.

Patriarch Louis Sako of Baghdad led the formal prayers, which were chanted in Aramaic.

Pope Francis did not preach at the service, but recited a prayer composed for the occasion, asking the crucified Jesus to free humanity from "every division and evil" and to bring about his "kingdom of justice, joy and peace". "Save the victims of injustice and maltreatment from their suffering," he prayed.



## **Anglican Church of Southern Africa votes against blessings for same-sex couples**

The Anglican Church of Southern Africa has rejected a proposal to allow “prayers of blessing” to be offered for people in same-sex civil unions under South African law.

In a statement released on Friday evening Archbishop Thabo Makgoba said 16 bishops voted against the proposal while six were in favour.

Sixty-two percent of the lay representatives to the synod (church council) voted against the proposal, while 55% of the clergy also voted against it.

The vote was taken by the church’s top legislative body, the provincial synod, following a proposal which was brought by the Diocese of Saldanha Bay – which stretches from the northern suburbs of Cape Town to the Namibian border.

Before announcing the results to the church, which includes Anglicans in Angola, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland and on the island of St Helena, Makgoba said the process had left a “palpable pain” within the church.

## News briefs

**+++ Cork schools service** - More than 500 pupils and teachers from primary schools all over the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne and Ross gathered in St Peter’s Church, Bandon, with the clergy of the Diocese and the Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton, on Thursday, 29th September to celebrate the start of a new school year. There are 20 Church of Ireland primary schools in the Diocese all, except one, under the patronage of the Bishop. At the start of the service each school introduced themselves by ringing their school bell and bringing their school banner to the front of the church where they were displayed in the chancel for the duration of the Service.

During the the Service the children gathered in the centre aisle to watch a puppet show mime, performed by the pupils of the Model School in Dunmanway, which illustrated the reading –

Matthew 7.24-28 – about the wise man who built his house on rock. A collection from each school was presented towards the new Cork, Cloyne and Ross Diocesan partnership, in cooperation with Bishops' Appeal and Christian Aid, with the Anglican Church in Burundi, which is working towards improving maize production alongside farmers there.

### **+++ Recalling the Mariners' Church life -**

Writer Julie Parsons will give a talk in the Lexicon, Dun Laoghaire, on Thursday at 7.30pm. Entitled 'Life, Love and Death in the Mariners' Parish, 1900–1939', it explores the lives of some of the parishioners of the Mariners', where her grandfather Canon George Chamberlain was rector from 1925 to 1959. In this centenary year it provides some interesting and fresh insights into the responses of one Church of Ireland parish to 1916 and all that followed.

### **+++ Wellbeing hub focus of Monkstown**

**lecture -** This Tuesday, 4th October at 7.30pm, Mark Aitken, Master of the Royal Foundation of St Katharine, will talk about how this historic Foundation with a vision of worship, hospitality and prayer is creating a new community precinct in London's East End. Inspired by his experience

as a parish priest and teacher, he is leading a new approach to outreach based on hosted spaces and a wellbeing hub. All welcome to this free lecture in The Knox Hall, Monkstown.

**+++ Connor Warden of Readers** - The Rev Kevin Graham, rector of St Bartholomew's, Stranmills, has been appointed Connor Diocesan Warden of Readers. On taking up this new role he said: "I look forward to encouraging, equipping and enabling God's people in the various ministries to which God may call them so that the whole body may be built up, (Eph 4:12)." He also serves as an Army Reserve chaplain with 204 Field Hospital.

**+++ Tuam institution** - On Thursday evening the Bishop of Tuam will institute the Revd Andrew Ison as Rector of the Ballisodare group of parishes. Mr Ison has been Vicar of Great and Little Driffield in the Diocese of York.

**+++ Marriage and the Family conference** - A Conference on Saturday 22nd October 2016 in St Patrick's College, Drumcondra hosted by the Council for Marriage and the Family of the Irish Episcopal Conference to incorporate the launch of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Ireland

and an opportunity to meet and engage with different movements and associations. Pre booking and registration is required. Contact Alison Cullen on +353 1 5053012 or email

### **+++ Come & Sing at Christ Church Cathedral -**

Members of parish choirs from all over Dublin and Glendalough are being invited to join Christ Church Cathedral Choir at a special Diocesan Come & Sing next month. The service takes place on Sunday November 20 at 3.30 pm in Christ Church Cathedral and forms part of the cathedral's Diocesan Music Outreach Project in collaboration with the Dublin & Glendalough 800 celebrations.

This will be the latest of a number of Come & Sing events which have been very well received by choir members who have enjoyed the experience of singing with the cathedral choir in the magnificent surroundings of Christ Church Cathedral. They also help to build strong and positive relationships between the cathedral and the parish churches of the dioceses.

### **+++ Choral scholars project launched -**

Yesterday (Sunday) morning the Archbishop of Dublin presided and preached in both Sandford and Milltown parish churches where the Choral

Scholars project will be launched during the harvest celebrations.

**+++ Dundela institution -** The Revd Helene Steed has been instituted as rector of Dundela by the Bishop of Down & Dromore. The service took place in St Mark's on Friday 30 September and the preacher was a former rector, the Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher. Helene is Swedish by birth and trained and began her ministry there. She arrived in the Diocese of Cork in 2004 and in 2008 moved to Clogher Diocese where she served as rector of Clones, Killeevan, Currin and Newbliss. She was appointed Archdeacon of Clogher in 2014.

## **News links to reports on faith, politics and education**

### **Priest and Sinn Féin reps confronted by GARC protesters**

Irish News

<http://www.irishnews.com/news/2016/10/01/news/priest-and-sinn-fe-in-reps-confronted-by-garc-protesters-715858/>

## **Twaddell camp dismantled as Orange parade past Ardoyne shops in north Belfast passes off peacefully**

Belfast Telegraph

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/twaddell-camp-dismantled-as-orange-parade-past-ardoyne-shops-in-north-belfast-passes-off-peacefully-35092282.html>

## **Northern Ireland to retain ecclesiastical exemption from listed building consent**

<http://www.lawandreligionuk.com/2016/09/29/northern-ireland-to-retain-ecclesiastical-exemption/>

## **Sun Tel**

Comment article under the headline, “Damian Green's common sense approach to welfare is much needed in the fight against poverty,” written by Chris Mould, Chairman of the Trusell Trust. The page includes a 3-minute video excerpt of a speech given by the Archbishop of Canterbury on food banks.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/10/01/damian-greens-common-sense-approach-to-welfare-is-much-needed-in/>

## **Sun Times**

Short profile piece on the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu and his recent comments on immigration at the Henley Literary Festival.  
<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/john-sentamu-lpkstqtv>

### **Sun Times**

Reports that the Bishop of Gloucester, Rachel Treweek, has launched a campaign to tackle negative body image, which she fears is “blighting” a generation. Bishop Rachel is travelling around schools and women’s prisons to find out how people’s sense of identity and self-worth is being affected. “I don’t want just the psychologist and the sociologist to talk about it. If this is causing mental health issues for boys and girls, then we need to be connecting with this,” she said.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/bishop-tells-teens-to-love-their-looks-3k23w0cmt>

### **Portsmouth News**

Reports the opening of the new Harbour church in Portsmouth. It has been set up with the support of the Bishop of Portsmouth, Christopher Foster, to revitalise a formerly derelict department store from the 1950s. The church received a grant from the Church Commissioners



to begin its work. The church's curate, the Revd Ben Bryant is quoted.

<http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/new-city-church-is-port-of-call-for-a-spiritual-rebirth-1-7606543>

## **BBC**

Reports that a church which was at risk of demolition is holding its first service for 13 years. St Mary's in Freeby, near Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, was in poor repair and was due to be demolished because parishioners could not raise enough cash to restore it. Last year the Churches Conservation Trust stepped in and restored the 14th Century building. The church will hold six services a year plus any weddings and funerals. The vicar, the Revd Kevin Ashby is quoted.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-leicestershire-37525011>

## Yorkshire Post

Interview with Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu explaining the full background to his comments made at the Henley Literary Festival earlier in the week.

## **Guard (Fri)/ITV/Oxford Times**

Report that two survivors were planning to protest at the Bishop of Oxford's inauguration service yesterday saying the Church had not listened to their disclosures of abuse. Includes comment from Bishop Steven Croft and Dean of Oxford, Martyn Percy. *Oxford Times* and ITV cover the actual protest.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/sep/30/survivors-abuse-church-of-england-protest-bishop-of-oxford-inauguration>

<http://www.itv.com/news/meridian/update/2016-09-30/ceremony-to-welcome-new-bishop-of-oxford-is-overshadowed-by-protest/>

## **BBC**

Video clip of new Bishop of Oxford, Steven Croft, walking through the city to his inauguration ceremony at Christ Church Cathedral yesterday. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-oxfordshire-37521752>

## **Times/Guard/BBC**

Further news and comment on IICSA, (Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse) following news that its two top lawyers, Ben Emmerson, QC and Elizabeth Prochaska had resigned and are understood to have signed confidentiality agreements. Times includes

comment from Phil Johnson, who has helped expose child abuse in the Church of England while BBC quotes MACSAS (Minister and Clergy Sexual Abuse Survivors). The Anglican Church in England and Wales is one of 13 institutions IICSA is investigating. <http://www.thetimes.co.uk/edition/news/child-abuse-inquiry-hit-by-cover-up-fbcm9x2q2> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/sep/30/child-sex-abuse-inquiry-victims-anxious-after-counsels-resignations> <https://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/sep/30/what-next-for-child-abuse-inquiry-after-lead-counsel-suspension-ben-emmerson> <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37516844>

## **Comment**

### **Mail Online**

Columnist Peter Hitchens on the case of George Bell, the former Bishop of Chichester.

<http://hitchensblog.mailonsunday.co.uk/2016/10/the-continuing-campaign-for-justice-for-the-late-bishop-george-bell.html>

## **Blogs**

**CofE Comms:** Providing the Listening Ear for Rural Business

<http://cofecomms.tumblr.com/post/151138639172/providing-the-listening-ear-for-rural-business>

**Scruffy vicar:** A Decade on...

<https://scruffyvicar.wordpress.com/2016/09/30/a-decade-on/>

**Nick Baines:** Loving. Living. Learning.

<https://nickbaines.wordpress.com/2016/09/30/loving-living-learning/>

**Psephizo:** What can Anglicans and Vineyard learn from each other?

<http://www.psephizo.com/life-ministry/what-can-anglicans-and-vineyard-learn-from-each-other/>

**Law and Religion UK:**  
Consistory court judgments

<http://www.lawandreligionuk.com/2016/09/30/consistory-court-judgments-september/>

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