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## **Restructured MTh degree agreed by Trinity and C of I Theological Institute**



**Provost, Dr Patrick Prendergast and the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson, Archbishop of Dublin (seated) with Prof Paula Murphy, Registrar and Chair of the Course Management Committee and Rev Canon Dr Maurice Elliott, Master in Theology Course Director and Director of CITI**

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Trinity College Dublin and the Church of Ireland Theological Institute have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) revised agreement today (6th September 2018) for the continued joint delivery of the Master's course in Theology.

The Provost, Dr Patrick Prendergast and the Archbishop of Dublin, the Most Revd Dr Michael Jackson signed the MOU and were joined by Dr Maurice Elliott, Master in Theology Course Director and Director of the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, and Professor Paula Murphy, Registrar of Trinity College Dublin and Chair of the Course Management Committee.

The Master in Theology course offers a distinctive learning experience which integrates the fields of theology, biblical studies and Christian practice and is the principal pathway leading to ordained ministry in the Church of Ireland. The joint delivery provides for the integration of academic components through Trinity's School of Religion and professional vocational components and theoretical components led by the Church of Ireland Theological Institute (CITI). The MOU provides the inter-institutional arrangements for the joint delivery and management of the course. The current Master's Programme was established in 2009 and recently, following very positive external review, has been restructured with an enhanced suite of modules.

## **Focus on Irish Presbyterians, conscription and World War 1**

“Irish Presbyterians and conscription during World War 1” is the title of a paper by Dr Colin Walker to be presented at the PRONI/WFA event “Facing Armageddon? Ireland and

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the War in 1918” which will be held from 2pm - 5pm on Thursday 13 September 2018

The Antrim and Down Branch of the Western Front Association, in conjunction with the Public Record Office of Northern Ireland, is holding a half day conference looking at final year of the Great War in Ireland. The speakers will include:

Dr Timothy Bowman on 'Recruitment in Ireland in 1918'

Dr Colin Walker on 'Irish Presbyterians and Conscription during the First World War'

Michael Nugent on 'The 36th (Ulster) Division in the German Spring Offensive'

Dr Brendan O'Shea on 'The Last Days of 16th (Irish) Division'

Ian Montgomery on 'Absent Voters lists of 1918'  
Admission is Free.

Registration through Eventbrite is recommended.

[PRONI Western Front Association event page](#)

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## **LGBT Catholics and their families: Building a Bridge, Clonard**

You are invited to join Pádraig Ó Tuama, Leader of the Corrymeela Community in Clonard Monastery to discuss how we and our LGBT Community can live together with respect, compassion and sensitivity.

Using Fr James Martin SJ's book Building a Bridge, participants will have an open conversation.

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Dates as follows: Sunday 9  
September, Sunday 23  
September, Sunday 7  
October and Sunday 21  
October

The venue is the Conference  
Room, Clonard Monastery  
7.30 to 8.30pm (with  
refreshments from 6.45).



To sign up: email  
[reception@clonard.com](mailto:reception@clonard.com) or call 028 9044 5950 or in person  
at Clonard Reception.

## **Death of C of I chaplain who served in Korean war**

The death has taken place of the Reverend Canon T R  
(Bob) Jennings BA. He died on 3 Sept 2018 aged 94. He  
was a Church of Ireland clergyman.

Canon Jennings served in the RACHD, the Royal Army  
Chaplains Department, as a Regular Chaplain 1951 – 1967.  
He served in Korea with 1 Bn The Welch Regiment 1951 –  
52. His last posting with the RACHd was 14th/20th Hussars  
1966- 67.

He was the beloved husband of the late Jean, much loved  
father of Kerry, Rosaleen, Clodagh, Katie and Robert, dearly  
loved grandfather of Nick, Kit, Simon, Jeannie, Kerry, Adam,  
Emily, Sarah and Jack and great-grandfather of Eli, Jacob,  
Indi and Ariella; sadly missed by his daughter-in-law Irene,

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sons-in-law Malcolm, Jack and Pat, surviving siblings Stanley and Sheila and a wide circle of family and friends. Reposing at Colliers Funeral Home, Old Connaught Avenue, Bray.

The Funeral Service will be at 3.00pm on Saturday, 15th September, 2018 in Newcastle Parish Church followed by burial in the adjoining churchyard. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to Fields of Life, c/o Newcastle Parish Centre, Church Lane, Newcastle, Co. Wicklow, A63X782.

The following was posted by Somme Association on their Facebook site - It is with the greatest of regret that we report the passing of Canon Robert (Bob) Jennings, Army Chaplain and Korean War veteran from County Wicklow. We had the great honour of taking Bob back to Korea in 2013. He was the oldest veteran in our party but also the busiest as he officiated at all the Services of Commemoration. He also brought back to Korea the very heavy Cross, made out of shell casing, which he used in his sermons to the soldiers during the war. Bob was a great man who will be sadly missed but we are honoured that he took part in our oral history project so we have his story recorded for future generations.

## **Church of South Sudan's national youth coordinator killed in gun attack in Irish-linked diocese**

The national youth coordinator for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (ECSS) has died after being shot while travelling to Yei.

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## Joseph Kiri

Thousands of young people gathered at the house of Joseph Kiri on Monday to pay their respects for the youth worker and evangelist, who was killed just days after the Primate of South Sudan, Archbishop Justin Badi Arama, said more needed to be done to turn [a peace deal on paper into peace on the ground](#).

In addition to his work with the ECSS, Joseph Kiri worked for a church humanitarian organisation Across. He was shot near the village of Limbe, a few kilometres away from Yei, when unknown gunmen targeted his NGO vehicle. He was travelling to Yei to deliver field reports for Across, where he worked as a nutrition officer. The diocese of Yei is linked with Connor. Several clergy and lay members from Connor have visited their linked diocese and received visitors from Yei.

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The Executive Director of Across, Elisama Wani Daniel, said that Kiri died instantly after being shot in the chest as the vehicle was sprayed with bullets. His driver, Maliamungu, managed to escape and ran to a military base at Limbe. Soldiers rushed to the scene of the attack and recovered Kiri's body, which was transferred to the capital Juba.

In a Tweet, the Primate of South Sudan, Archbishop Justin Badi Arama, said that he and his wife, Mama Joyce, were "deeply saddened to hear of the passing of the Provincial Youth Coordinator, Joseph Kiri, in an ambush on Lainya – Yei road.

"Our prayers are with his family. We ask all parties to respect the ceasefire."

The Provincial Secretary of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, John Augustino Lumori, described Kiri as "a talented, sound and vibrant youth". He described his death as "a very big loss to the entire Episcopal Church of South Sudan."

Many senior church leaders have condemned the barbaric act done to innocent civilians in a humanitarian car. They have urged all those holding guns countrywide to respect civilians who are unarmed as well as humanitarian agencies.

Recently a United Nations peace-keeping soldier from Bangladesh was killed in a similar act, after armed men shot from the bush on humanitarian convoys. The shooting

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was condemned by the UN humanitarian coordinator in South Sudan.

Despite the signed cessation of hostilities in Khartoum between the parties to the conflict, there has been little sign of the parties showing their commitment to what they have signed.

## **News briefs**



**At the Service of Ordination of Deacons for Connor Diocese are, back row from left: The Rev Clifford Skillen, Bishop's Chaplain; the Rev Canon William Taggart, Registrar; and the Very Rev Sam Wright, Dean of Connor (preacher). Front row from left: The Ven Paul Dundas, Archdeacon of Dalriada; the Rev Peter Blake; the Bishop of Connor, the Rt Rev Alan Abernethy; the Rev Jonathan Cockerill; and the Rev Arthur Young, rector, St Paul's, Lisburn.**



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**+++Making of deacons in Connor** - The Rt Rev Alan Abernethy, Bishop of Connor, who has just returned from a period of sabbatical leave, visited St Paul's Parish Church, Lisburn, on Wednesday September 5 to ordain two Deacons. Peter Blake, was ordained for the internship in the Parish of Whiterock and Glencairn, Belfast, and Jonathan Cockerill who was ordained for the internship in the Parish of St Paul's, Lisburn. The preacher at the service was the Very Rev Sam Wright, Dean of Connor and rector of Lisburn Cathedral.

**+++Meath & Kildare ordination** - The Revd Alison Irvine will be ordained to the Priesthood next Sunday (9th September) in St. Mary's Church, Maynooth at 4pm. Refreshments will be served after the service in The Oak Centre, Dunboyne. All are welcome

**+++Ballyclare Service of Healing** - A founder of the interdenominational Divine Healing Ministries, Brother David Jardine, will speak at the monthly Service of Healing in St John's, Ballyclare, on Sunday September 9. David is a Church of Ireland minister and also a member of the Society of St Francis, a religious community in the Anglican Church. He is a former chaplain in Crumlin Road Prison,



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Belfast (1975 – 1985). From 1985 to 1988 he worked in two churches in New York. Along with a group of others David Jardine founded Divine Healing Ministries in 1992. The Healing Services are held in St John's, Doagh Road, Ballyclare, on the second Sunday evening of each month. Everyone is very welcome to this service which starts at 7pm.

**+++Dungiven annual Vintage Rally and Community Fun Day**

-Dungiven Parish in Derry diocese holds its Annual Vintage Rally & Community Fun Day on September 8 from 11am – 4pm in the church grounds and adjoining field.

Featuring an extensive Vintage Vehicle display;

the McGuinness School of Dancers; various singing and dancing line-ups; Keelan Arbuckle; fun attractions for

children - including pony and trap rides; an opportunity for auctionables; car boot sales; craft stalls; a host of other stalls; catering in the hall; hamburgers; etc... etc...

etc... M.C. Ken McCaughey. Admission: Pedestrian Adults £5 each; children under 16 free; car drivers £5 plus applicable rates for other passengers.

Spread the word, pray for sunshine, come along, enjoy the day!

**+++RSCM Festival Day and Voice for Life Service -**

takes place on 22 September 2018 at St Bartholomew's, Dublin. Full details here: [https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/rscm-festival-day-and-voice-for-life-service-tickets-49432488905 ...](https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/rscm-festival-day-and-voice-for-life-service-tickets-49432488905...)

**+++Presbyterian prayer cards** - ASK is a series of twelve postcard-sized prayer prompts, unfolding several themes in simple, scripture based ways to help inspire and focus

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prayer for congregational life and witness. To find out more, visit: <http://presbyterianireland.org/askprayercards>

### **+++Curate's introduced to South Donegal parishioners -**

Members of the Grouped Parishes of Inver, Mountcharles, Killaghtee and Killybegs got a first opportunity to meet their new Curate since her ordination, last weekend, when Rev Lindsey Farrell was introduced formally to parishioners at a Service in St John's Church in Inver on Tuesday evening. The church was filled to capacity for the Service of Introduction, which was led by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Ken Good, and attended by Church of Ireland clergy from throughout the Diocese of Raphoe, many representatives of other Christian denominations in south Donegal and local politicians. Also in the congregation were Rev Lindsey Farrell's husband, Keith, their three children and all four of the children's grandparents. The sermon was preached by the Rector of Drumholm, Kilbarron and Rossnowlagh, Rev Canon Brian Russell, who said it was a great delight to welcome the Farrell family "to all things south Donegal" and more particularly to the family of believers in the Inver community of parishes. "That the church people here will have a minister to love and to respect, and that Lindsey will have a people to love and serve, is very good news indeed," he said. While training for the ordained ministry, Rev Farrell had been on a ten-week placement in Canon Russell's Drumholm Group of parishes. He told the congregation that she had grown up in the parish of Rossorry, in Enniskillen, where she and Keith had played a vital part in the fellowship and work among young families in Irvinestown.

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**+++C of Clerical Vacancy** - Priest-in-Charge (Moviddy Union of Parishes) and Healthcare Chaplain – Dioceses of Cork, Cloyne and Ross: A vacancy exists for a priest-in-charge (half-time) of the Parish of Moviddy Union, who will serve also as a half-time Healthcare Chaplain in Cork University Hospital, the Bon Secours Hospital, and Marymount University Hospital and Hospice, all of which are in Cork. Moviddy Union is a small parish to the west and north-west of Cork City, where the faithful parishioners are confident in their ministry, outreach and engagement with the Diocese and local community.

The person appointed will have the opportunity to exercise ministry in these two varied and important positions within the Diocese (with time divided equally between the two): as priest-in-charge of a parish of active parishioners, and as a healthcare chaplain in some of the leading hospitals and care facilities in Ireland. Further information is available from the Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, St Nicholas' House, 14, Cove Street, Cork, T12 RP40. Email: [secretary@corkchurchofireland.com](mailto:secretary@corkchurchofireland.com)

