



***Ashley and Irene Oka, who used the services of Crosscare, showing Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin their image at the launch of the exhibition in St Pauls Church Arran Quay Dublin. Pic John Mc Elroy.***

**Crosscare marks 75 years as demand for its services soar**

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The economic crisis and financial austerity have put Crosscare under unprecedented pressure over recent years.

Speaking at St Paul's Church Arran Quay yesterday (31 August), Archbishop Diarmuid Martin of Dublin said, "Decreasing financial support from statutory bodies was accompanied by significant increase in demand for services."

He added, "Crosscare, alongside others, has been called to respond directly to the staggering increase in the numbers of families and children who are now homeless."

Speaking at the opening of Crosscare photographic exhibition on the 75th anniversary of its foundation, the Archbishop said that Crosscare now finds itself providing additional family meals to those living in hotels and giving out more through community food banks. Over the last few Christmases stocks at such banks went so low that extra appeals went out for basic foods.

“The extent of homelessness and hunger in today’s Dublin is creating a divided society of which no one can be proud. A child who has to grow up without a proper home and who misses out on basic nutrition brings disadvantage with them for the rest of their lives,” said the Archbishop.

He also pointed out that elderly people, who built Ireland, are now facing new insecurity and loneliness. He urged people to take responsibility for at least turning a blind eye to the seriousness of what he called “the new divide in Irish society”.

Highlighting the need for a crusade against poverty and a campaign to fight it he said, “There is no place today just for polemics and for conflict between public and private, statutory and voluntary. We need a new sense of common purpose and participatory society.”

While emphasising that basic services and human security for all, is the primary responsibility of Government, he said this should not only be done by public bodies.

“Care for others requires more than policy and funding: it requires a true sense of community.

The fight against poverty and exclusion must involve all of us. It is not that the State should privatise social care and renege on its responsibilities.”

“We need a vision of society which is not just State centered, but is community focused in which being a citizen does not mean being the recipient of support but being a citizen also means actively supporting.”

He stated that Crosscare builds community in the way it provides services, and through direct person-to-person services which humanise the lives of those being cared for.

Crosscare began its work 75 years ago in wartime Dublin when Archbishop John Charles McQuaid brought together under one umbrella, a wide range of social service initiatives of the Catholic Church within the Archdiocese of Dublin under the name the Catholic Social Service Conference (CSSC).

It was initially to address poverty affecting wartime Dublin.

“The Emergency”, as people called it, was a harsh time with widespread hunger and a lack of

basic health care provisions especially for children and mothers.

CSSC was community rooted and initially entirely funded by the Dublin Mass-going Catholic community. Later it was renamed Crosscare.

The photographic exhibition at St Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin, involves 75 people and families who have availed of homeless, youth, community and food services of Crosscare over the years.

They have been photographed and have given their insight under the title "What Crosscare means to me".

The exhibition will be available to view during 2016 before moving between Crosscare projects in a variety of locations in 2017.

## **Barbie-doll expectations leads to girls' unhappiness**

A UK-based children's charity with links to the Church of England reports that more than a quarter of a million girls in Britain are unhappy with their lives and appearance. The study, by the Children's Society, reports that "huge

numbers [of girls are] struggling with the way they look.” The finding is reported in the latest edition of the *Good Childhood Report* – a series of studies into children’s lives based on surveys of thousands of young people.

The study “highlights the clear link between unhappiness and mental health problems, underlining the importance of tackling low well-being to address mental ill-health,” the Children’s Society said. “Boys and girls experience mental health problems in different ways. While boys aged 10 and 11 are less happy than girls with their school work and more likely to experience conduct and attention / hyperactivity problems, girls experience anxiety and depression significantly more than boys – and become increasingly unhappy with their appearance – as they get older.”

“We’re expected to be perfect, like Barbie dolls or something and if we don’t then we get bullied,” one young girl said.

“There is a lot of pressure to look good,” another girl told the researchers. “You get called names no matter what. People always say stuff behind your back. Boys always call you ugly if you have spots, or a slag if you wear makeup.”



*Posed by a model*

Another said: “Girls feel pressured by the boys that they should look a particular way and that leads girls into depression or low self-esteem and makes girls feel ugly or worthless.”

According to the report, an estimated 283,000 girls aged 10-15 say they are not happy with their lives overall – one in seven of all girls in that age group.

“The picture is even starker when it comes to personal appearance, with the number of 10-15-year-old girls who do not feel happy with their looks reaching 700,000 across the UK – more

than a third (34 per cent) of the total,” the Children’s Society said.

“The picture for girls is even worse than it was five years previously, with the number who do not feel happy overall up 21 per cent between 2009/10 and 2013/14 and the number unhappy with their appearance in particular up 8 per cent over the same period.

The [Children’s Society](#) was founded by Sunday School teacher Edward Rudolf in 1881. Its presidents are the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; and its chair of trustees is the Rt Revd Tim Thornton, Bishop of Truro.

- [Click here](#) to download the Good Childhood Report 2016 (pdf).

## **Soccer legend Sir Alex Ferguson says the Boys' Brigade taught him teamwork**

Soccer legend Sir Alex Ferguson has praised the Christian youth organisation, the [Boys' Brigade](#), for teaching him the importance of team work and helping others.





***Soccer legend Sir Alex Ferguson backs the Boys' Brigade's latest recruitment campaign, One For All.***

Sir Alex, who achieved a reputation as arguably the greatest football manager ever during his 17 years at Manchester United, has come out in support of the brigade's new recruitment campaign, One for All.

The brigade builds teamwork, knowledge and character using activities such as expeditions, nature trails, camps, canoeing and overseas travel. Its stated aim is: "The advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and the promotion of habits of Obedience, Reverence, Discipline, Self-respect and all that tends towards a true Christian manliness."

Sir Alex as a boy was a member of the 129th Glasgow Company.

The brigade is divided into sections according to age, including Anchor, Junior, Company and Senior, and each section is being tasked with finding one new member.

Sir Alex said: "As a parent you give values to your children, which my parents did very well. Going to The Boys' Brigade is an inspiration where you learn about teamwork, helping each other and that enjoyment of being in the BB is a fantastic experience."

Sir Alex has spoken previously about how the brigade helped form his character and his passion for football.

In an interview with the Church of Scotland's [Life and Work](#) magazine, he said: "My Christian upbringing was through the Boys' Brigade. As kids, church is boring but the BB Bible Classes were a bit more entertaining. The BB chaplains would make it far more lighthearted and instructive than sitting through a service."

He also shared his fond memories of 129 Glasgow Company and the men running it,



***Sir Alex Ferguson with Boys' Brigade members***  
Johnny Boreland and Johnny's brother Jimmy,  
who was in charge of the 12-16 age group.

"Johnny was an absolute fanatic for the game. When we went to camp in places like Stonehaven we were given a list of everything we had to bring with us, and at the bottom, in big capital letters, he'd put 'AND FOOTBALL BOOTS'. As soon as we arrived it would be 'right everybody, get your football boots on'.

"Johnny gave us a leg up and developed this great enthusiasm in us all. We won the Battalion Cup in a two-leg final in 1950. I still keep in touch with Johnny; he's a marvellous man, absolutely marvellous."

It was not all football, however, he added.

"We had all the other parts – Bible classes, learning to play the bugle, going for our badges. I did the signalling badge, the camping badge, about nine or ten badges in my time there. As I got to 16 they wanted me to come on as a staff sergeant, but by that time I had drifted away – but that spell from nine to 16 was a very important part of my life. It gave us discipline and confidence, and trust in the relationships we developed with the officers."

The Boys' Brigade works with more than 50,000 children and young people and more than 1,400 groups across the UK and Republic of Ireland. About 20,000 young people aged five to 18 attend one of the 430 groups every week in Scotland alone.

The One for All campaign is being run in Scotland.

Bill Stevenson, brigade director in Scotland, said: "The BB helps engage people of all ages and walks of life in activities they may never normally experience, welcoming members to become part of our BB extended family."

"From expeditions to nature trails, camps to canoeing and overseas trips, the BB gives young people the chance to grow and learn. To have Sir Alex Ferguson's backing is also testament to the hard work we undertake across the country. He has gone from a boy from Govan to one of the world's most famous footballing heroes using his leadership and team working skills gained through the BB

## **Rita Ora to sing for Pope Francis on eve of Mother Teresa's canonisation**

The pop artist Rita Ora will sing for Pope Francis during a concert at St Peter's Basilica to celebrate the canonisation of Mother Teresa.

The singer will take part in the concert the night before Blessed Mother Teresa is canonised.

Like Mother Teresa, Ora was born to Albanian parents. Her family moved from Kosovo to London when she was a year old. The concert will also feature traditional Albanian music and

Albanian sopranos such as Ermonela Jaho, Inva Mula and Samir Pirgu.

Rita shared the news on the The Tonight Show with presenter Jimmy Fallon, saying: “I’m going to the Vatican, I leave tomorrow! I’m more of a spiritual person, so the Vatican I figured out is actually a big deal,” she joked.

Rita mentioned she’s heading there, “To celebrate Mother Teresa who has now become a saint. I’m going to do a whole ‘What’s up, Pope’ thing,” before the presenter suggested that she Google how to greet a Pontiff more appropriately.

Ora said she will be singing ‘What Child Is This?’

## **News briefs**

**+++ Dublin Alpha course** - The next lunchtime Alpha course at St Ann's, Dawson Street, begins on Tuesday September 13 at 1.00 pm.

**+++ Installation at Raphoe Cathedral** - The Rector of Drumholm, Kilbarron and Rossknowlagh, the Rev Brian Russell, has been installed as a Canon of St Eunan’s Cathedral,

Raphoe at a service conducted by the Dean of Raphoe, the Very Reverend Arthur Barrett. Members of Canon Russell's family and parishioners from south Donegal were in St Eunan's to see him take the stall of the prebendary of Drumholm, which had become vacant following the retirement of Canon John Deane. The preacher at the Service was the Rector of Ballymore, Reverend Christopher Pierce. At a reception following the service Bishop Good revealed that he had known the new Canon since he was a member of the Youth Group in Willowfield Parish in East Belfast, when the Bishop was a curate there. "He was a talented musician. He played the organ in church. He worked hard (he was a student at university at that time) and we could see the potential that he had as a youth leader at that time. I have followed his progress with interest – all the more so since coming to this Diocese as Bishop – and I am delighted now that he is a Canon of the Cathedral of St Eunan's."

### **+++ New Bishop of Berwick announced -**

The next Bishop of Berwick (Diocese of Newcastle) has been announced by 10 Downing Street as Reverend Canon Mark Tanner, currently Warden of Cranmer Hall and Vice-

Principal of St John's College, University of Durham, in the Diocese of Durham.

**+++ British public overwhelmingly support banning the Islamic burqa** -

The British public want to ban Muslim women from wearing the Islamic veil or burqa by an overwhelming margin of more than two-to-one, a poll has found.

Research by YouGov found a huge proportion of the public had no qualms about telling women what to wear, with 57 per cent in favour of a ban and just 25 per cent against. 18-24 year olds were the only age group to oppose a ban; all others were in favour, with the oldest 65+ group backing the prohibition by a startling 78 per cent to 12. All major political parties also had a plurality of voters in favour of a ban. Ukip leadership candidate Lisa Duffy has called for a ban on the Islamic veil; Nigel Farage issued a similar call on 2010 but the party has spoken little on the issue in recent years. The polling comes amid controversy over the banning of "burkini" modest swimwear on beaches in a number of French municipalities. A video emerged last week of armed French police forcing a woman to undress after she was spotted wearing the clothing.



### **+++ Christian Leader Arrested in Russia under Law Banning Evangelism Outside Churches -**

**T**he first reports of Christian leaders being arrested in Russia following the passing of new anti-terrorism laws that ban evangelism outside of churches have started coming in. [The Moscow Times](#) reports that Sergei Zhuravlyov, a representative of the Ukrainian Reformed Orthodox Church of Christ the Savior, was arrested earlier this month while he was preaching before the St. Petersburg Messianic Jewish community, and was charged with violating a provision of the law that bans illegal missionary activity. Law enforcement officials later told Interfax news agency that Zhuravlyov is being accused of “fomenting negative attitudes toward the Russian Orthodox Church,” and of having ties to the Ukrainian nationalist political party called Right Sector, which is banned in Russia. Ukraine and Russia remain in a state of conflict following the annexation of Crimea in 2014, which has also sparked violent clashes between Russia-backed separatists and government forces in the eastern parts of Ukraine. Zhuravlyov has since been released on bail, with his case sent to court.

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

### **Payouts for catholic schoolgirls who faced terrifying loyalist protests at Holy Cross in Belfast**

[BelfastTelegraph](#)

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/payouts-for-catholic-schoolgirls-who-faced-terrifying-loyalist-protests-at-holy-cross-in-belfast-35011283.html>

### **Belfast Majestic cinema saved by church in act of 'divine intervention'**

[BelfastTelegraph](#)

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/belfast-majestic-cinema-saved-by-church-in-act-of-divine-intervention-35011605.html>

### **Orange Order 'has 34,000 members'**

Belfast Newsletter

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/news/orange-order-has-34-000-members-1-4268026>

### **Church of Scientology tries to recruit Irish speakers**

the Irish News

THE **Church** of Scientology appear to be trying to recruit Irish speakers to expand its **church** in **Ireland**. A sub-company of the **church** has advertised for ...

<http://www.irishnews.com/paywall/tsa/irishnews/irishnews/irishnews//news/republicofirelandnews/2016/08/31/news/church-of-scientology-trys-to-recruit-irish-speakers-675675/content.html>

## **44% of births in Northern Ireland outside marriage**

Belfast Telegraph

A spokesperson from the Diocese of Down and Connor, part of the Catholic **Church in Ireland**, said: The statistics reflect the choices some couples and ...

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/44-of-births-in-northern-ireland-outside-marriage-35011748.html>

## **Catholics and the Bible – take it as read**

The Irish Catholic

And so it was, except for the very odd insertion in the margin of the date of creation in 4004 BC established by the **Church of Ireland** Archbishop of ...

<http://www.irishcatholic.ie/article/catholics-and-bible-%E2%80%93-take-it-read>

## **Inspire**

Reports that more than 3,500 UK churches have either switched their electricity from fossil fuels to renewables or registered to do so. The announcement coincides with the *World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation* on September 1. Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury and the C of E's lead on the environment says, "Celebrating Creationtide marks a shift in the Christian understanding of our relationship to creation under God. The consequences of teaching over recent centuries that

humanity has been given domination over creation are clear in the complex environmental crisis we now face."

<http://www.inspiremagazine.org.uk/Stories/Personal?storyaction=view&storyid=2291>

### **BBC/Times/Tel/Exp/Mail**

Further coverage of the organisation National Churchwatch's advice on church safety, following the murder of French priest Father Jacques Hamel. The *BBC* report a C of E spokesman saying, "We do not know of any instruction or advice for clergy not to wear dog collars."

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-37232475>

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/hire-bouncers-to-smite-terrorists-churches-told-9q79fgr3m>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/30/churches-need-bouncers-and-cctv-says-counter-terror-advice/>

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/705862/Vicars-told-don-t-wear-dog-collars-in-public-over-ISIS-attack-fears>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3766681/Vicars-told-not-wear-dog-collars-public-experts-fear-ISIS-target-British-church-attack.html>

### **Tel/Mirror/Mail**

Reports that two teenage boys aged 17 and 13 years old have been convicted of robbery following the carjacking of a vicar as she left a church service. Rev Irene Wilson was leaving Holy Trinity Church in Hull on August 7 when the car jacking took place. Magistrates sitting at Hull Youth Court described the robbery as "vicious and cowardly," it was reported. The sentencing of the teenagers will take place later this month.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2016/08/31/teenage-thugs-face-jail-for-car-jacking-frail-vicar/>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/baby-faced-teen-thug-carjacked-8740657>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3766668/Hull-baby-faced-thug-Jay-Desborough-accomplice-facing-jail-car-jacking-female-vicar-left-church-crutches-Sunday-service.html>

## **Exp**

Reports the theft of a set of bells from St Peters church in Daylesford, Gloucestershire after thieves carried them down 50ft from the tower. The 19th century bells were carried down the wooden ladder and spiral staircase. The vicar, David Salter is quoted.

<http://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/705805/Bells-stolen-Cotswold-church-thieves-carried-50ft-down-tower>

## **BBC/Tel**

Further coverage of the Children's Society annual report, which says girls in Britain are becoming more miserable. Among 10 to 15-year-old girls, the charity's report says 14% are unhappy with their lives as a whole, and 34% with their appearance. The figures for England, Wales and Scotland for 2013-14 represent a sharp rise in unhappiness on five years before. By contrast the study found that boys' sense of happiness remained stable.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-37223063>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/health/we-have-to-be-perfect-like-barbie-record-number-of-uk-girls-are/>

## **Obituary**

Times and Economist: The Revd David 'Roly' Bain, a member of both the College of Evangelists and Clowns International.

<http://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/reverend-david-roly-bain-9wcpngxz2>

<http://www.economist.com/news/obituary/21706222-truth-teller-living-different-rules-he-died-august-11th-aged-62-obituary>

## **Blogs**

**Via Media:** See how they love one another

<https://viamedia.news/2016/08/31/see-how-they-love-one-another/>

**A conglomerate of yodelling hippopotami:** I sat there...

<http://www.katharinewelby.com/2016/08/31/i-sat-there/>

**Brightest Day:** Why did God ask Abraham to sacrifice Isaac?

<https://bengarry.wordpress.com/2016/08/30/why-did-god-ask-abraham-to-sacrifice-isaac/>

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