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750th anniversary of the present Armagh C of I Cathedral

The Dean and Chapter of St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh, will hold a Service of Choral Evensong to mark the 750th

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anniversary of the present Cathedral on Sunday, 23rd September 2018, at 3.15pm. The Cathedral was built by Archbishop Patrick Ó Scanail in 1268. The Preacher at the Service will be the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell, Bishop of Chelmsford.

Joyous celebration as Meath diocese gets new bishop

The new Bishop of Meath, Tom Deenihan, was consecrated at Mullingar Cathedral on Sunday.

Bishop Deenihan told the congregation at the Episcopal consecration that he had had a “remarkable” summer since the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Thaddeus Okolo, told him last June of his appointment.

“I have experienced a range of emotions: fear, unworthiness, apprehension and a certain calmness that comes from a combination of faith and the support of family, friends and colleagues in the priesthood both in Cork and in Meath,” he said.

“The words in the Papal *Bulla* or Mandate of Appointment, ‘Do not let undue anxiety deter you’, have been a reassurance and important for me.”

Bishop Deenihan paid tribute to his predecessor Bishop Michael Smith, who is Ireland’s longest-serving bishop. He was made head of the Meath diocese in 1984.

He said that one of the duties that he was looking forward to was taking place at the end of this month, when he will officiate at the priestly ordination of Fergal Cummins, who

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was serving as a deacon at yesterday's Episcopal consecration.

Bishop Deenihan said: "That will be a day of great rejoicing for the diocese because an ordination means a priest for a parish. We must all keep vocations to the fore in our prayers and in encouraging those who may be called to priesthood or religious life. If Christ personally invited his followers to follow him, why should we think it would be different in our day? We must, all of us, give that word of invitation and encouragement."

Bishop Deenihan thanked the many people present and all those who had helped in the course of his priestly vocation. He said he hoped that all those present in the cathedral had found the celebration to be joyful.

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“That word ‘joy’ is critical to what we are and to what we believe as Christians,” he said. “Be it as bishops, priests or deacons, our ministry must be joyful. Pope Francis referred to this in *Evangelii Gaudium*, when he stated that ‘one of the more serious temptations which stifles boldness and zeal is a defeatism that can turn us into querulous and disillusioned pessimists, sour pusses’!

“As I begin my new ministry as Bishop of Meath, pray with me and for me that I and all who minister in this diocese will treasure and foster that sense of joy that transcends our own worries, failings and shortcomings, and enables us to reach out to others.”

Worship resources for Irish churches during Creation Time

Eco–Congregation Ireland has prepared resources for use in worship in Irish churches during Creation Time 2018. ECI is offering these suggestions but churches are free to produce their own or adapt these to suit their tradition or context.

Prayers and resources prepared by Eco–Congregation Ireland for Creation Time are available [here](#). Creation Time, also known as the Season of Creation, is running from 1st September to 4th October. The theme of this year’s celebration is ‘walking together’ – as brothers and sisters in Christ, we are on a pilgrimage to better care of creation.

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New issue of Mothers' Union Curry in a Hurry students' cookbook



Connor Diocese presenting Curry in a Hurry cookbooks to Ulster University for first year students. From left are: Valerie Ash, Diocesan President; Glenda Campbell, Accommodation Officer UU; and Kathleen Lunn, Diocesan Project rep.

The latest edition of Connor Mothers' Union popular Curry in a Hurry cookbook is now available. Designed as a helping hand to first year students living away from

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home for the first time, the book contains easy, cheap, nutritional recipes, handy hints and tips, helplines and interdenominational prayers.

Connor Diocesan President Valerie Ash and Diocesan Project rep Kathleen Lunn visited the Ulster University to present copies of Curry in a Hurry in time for the arrival of this year's freshers.

The message to students was don't despair. Just because you've left home, it doesn't mean meals have to be limited to pizza, pasta and reconstituted flavoured noodles!

Students at Belfast Met are invited to a free barbecue lunch with lots of fun and games, in the car park of St Stephen's Church, Millfield, today (Tuesday), Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime.

The Car Park BBQ is the first initiative of the Church of Ireland Lower Shankill's student ministry in St Stephen's church, Millfield. The Ministry team is working in partnership with The Hub at Queen's University.

Met students heading to St Stephen's will get a free barbecue and can enjoy live music and games. There will also be a Freshers' Welcome Pack for all students.

The barbecue gets underway at 2pm on September 4, 5 and 6. Don't miss out!

Ordination of priests in C of I dioceses

Two new priests have been ordained for the Diocese of Derry and Raphoe at a service in St Columb's Cathedral.

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The Reverend Sean Hanily – a native of Roscommon – and Enniskillen-born the Reverend Lindsey Farrell were ordained by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, the Rt Rev Ken Good. Ms Farrell has been appointed Curate of the Grouped Parishes of Inver, Mountcharles, Killaghtee and Killybegs in south west Donegal, while Mr Hanily will serve as Curate-assistant of the Parish of Drumragh and Mountfield in Tyrone.

the Revd Myrtle Morrison and the Revd Andrew Irwin have been ordained as priests by the Rt Rev Harold Miller

The service was held in St Saviour's, Craigavon, on Sunday 2 September and the bishop also gave the address. It was a first for the church and a special day as Myrtle was ordained for the role of Priest in Charge there. Andrew, who served his internship in Donaghcloney parish, was ordained for the curacy of Seapatrick, Banbridge.

Clogher churches in European Heritage Open Days

Two church buildings with a rich heritage in Clogher Diocese will be open this weekend as part of the European Heritage Open Days.

St Mary's Parish Church, Ardess, in Magheraculmonee Parish, Kesh, Co. Fermanagh, will be open on Saturday, 8th September from 2pm–5pm and on Sunday, 9th September from 2.30pm–5pm with tours every half hour.

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St Macartan's Cathedral, Clogher, Co. Tyrone, will be open on Saturday from 10am–4pm and on Sunday from 9am–4.30pm. During Sunday afternoon, there will be an organ recital at 3pm and a talk on the history of the Cathedral at 3.45pm.

Archbishop responds to Greystones school management proposal

The Archbishop of Dublin has refused to dissolve the board of management at a primary school in Greystones following protests by parents over controversial admission policies.

His intervention follows the resignation of a long-serving principal at St Patrick's National School in protest over a policy that prioritises the enrolment of children who regularly attend church services.

Parents at the school last week overwhelmingly voted to back the principal and urged the board be dissolved at an extraordinary general meeting of its parent-teacher association.

The Archbishop of Dublin, Most Rev Dr Michael Jackson, Patron of St Patrick's National School, Greystones has made the following statement -

“The Patron of St Patrick's National School, Greystones, has been advised of a recent meeting of parents and staff of the parish school.

The Patron has been asked to respond in relation to the request that the Board of Management be dissolved as a result of the outcome of the meeting.

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“The procedures for appointing and dissolving Boards of Management of primary schools are set out in the Governance Manual 2015–2019 and the Education Act 1998. Section 16 (1) (b) of the Education Act which provides that subject to the consent of the Minister a Patron may “if satisfied that the functions of Board are not being effectively discharged, dissolve that Board.”

“The Patron acknowledges that the Board is now managing the school during challenging times. There will be many occasions where disagreements arise between board members and within school communities. However, disagreements in and of themselves are not evidence that a Board of Management is dysfunctional.

“In this instance, while the Patron is aware that there are many different points of view, he has not been provided with any information that would indicate that the functions

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of the Board of Management are not currently being effectively discharged.

“In his view the current difficulties have arisen as the result of a disagreement regarding expansion of the school. It was the Patron’s view that there was no reason to expand the school and that position was supported by a statement by the Department of Education and Skills that they would not build an additional classroom for an additional teacher at St Patrick’s National School.

“The Patron would like to express his support and sincere gratitude to the members of the Board of Management, and indeed all members of Boards of Management in these Dioceses, who continue to give their time to manage schools under his patronage.

“The Board of Management, which is established in accordance with directions given by the Minister of Education, runs the school on behalf of the Patron. The current Chairman has asked for a temporary break from the duties of chairing the board. The Patron is the only person who can appoint a Chair to a Board of Management. On that basis the Patron has appointed Canon Adrienne Galligan as chair temporarily and by mutual agreement.

“The Church of Ireland ethos of the school and decisions made by the Board of Management in the past remain unchanged. The Board of Management will continue to manage the school and the school will continue to educate the children entrusted to its care.”

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The parents' committee, however, said its concerns were focused on the school's enrolment policy.

On the hiring of an additional teacher, it said there was "ample" capacity to accommodate an extra class, given that one classroom was empty and another was being rented out.

Leading Catholic school closes after damning sex abuse report



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A leading Roman Catholic prep school has closed after a report revealed the extent of sexual abuse at its linked college.

Lawyers representing former students of Ampleforth College (pictured below) in North Yorkshire alleged the college, which St

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Martin's Ampleforth prep school is a part of, turned a blind eye to offending over many years.

According to The Times, the prep school's building was put on sale with a guide price of £3.5m.

The pupils of the school - which has been based at Gilling Castle since 1930, will be transferred to a new junior house at the main school.

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) investigated whether Ampleforth College and another Catholic school, Downside in Somerset failed to protect pupils from predators.

It's [highly critical report](#) found that monks at Ampleforth College and Downside hid allegations of "appalling sexual abuse" against pupils as young as seven to protect the church's reputation.

Allegations stretching back to the 1960s encompassed "a wide spectrum of physical abuse, much of which had sadistic and sexual overtones", the report stated.

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One alleged offender at Ampleforth abused at least eleven children aged between eight and twelve over a "sustained period of time", but died before police could investigate.

"Many perpetrators did not hide their sexual interests from the children," the report found, allowing abusers at Ampleforth to prey on entire groups of pupils both outdoors and indoors.

"The blatant openness of these activities demonstrates there was a culture of acceptance of abusive behaviour," the report said.

The Catholic Church is one of 13 strands of public life being investigated for child protection failings by the IICSA.



News briefs

+++RSCM awards for Cork choristers - Three senior choristers of St Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork were presented with the Royal School of Church Music Bronze Award following

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the Eucharist at the Cathedral on Sunday 2nd September.

The girls travelled to Dublin in June to be assessed on their singing and associated musical skills such as sight reading and aural tests. In addition they were required to give a short presentation on several aspects of church liturgy and how it links to the music which they sing. They all achieved the highest possible grade and this reflects the hard work which they put in to the examination and also the commitment and dedication which they have given to the cathedral choir over the years.



+++Rector of Derryvolgie

appointed - The Rev James Boyd, Vicar of the Parish of Willowfield, Belfast, in the Diocese of Down and Dromore, has been appointed as rector of Derryvolgie Parish.

James' home parish is St Saviour's, Connor. He is a past pupil of Ballymena Academy and has a degree in computer programming from Ulster University.

He worked in computer programming for a short time, but felt God was calling him to some level of ministry.

James worked with the Church of Ireland Year Out team in 1998-99, and during his 12 months he helped in 26 different churches across Ireland, doing short term mission work.

He was appointed Youth Ministry Co-ordinator in Moira and spent five years developing and delivering youth work in the parish.

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James left in 2004 to begin training for ordination at the Church of Ireland Theological College in Dublin. After ordination he was curate in the parish of Magheralin with Dollingstown, Diocese of Down and Dromore, for four years before his appointment as rector of Holy Trinity, Dromore, Co Tyrone, Diocese of Clogher.

James moved to Willowfield Parish, Belfast, as Vicar in 2015.

He is married to Shirley and they have two daughters, Rebekah aged nine and Hannah aged five.

“We feel a real sense of God’s call. Derryvolgie is a parish which has been in our hearts for a long time,” James said.

“We are very excited about the move. We see a lot of opportunity in the place. It will be different but good.”

The date for the Service of Institution has yet to be confirmed.

+++ Death of former head of Foyle College - the death has taken place of Mr Hugh Gillespie. Mr Gillespie (right) was headmaster of Foyle College from 1973 until 1994. A Memorial Service will be held in Hillsborough Parish Church at 2pm on Friday 28th September. Sincere condolences to his wife Valerie, sons Stephen and David.



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