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**Image of the day – University Road Show**



## University Road Show at Limavady GS

**Y14 students welcomed the University Roadshow to Limavady Grammar School.**

They listened to a talk on applying to university which included information on UCAS, CAO, student finance and bursaries and scholarships.



They then spent time talking to representatives from the following universities- @newcastleuni , @northumbriauni , @wrexhamuni, @edgehilluniversity, @universityofstirling, @glasgow\_caledonian\_university, @dundeeuni and @uhi\_

## News

### TCD C of I Chaplain travelled on Lisbon tramway before tragedy

**Canon Paul Arbuthnot, C of I Chaplain to Trinity College, Dublin told friends on Facebook, “I was on the exact same tram less than 24 hours ago enjoying the ride up the steep hill and taking pictures whilst on the tram.”**



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He continued, "The Rossio and Restoradores areas were full of police and ambulances this evening.

"My hotel is on the Avenida da Liberdade and I had to walk by the scene about 20 minutes ago in order to get back to the hotel. It was a truly awful sight. Prayers for everyone caught up in this tragedy."

The photograph above was taken by Canon Arbuthnot.

The following day Lisbon residents woke up to the news that at least 15 people were killed when the 140-year-old Gloria funicular derailed and crashed into a building at speed in the Portuguese capital around 18:15 local time.

Another 18 people were taken to hospital, five of them in a serious condition, according to the emergency services.

Lisbon's mayor, Carlos Moedas, has described the incident as a "tragic moment for the city" - and Portugal's government declared a national day of mourning.

But, as the city reels, big questions remain - including how the crash occurred and who was on board.

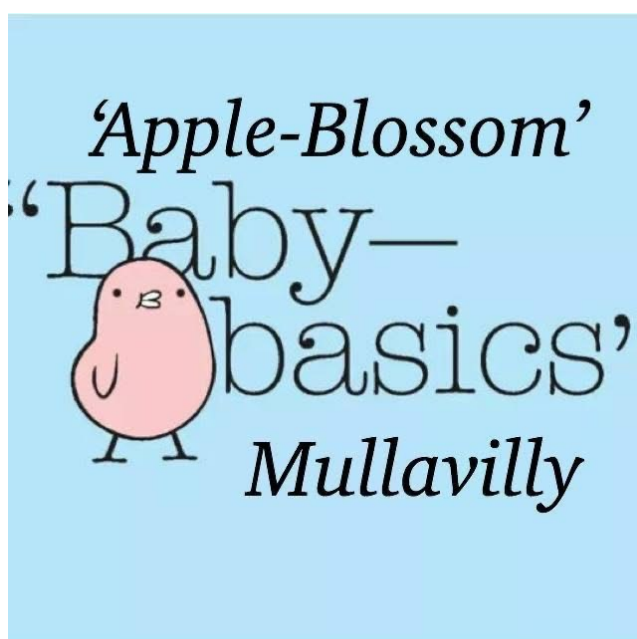
## **Armagh Mothers Union deliver support for Baby Basics Mullavilly**

**Trustees from Armagh Mothers Union went to Baby Basics Mullavilly to deliver the items we purchased with the grant we received from 'Mums In May'.**





This is a great example of how Mothers' Union support local projects and it is all thanks to our generous members who continue to support everything we do. We were delighted to be able to purchase 6 of each of the following: 6 Sterilizers, 6 sets of baby



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bottles, 6  
changing  
mats, 6  
bouncer  
chairs, 6  
Moses  
Baskets  
with  
stands, 6  
stair  
gates.

Judith,  
Pauline  
and the  
other  
volunteers  
met the  
trustees at



Mullavilly Parish Hall to receive all the items they had for them and to show them around and tell them about the work they do.

They also saw where everything is stored and how a bundle is made up for the new Mum and baby when a referral is received.

The trustees were fascinated to hear about how it all works and the number of Mummyies they help each year. Since January this year they have received almost 90 referrals from various Professional Referral Agencies such as Sure Start, GP's, Health Centre's, Sure Start, Women's Aid and so on.



## **Have a flip of Dea Scéala - Tuam etc Diocesan Magazine**

**The Autumn Edition of Dea Scéala, The Tuam, Limerick and Killala Diocesan Magazine is out now - so locals can keep an eye out for it in their churches or read the flip-book here.**

You'll find Bishop Michael's Letter, articles, a special feature on the diocese's two choral foundations - at St Mary's Cathedral Limerick and St Nicholas' Galway - and news from parishes and schools from across the diocese.

<https://tlk.ie/3d-flip-book/autumn-dea-sceala>

## **Video - C of I Priorities Fund helps to advance God's Kingdom**

**In the first of a new video series introducing the work of the Church of Ireland's central committees, Roy Totten talks about how the Priorities Fund helps to advance God's Kingdom through the Church today.**

Recalling its beginnings, he highlights that the First of All report to General Synod in 1977 stated that the priorities of the Church of Ireland "are spiritual not material – in other words people and not buildings."

The Priorities Fund, which gave out its first grants in 1980, continues to emphasise the priorities set by this report. The fund currently supports projects across four areas:

- Training – lay and ordained
- Christian education
- Outreach initiatives
- Innovative ministry in a rural context

In 2025, the fund has provided support to 55 projects with a total allocation of €607,659 (around £529,000 at current exchange rates). In its 44 years to date, the Priorities Fund has allocated €21,672,878 in total (equivalent to around £18.8 million).

Please note:

This year's closing date for applications for the Priorities Fund is Friday, 31st October 2025. Applications can be made online by visiting the following page on the Priorities Fund website:

<https://priorities.ireland.anglican.org/applications>

## **Bishops from six Francophone Anglican provinces across Africa and the Indian Ocean meet in Nairobi**

**This week in Nairobi, Francophone Anglican bishops and their spouses are gathering for a landmark week of retreat, reflection, and shared mission.**

From six Anglican provinces across Africa and the Indian Ocean, participants are exploring how churches can lead community transformation through prayer, leadership development, and collaborative learning.





This gathering holds deep significance as it brings together Francophone Anglican Archbishops in a spirit of unity, reflection, and shared responsibility



The Most Revd Dr Ratelason Rakotondravelo Gilbert  
Archbishop and Primate of Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean

One of the participants is The Most Revd Dr Ratelason Rakotondravelo Gilbert, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of the Indian Ocean. Speaking about his hopes for the gathering he said:

'This gathering holds deep significance as it brings together Francophone Anglican Archbishops in a spirit of unity, reflection, and shared responsibility. It provides a vital forum for discerning our common mission, strengthening ecclesial bonds, and responding collectively to the pastoral and spiritual needs of our communities. In convening as one body, we bear witness to the enduring communion of the Anglican tradition across linguistic and cultural boundaries.'

Read the full story on Anglican News: <http://bit.ly/45KqXQr>

## Education

### Ulster Hockey seeking Primary Schools for Cross Community Outreach Programme

**Ulster Hockey are seeking Primary Schools who wish to take part in our Cross Community Outreach Programme in the coming months.**

The North West, Kilkeel, Saintfield, and Magherafelt have all been





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highlighted as particular areas of interest.

Read more

<https://ulsterhockey.com/slider/primary-school-cross-community-outreach/>



## Coleraine GS rower to compete for British Rowing at the World Rowing Championships

**Congratulations to Olympic Gold Medalist and past pupil Hannah Scott who will compete for British Rowing at the World Rowing Championships.**





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Hannah has been selected to be a member of women's quadruple sculls crew, the event in which she claimed gold in Paris last summer.

She is joined at the Championships by fellow past pupil and former NI Olympic silver medalist Richard Chambers. Richard is coach of the men's double sculls and men's pair at the event.

## Lurgan Junior High student success in Transplant Games in Oxford

At the end of June, we were thrilled to share that Grace would be representing at the Transplant Games in Oxford over the summer.



Today, we're even more delighted to celebrate her incredible achievements:

Gold – Badminton

Bronze – Ball Throw

Gold – Table Tennis

Her hard work and determination have now led to an amazing opportunity — Grace has been selected to compete in the World Championships.

We couldn't be more proud of you, Grace — what an inspiration.

## Cathedral Calls

**Two new  
Saints this  
Sunday at  
Armagh**

**All are  
welcome to  
join the  
special  
celebration as  
we mark the  
Canonisation  
at Armagh  
Cathedral of  
two new  
Saints this  
Sunday.**

**Please come along and invite a friend.**

Prayer walk begins at 10am in Crolla Park followed at 11am with Mass in the Cathedral. See also Media - TV on page 17

# PILGRIM PRAYER WALK AND MASS

*To Mark the Canonisation of*

**BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS AND BLESSED PIER  
GIORGIO FRASSATI**

**ST. PATRICK'S  
CATHEDRAL  
ARMAGH  
7<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER  
10AM**

ALL WELCOME!!



## Clergy and ministry

### 40th Anniversary of Ordination

**Canon Gillian Wharton of Booterstown says she was “Privileged and delighted to be at a special Eucharist to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of his Ordination to the Priesthood, of our neighbour, Monsignor Ciarán O'Carroll.”**



## Events

### National Poetry Day - Moyra Donaldson: In Conversation

**Moyra Donaldson is one of this island's most important and acclaimed poets.**

To mark the donation of her literary archive to The Linen Hall, we invited her to talk to Damian Smyth on National Poetry Day about her poetry and her life as a poet.



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A selection of items from the archive will be on display at the event.

2nd October – 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm. Free at The Linenhall

To learn more please visit: <https://linenhall.com/event/moyra-donaldson-in-conversation/>

## Musical

### The sound of brass in The Buttermarket

**The Buttermarket in Enniskillen is set to come alive with the sound of brass**

On Saturday 13th September 2025, the Buttermarket will host the inaugural Brass Band Music Festival – an all-day, free-admission event celebrating the best of brass from across Ireland.

Between 10 and 15 bands, including ensembles from Belfast, Wexford and beyond, will take to the stage with vibrant entertainment programmes, showcasing creativity, showmanship, and musical flair as they compete for prizes.

With each band bringing 25–30 musicians – plus supporters – the festival promises a buzzing atmosphere. Visitors can enjoy the music while exploring the Buttermarket's independent shops and cafés, or simply relax with a coffee and sweet treat as the performances unfold.

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This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate culture, support local businesses, and enjoy a day out with friends and family in one of Enniskillen's most picturesque locations. 🎵

The Buttermarket, Enniskillen

Saturday 13th September 2025

All day | Free admission

A day full of music, community and joy for all ages awaits!

<https://www.fermanaghlakelands.com/whats-on/brassfest-p979961>



## Volunteers for City of Derry International Choir Festival

**Do you love to work as part of a team and enjoy bringing positive vibes to others? If so, we're looking for someone like you!**

Join this wonderful team of volunteers and play a vital role in one of Ireland's top choral music festivals!

👉 <https://derrychoirfest.com/take-part/volunteer>

Taking place 22–26 October 2025, the City of Derry International Choir Festival features five days of concerts, competitions, and choral events across the city.

🌐 <https://derrychoirfest.com>



## In the media

**On Sunday, Sept. 7, Pope Leo XIV will preside over the Mass and canonizations of the two young blessed from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. This will air live at 3 a.m. ET and the encore presentation will be at 3 p.m. ET on Sunday, Sept. 7.**

<https://bit.ly/3UT4Fps>



## Poem for today



### To Autumn

By John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,  
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves run;  
To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,  
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;  
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells  
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,  
And still more, later flowers for the bees,  
Until they think warm days will never cease,  
For summer has o'er-brimm'd their clammy cells.

Who hath not seen thee oft amid thy store?  
Sometimes whoever seeks abroad may find  
Thee sitting careless on a granary floor,  
Thy hair soft-lifted by the winnowing wind;  
Or on a half-reap'd furrow sound asleep,  
Drows'd with the fume of poppies, while thy hook  
Spares the next swath and all its twined flowers:  
And sometimes like a gleaner thou dost keep  
Steady thy laden head across a brook;  
Or by a cyder-press, with patient look,  
Thou watchest the last oozy hours by hours.

Where are the songs of spring? Ay, Where are they?  
Think not of them, thou hast thy music too, —  
While barred clouds bloom the soft-dying day,  
And touch the stubble-plains with rosy hue;  
Then in a wailful choir the small gnats mourn  
Among the river sallows, borne aloft  
Or sinking as the light wind lives or dies;  
And full-grown lambs loud bleat from hilly bourn;  
Hedge-crickets sing; and now with treble soft  
The red-breast whistles from a garden-croft;  
And gathering swallows twitter in the skies.

## Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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