

## **News briefs**



+++Galway institution - The Reverend Lynda Peilow was Instituted to the Grouped Parishes of Galway and Kilcummin in St. Nicholas' Church, Galway on Friday 14th September. St. Nicholas' was full for the occasion. Parishioners of both Galway and Oughterard were joined by local dignitaries, including the Mayor of Galway Counsellor <a href="mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.org">churchnewsireland@gmail.org</a>

Neil McNelis, friends and colleagues from Lynda's former diocese of Meath and Kildare and clergy and folk from across TKA. Also in attendance were The Bishop of Meatha nd Kildare, Most Revd Pat Storey, The Bishop of Galway, Bishop Brendan Kelly and the preacher on the night, Revd David White, Rector of Carlow Union of Parishes. Bishop Patrick Rooke led the Institution Service assisted by Archdeacon Stephen McWhirter and the Diocesan Registrar, Mrs Audrey Shannon. The scriptures were read by Mrs Heather Pope, Diocesan Admistrator, Bishop Pat Storey and Bishop Kelly. Parishioners from both Galway and Kilcummin participated: Dolamu Adekeye, Iris Joyce, Paul Adams, Leslie Lyons, and Catherine Emerson. St. Nicholas' Choir, under the leadership of Mark Duley, led the singing magnificently and sang the Anthem 'Christ be with me' by Rutter.

+++Music at St Columb's Cathedral - On Friday 21st September, the Boy Choristers are taking part in a Concert of Choral and Organ Music. The Concert takes place in the Cathedral from 7.00pm-8.00pm and is associated with City of Culture night. This Sunday morning, the Ladies Choir will assist with the Family service at 10.00am, followed by a service of Choral Matins at 11.00am with music by Charles Villiers Stanford (Benedictus in C) and Malcolm Archer (Come my way, my truth, my life). Then at 4.00pm, we've a service of Choral Evensong and service of dedication with the St. Columb's Cathedral Chamber Choir. Music is by Richard Ayleward in Eb (Evening canticles) and Charles Wood (Expectans Expectavi). All are welcome.



+++Support Tim on The Big Paddle - On 22 and 23

September 2018, Down & Dromore's Youth Development Officer Tim Burns will be one of a team of Big House supporters, volunteers and staff who will set out to paddle the 50km Lower Bann Canoe Trail from Toome to Coleraine. They are doing this because they believe that the work of The Big House is really, really important and needs support. But their effort will only make a difference if you join in and sponsor them!

Follow this link to donate. To find out more about *The Big House* and why it's worth supporting, please visit <a href="www.thebighouse.org.uk">www.thebighouse.org.uk</a>.



+++Storming Derry's Walls - The Rector of St Augustine's Parish Church on Londonderry's ancient city walls was counting his blessings on Wednesday after a tree in the church graveyard was felled by high winds. It happened as Storm Ali battered the North West. The tree fell outwards, onto the city walls, damaging the historic railings around St

Augustine's and part of its boundary wall though fortunately no one was injured - or worse - in the incident. 'The Wee Church on the Walls' - on the site where Saint Columba is believed to have founded a monastery almost 1,500 years ago - is a popular attraction for tourists. However, its Rector, Rev Canon Malcolm Ferry, said they hadn't opened it on Wednesday morning because of severe weather warnings. "Thankfully," he said, "we decided to close because of Storm Ali, so there were no church volunteers around and no visitors – otherwise it could've been disastrous."

+++Prayer request 1 - for Naomi Leremore (PCI global mission worker in Kenya) & her team of writers in the Theological Education by Extension department of the Presbyterian Church of East Africa as they meet to plan their activities over the next 2 months. <a href="http://bit.ly/2cgVbSa">http://bit.ly/2cgVbSa</a>

+++Prayer request 2 - Give thanks for the Bakers' Mission Partner service with CMSI in Kiwoko Hospital over the past seven years. Pray that their work and ministry will leave a lasting legacy and that they will know God's leading and guidance as they put down roots in Northern Ireland.

+++Thanks from Clonard Monastery - Many thanks to all those who donated last week to the Serve, Kerala Appeal which raised £9,634. Donations can still be left at reception.@SERVE ie @RedComsIreland

## +++Mothers Union campaign on gender based violence

- Once again the MU will be taking part in the 16 days against gender-based violence campaign this Autumn.



The MU has created some resources which are now available from their website and are FREE to download. Join the MU in ending #EndGBV #MU16Days https://tinyurl.com/yd65flkr

## +++400th anniversary of the death of Sir Walter Raleigh

- Westminster Abbey will commemorate the 400th anniversary of the death of Sir Walter Raleigh with a day of events in St Margaret's Church on Monday 29th October. Raleigh's body is buried near the high altar in St Margaret's, and a stained glass window - installed above the west door in 1882 - shows Raleigh sailing for the Americas, his imprisonment and burial. There is also a memorial tablet on the south east wall of the church. You are invited to take part in these special events remembering the great Elizabethan explorer, courtier, writer and poet. Please see below for booking information.

https://www.westminster-abbey.org/abbey-events/lectures-and-talks/2018/october/sir-walter-raleigh/

# +++Keeping the Faith in Times of Uncertainty - Leadership Panel Discussion

Thursday 4 October | 12 - 2pm | East Belfast Mission | Skainos, Belfast Cost: None

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This event is open to any Charity/Third Sector/Faith-based Leader (CEO, Director, Senior Manager or Trustee)

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Faith and charities have a long-standing history, many of the earliest charities were formed by religious groups and faith leaders, who stepped in and up to support the most vulnerable in society.

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Presently, the Faith sector forms a key part of the wider charity (aka Third) sector. A sector which is very much centred on leading forward on social change. Today, we find ourselves in a unique position with no functioning government for over 18 months and a deep sense of frustration at the lack of political leadership. Yet life continues, and for those in leadership roles, they are leading forward to make a difference in a world that is surrounded by uncertainty as best they can.

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CO3, a leadership based organisation for charity leaders, has organised a panel discussion to examine the role of faith-based leaders and the opportunities to work in closer collaboration with the wider Third sector.

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In the current political vacuum, those leading charitable organisations particularly those in faith-based organisations, this will be a space to actively reflect on how we can provide leadership in our communities.

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· Where do faith-based charities and churches bring unique strengths to the sector, and where do they achieve the greatest impact for their beneficiaries?

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• What is the wider leadership role of faith based charities and churches to work in closer collaboration with the wider charity sector?

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· How can we encourage and support more collaboration across the wider charity sector?

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· Is there an opportunity to enhance the broader role of Third Sector leaders in the absence of political leadership?

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These will be some of the questions that we will be exploring with a range of faith based leaders as part of this unique workshop.

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Leadership Panel

- · Peter Lynas
- · Rev Harold Good
- · Rev Ruth Patterson

Chaired by Andrew McCracken, Chair of CO3

Date: 4 October 2018 Time: 12pm – 2.00pm

Venue: Skainos Centre, Belfast, 241 Newtownards Rd,

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Cost: None

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+++Farewell to Kilkenny College - Canon Susan Green reflected on Face Book about her move in ministry. She wrote, "Sad and lovely day. Sad because it was my last day in Kilkenny College, lovely because so many people

said such lovely things about and to me. Thank you to all my wonderful colleagues who I will miss so much, thanks to the Bishop and the school boards for appointing me and letting me do my thing and thanks to wonderful Rachel, Patrick and Ciara, all who have had to put up with the strangeness of having their Mum as their school chaplain, and thanks especially too to amazing Andrew (husband and in photo) who is always on my side."

