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Student Church at Queen's celebrates 50 Years



On the 14th of October this year, the Church of the Resurrection at Queen's University will mark 50 years since its dedication in 1966.

Built as a student chapel close to the centre of the booming university campus, the 'Church of the Res' quickly became a thriving hub of worship and outreach. When it opened, it was adjacent to the Church of Ireland Centre, where the then chaplain, Revd Cecil Kerr, led a group of

around 15 students living in community. Today, 50 students now make up the Church of Ireland & Methodist Chaplaincy – and the Church of the Resurrection remains the beating heart of its mission on campus.

On Friday 14th October at 7.30pm, the church will host a service of thanksgiving to mark this anniversary, as an opportunity for friends and former students to join together in celebration of half a century of ministry.

The current chaplain, Revd Barry Forde, says, “This is a wonderful chance to join together with so many people who have been involved in the life and worship of the chapel since it opened in the 1960s. We’re really looking forward to seeing as many people as possible come back through the doors on Elmwood Avenue to give thanks, and to see how this place continues to be such a strategic point of outreach into the community and students of Belfast.”

There will be a reception with tea and coffee afterwards, giving people the opportunity to catch up and share their memories of the church. Revd Forde adds, “We are also hoping to find people who might have photographs and other memories hidden away, and celebrate some of

the things God has done in and through this place over the years. I'd definitely encourage people to get in contact if they think they have particular items of interest."

To help with catering, anyone thinking of coming along is asked to get in touch, either by telephoning the chaplaincy office on 02890 667754, or emailing Mr Peter Huey at friends@thehubbelfast.org

More information is available on the chaplaincy's website: www.thehubbelfast.org.

Orthodox visitors welcomed in Armagh

As part of the meeting of the International Commission for Anglican–Orthodox Theological Dialogue, members of the Commission on Sunday worshipped at a Service of Holy Communion in St Mark's Parish Church, Ballymore (Tandragee), and at Festal Evensong in St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh. The Evensong was followed by a reception in the Alexander Synod Hall, Armagh.

The Commission is co–chaired by the Archbishop of Armagh, the Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke,



Members of the Commission with the Dean and Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh.

and acting Co–Chair, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of Zimbabwe, His Eminence the Most Revd Seraphim Kykkotis.

The preacher in St Mark's was the Revd Canon Shane Forster, Rector of Ballymore.

The sermon in St Patrick's Cathedral was delivered by the Rt Revd John McDowell, Bishop of Clogher and President of the Irish Council of Churches. The meeting is continuing in Armagh and will conclude on Thursday (29th September).

Fishermen's Mission responding to modern needs in Down ports

Financial uncertainty and time away from home can put a strain on fishermen and their families, but *The Fishermen's Mission* has been there to help for well over a century.

The Mission is the only fishermen's charity that provides emergency support alongside practical, financial, spiritual and emotional care. It helps all fishermen, active or retired, and their families. Here in Ireland, The Fishermen's Mission has 3 centres – Kilkeel, Ardglass and Portavogie – all of which are in our diocese. There are two full time workers at Kilkeel harbour and they're both ladies and both members of the Church of Ireland.

Superintendent Lesley Hammond worships in Christ Church Kilkeel and has been the Missionary Officer since August. Before that she was Centres Manager, having volunteered with the Mission for 2 years.

Superintendent Ingrid Perry, a parishioner of Kilhorne, Annalong, took over from Lesley as



Centres Manager for Northern Ireland and has a particular focus in Kilkeel, the busiest centre. Lesley came to the Mission through her role as the local Asda 'Community Life Champion' and Ingrid, a friend, was initially a reluctant volunteer! Both sense a clear calling to the work.

“This is a faith adventure for both of us,” says Ingrid. “Fishing is traditionally a male industry and even though there was some scepticism about two women running the Centre, it seems to be working. The Fishermen’s Mission actually has quite a few women doing what we do around the country.”

“Vast!” is how the pair describe their jobs.

“We go with the fisherman until the day he dies,” says Lesley. “Our first priority is the welfare of our fishermen and their families and that takes up most of our time. We have to make sure that whatever situations they find themselves in, they’re safe.

“We offer quite a lot of services – including an advice line called SAIL, and there’s physiotherapy, counselling and medical help, paid for by some of our sponsors. There are different agencies we can go to and apply for grants to assist families.”

Lesley continues: “We’re there as a listening ear so that involves pastoral work in hospitals and homes. We totally rely on God’s guidance when we enter those situations because you never know what you’re going to find.”

Ingrid says: “We’ve had tough days when we’ve felt our backs are against the wall but we’ve also had our blessings. We’ve seen people saved and coming back to the Lord. We’ve been able to share and pray with fishermen from other faith’s, who have been open towards the gospel and

have received New Testaments. Those are the things that keep us going.”

Fishing is an international industry and in Kilkeel attracts, among others: Filipinos, Poles, Lithuanians, Romanians, Indians, Ghanaians and Sri Lankans. Some of the men live on the vessels and others have flats or houses in the town but in 90% of the cases, their families are back at home.

The Centre in Kilkeel Harbour offers some home comforts and vital facilities such as toilets and a shower room plus washing machines and dryers. “We’re a busy centre. People know us, so with all the coming and going there’s a bit of banter,” says Lesley.

The Mission has good relationships with the Harbour Authority and other fishing industry stakeholders, including the fish factories. Lesley and Ingrid are also grateful for the support of all the clergy in the area and for the help of the local doctors and dentists.

Kilkeel is the hub of the work in Northern Ireland and has around 20 volunteers but Lesley and

Ingrid are keen to build a network and redevelop the Centres in Ardglass and Portavogie.

They say: “We can’t put a figure on the numbers of fishing families in the country. We’re still regularly finding people that haven’t been on our radar and we need more volunteers to help us reach them.

“Above all else we need people to pray for the work of the Mission. We’re so grateful to the folk who are already praying. We really have seen the fruit.”

The ladies will be commissioned in Christ Church Kilkeel on 27 November 2016 at 6.30pm Bishop Harold Miller will attend along with Chief Executive David Dickens, Senior Superintendent Keith Dickson and Pastor George Ayoma.

Roman Catholic Ecumenical Canon installed at St Anne’s Cathedral, Belfast

The Very Rev Edward O’Donnell, Parish Priest of St Brigid’s, Belfast, was installed as an



Dean John Mann and newly installed Canon Fr Edward O'Donnell.

Ecumenical Canon of St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, at Evensong on Sunday September 25.

Fr O'Donnell is the first Roman Catholic Priest to serve on the Cathedral Chapter, and he now joins Methodist Minister the Rev Ruth Patterson, and Presbyterian Minister, also the Rev Ruth Patterson, to complete the Cathedral's complement of three Ecumenical Canons.

Speaking after his appointment in July Fr O'Donnell said: "While this is a personal

privilege for me, the honour is shared with all those who work quietly but persistently to improve and strengthen inter-church relationships.

“I recognise that for St Anne’s Cathedral community, and for the Catholic community of Belfast, that this is a significant step, perhaps even historic, but more so, I recognise the generosity of the Dean and Chapter in inviting me, as a representative of the Roman Catholic Church, to be an Ecumenical Canon.

“I look forward very much to working with them and making a contribution to the Christian life of our City. Our common faith Jesus Christ commits us to strive for reconciliation and unity – that unity, wonderfully described by the great Lutheran theologian, Oscar Cullmann, as ‘unity in reconciled diversity.’”

Dean Mann said Fr O’Donnell is a priest for whom he has great admiration, adding: “His presence in St Anne’s will be source of strengthening the already important ecumenical bonds that we have. Our unity in Christ is important to us both.”

In a statement on its website, the Diocese of Down and Connor expressed ‘sincere appreciation to St Anne’s Cathedral Chapter and the Dean for this symbolic gesture of communion which demonstrates an ongoing commitment to work together for peace and reconciliation, building bridges across a divided community.’

The Diocese congratulated Fr O’Donnell on his installation which it said recognised his personal contribution to ecumenical engagement over many years of ministry and the fraternal friendship extended by the clergy and parishioners of St Anne’s Cathedral to Fr O’Donnell, St Brigid’s Parish and the Diocese of Down and Connor.

The statement continued: “Building upon the strong associations between the Church of Ireland and the Catholic Church, visibly manifested in the 1998 joint partnership between St Peter’s Cathedral and St Anne’s Cathedral, this historic appointment strengthens further our common mission to witness to Christ and the promotion of reconciliation, peace and unity.”

Fr O’Donnell is a native of Magherafelt. He studied in St Malachy’s College, Belfast, and St Kieran’s College, Kilkenny. In June 1976 he was

ordained priest for the Diocese of Down and Connor, and recently celebrated his 40th anniversary as a priest.

After ordination he was appointed Chaplain to Belfast City Hospital, then, while curate in the Parish of Drumbo, he was the first Catholic chaplain in Hydebank Young Offender's Centre. In 1982 he was appointed Bishop's Secretary by Bishop Cahal Daly, a post he held for eight years.

After a short curacy in Antrim town, Fr O'Donnell was appointed Parish Priest of Newtownards and Comber and in 2002 he was transferred to be Parish Priest in St Anne's, Finaghy.

In 2010 Bishop Noel Treanor appointed him as Parish Priest of St Brigid's, Belfast, an appointment he continues to hold. He serves on a number of Diocesan Committees and is a member of the Board of Directors of Restoration Ministries.

A group of protestors staged a peaceful demonstration outside the Cathedral during the installation service.

Protests greet the first priest of St Anne's Cathedral
<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/protests-greet-the-first-priest-of-st-annes->

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News briefs

+++ Archbishops commend North Belfast parades agreement - In response to the news that an agreement has been reached in North Belfast in relation to contested parades, the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Revd and Rt Hon. Justin Welby, joined with the Archbishop of Armagh, The Most Revd Dr Richard Clarke, to express their support for this significant initiative: 'We have been aware that various people and groups have been working hard to reach an agreement which would bring to an end the parading stand-off in North Belfast, a part of the city which has borne economic hardship and carries a heavy legacy from the Troubles. The news of this agreement is to be warmly welcomed and we commend all who have taken risks and found a way to serve the common good in the journey towards a peaceful and reconciled future. Our prayers and continued support are with those who now carry responsibility for making it work.'

+++ Methodist President's commendation -

The President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev. Bill Mullaly, speaking from Myanmar (Burma) where he is currently visiting the Methodist Church in that country has issued the following statement on hearing of the outcome of the dialogue between the Loyal Order and CARA (Crumlin/Ardoyne Residents Association)

"I welcome this announcement that brings to an end the protracted impasse at Ardoyne and which hopefully sees to an end the inter-community strife. I note that one of the practical outworkings of this Agreement will be the ability of the Ligonell Orange Lodges to complete their July 2013 return parade on October 1st." The President wishes the proposed local forum well, as together its members chart the future relationship between the loyal Orders and the local residents.

+++ Festival of Saint Fin Barre of Cork

celebrated - On Sunday, 25th September, the Patronal Festival of Saint Fin Barre of Cork, the Bishop of Cork, the Right Reverend Dr Paul Colton, presided at a celebration of the Eucharist in Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork. The preacher was the Dean of Dublin, the Very Reverend Dermot Dunne, who spoke about the function of a cathedral as a place of welcome,

worship and witness. During the Service the Bishop, having been petitioned by the Dean of Cork (the Very Reverend Nigel Dunne), consecrated a newly made solid silver ciborium which is a gift to the Cathedral made possible by a bequest by the late Miss Audrey Ross. The ciborium, used in the administration of the sacrament, was crafted by local Cork silversmith Sean Carroll. Cathedral parishioner, Ruth O'Mahony, assisted with the design which incorporates resonances of the art of the Cathedral architect, William Burges. Throughout her lifetime, Miss Audrey Ross attended the cathedral faithfully, including the weekday and saints' day celebrations of the Eucharist.

+++ Limerick organ recital - On Wednesday the lunchtime organ recital in St Mary's cathedral, Limerick, will be given by Peter Barley. This recital is part of the closing weekend of this year's Limerick Pipe Organ Festival, which also includes a masterclass and recital by Martin Baker and workshop by Trevor Crowe – details at info@lpof.ie or www.lpof.ie.

+++ Third priest in a week found dead in Mexico - A missing Mexican priest was found shot dead off the side of a highway in western

Mexico days after he was kidnapped from his parish residence, state prosecutors said on Sunday. He was the third Catholic priest to be slain in Mexico in the last week. The Michoacan state Attorney General's Office said in a statement that Fr Jose Alfredo Lopez Guillen's body was found on Saturday night in an area called Las Guayabas on the highway between Puruandiro and Zinaparo. Fr Lopez was kidnapped last Monday, the same day authorities in the Gulf coast state of Veracruz found the bodies of two priests who had been abducted from their parish residence the previous day. They also had been shot. Their deaths brought to at least 31 the number of priests killed in Mexico since 2006.

News links to reports on faith, politics and education

Classical: Shower of Pearls - gems from an Irish composer

Irish Independent

His father was the organist at St Mary's **Church of Ireland** cathedral. He was also a teacher, and he was the one who got George started on the piano.

<http://www.independent.ie/entertainment/music/music-news/classical-shower-of-pearls-gems-from-an-irish-composer-35072077.html>

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Monkstown church designed by noted architect marks its 150th year

Irish Times

St Patrick's Catholic Church in Monkstown Co Dublin is marking its 150th anniversary this ... To sit in prayer in the church on a summer's evening when the sun is shining ... The younger Pugin, and his brother-in-law George Coppinger Ashlin, designed about 22 Irish churches, including St ... Irish News.

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/monkstown-church-designed-by-noted-architect-marks-its-150th-year-1.2804671>

Northern Echo

Reports further details of the funeral of the late David Jenkins, the former Bishop of Durham. The service on Wednesday will take place at Durham Cathedral. The Dean of Durham, Andrew Tremlett, will preside with an address to be given by the Bishop of Ripon, James Bell. The Archbishop of York, who spoke of former Bishop David, "making his mark on the lives of countless clergy and laity," during his years in and out of office, is expected to attend. On his retirement as Bishop of Durham, in 1994, Dr Jenkins took the post of honorary assistant bishop in Ripon and Leeds.

Christian Today

Reports that Jeremy Corbyn told a church service of Labour delegates on Sunday the party can learn lessons from faith groups as they look to unite. Hours after being re-elected leader with an increased majority, Mr Corbyn addressed a congregation at St James in the City, Liverpool, on Sunday morning. He emphasised the importance of community and faith, noting that the Labour Party's origins owe much to people of faith putting their values into practice.

BBC/Ind/Mirror/Mail

Reports that cyclists Laura Trott and Jason Kenny have got married in a private ceremony in Cheshire. The Team GB pair, who boast 10 Olympic golds between them, wed at a service held at St Alban & St Paul Church in Macclesfield.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-manchester-37466204>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/people/laura-trott-jason-kenny-marry-in-secret-twitter-a7328746.html>

<http://www.mirror.co.uk/3am/celebrity-news/laura-trott-jason-kenny-wedding-8911837#ICID=nsn>

Blogs

Nature features Christian leaders and scientists project

<https://tcbmcleish.wordpress.com/2016/09/24/nature-features-christian-leaders-and-scientists-project/>

ViaMedia: The Essence of Being

<https://viamedia.news/2016/09/25/the-essence-of-being/>

Law and Religion: Round up 25th September

<http://www.lawandreligionuk.com/2016/09/25/law-and-religion-round-up-25th-september-2/>

Archbishop Cranmer: Corbyn's mission is Christian socialism – but the country will never vote for it.

<http://archbishopcranmer.com/corbyns-mission-christian-socialism-country-will-never-vote/>

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