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### IRELAND

#### **Coptic Pope dedicates Drumcondra Church**

See also report in today's CI news bulletin

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/coptic-christian-pope-dedicates-drumcondra-church-1.3088343>

#### **Archbishop Charles Brown has profound gratitude for his time in Ireland**

the Irish News

Before he left for a new post in Albania, Archbishop Charles Brown, the Pope's ambassador to Ireland for the last five years, spoke to Dominic O'Reilly about the 'heroism of the ordinary', counter-cultural Christianity and how an encounter with Buddhist monks in Nepal rekindled his faith

<http://www.irishnews.com/lifestyle/faithmatters/2017/05/18/news/nuncio-archbishop-charles-brown-has-profound-gratitude-for-his-time-in-ireland-1024010/>

## **Parents outraged at Christian Brothers' decision to sell Dublin school's playing pitches**

The Board of Management only found out about the plans last week.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/clonkeen-college-sell-off-3396165-May2017/>

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/christian-brothers-to-sell-playing-field-land-at-blackrock-school-1.3088285>

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/education/parents-furious-at-christian-brothers-plan-to-sell-off-75-acres-at-dublin-school-35730954.html>

## **Price of Dublin stadium site for school may be twice its value**

<http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/0DtrhxCvswE/price-of-stadium-site-for-school-may-be-twice-its-value-450423.html>

## **English language schools: 'Low-hours contracts, low pay and bogus self-employment'**

Ireland may present itself as a world leader in ELT but teachers in these schools have to contend with poor employment conditions, writes Roy Hassey.

<http://www.thejournal.ie/readme/english-language-schools-low-hours-contracts-low-pay-and-bogus-self-employment-3396199-May2017/>

## **Alcohol and drugs involved in 80 per cent cent of Cork suicides**

<http://feeds.examiner.ie/~r/ietopstories/~3/XqyMHxK95BI/alcohol-or-drugs-were-key-factor-in-80-of-cork-suicide-cases-in-study-450366.html>

## **GREAT BRITAIN**

### **BBC News - Today's newspapers reviewed**

Theresa May sets out her vision

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/blogs-the-papers-39970356>

### **Conservative Party pledges to abolish unfair cap on Catholic schools**

The Conservative Party has pledged to abolish the “unfair and ineffective” 50 per cent admissions cap that prevents the Catholic Church from opening new schools. In its manifesto for the 2017 general election, the party specifically mentions the effect the policy has on Roman Catholic schools, pledging instead to create new criteria for faith schools. Currently, new faith schools can only select...

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/05/18/conservatives-pledge-to-abolish-unfair-admissions-cap-for-catholic-schools/>

## **Scots churches encouraged to pray for famine ravaged this Sunday**

Congregations are being encouraged to use a special prayer this Sunday to support people in famine ravaged countries. The All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC) has designated May 21, 2017 as the “Global Day of Prayer to End Famine”.

[The prayer has been endorsed by the Right Rev Dr Russell Barr, Moderator of the General](#)

[Assembly of the Church of Scotland.](#) Rev Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches, and Rev Dr André Karamaga, General Secretary of the All Africa Conference of Churches, said more people face famine today than at any time in modern history.

[http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/](http://www.churchofscotland.org.uk/news_and_events/news/recent/)

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## **The Church in Wales has paid tribute to the "commitment" of Rhodri Morgan**

The Church in Wales has paid tribute to the "commitment" of Rhodri Morgan to interfaith

relations after the former First Minister of Wales died, aged 77.

Morgan spent more than 30 years in politics, including near ten years as First Minister between 2000 and 2009 when he created the Faith Communities Forum. In a statement announcing its "great sadness" at his death, the Church in Wales said: "We are particularly grateful for his commitment to interfaith relations. He set up the Faith Communities Forum in response to 9/11 and that has been pivotal in nurturing today's strong relationships both between Wales' diverse faiths and between those faiths and the Welsh Government."

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Church-in-Wales-pays-tribute-to-former-First-Minister-Rhodir-Morgan>

### **Premier/Pink News**

Reports on a Q and A with Theresa May published by Pink News in which she responds to questions about the Church of England and same sex marriage.

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2017/05/18/qa-prime-minister-theresa-may-answers-all-your-lgbt-questions-ahead-of-the-general-election/>  
<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Theresa-May-rules-out-forcing-Church-of-England-to-perform-gay-marriages>

## **Tel**

Report that an archaeological dig has discovered that the site of the medieval church of the Holy Fathers in Sutton, Shrewsbury, dates back more than 4,000 years to the late Neolithic period. The church on the prehistoric site now belongs to the Greek Orthodox Church, according to the report, which bought it for £50 from the Church of England in 1994.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/05/18/shropshire-church-found-uks-oldest-sacred-site/>

## **BBC**

Report that the 19<sup>th</sup> century church of St Nicholas, in Withernsea, East Yorks, is for sale at a guide price of £10,000 to £20,000. The BBC reports that any buyer has been warned that it sits within a graveyard that could still be used for burials. A York Diocese spokesperson is quoted.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-humber-39961352>

# **INTERNATIONAL**

## **New Primate for the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East**

Archbishop Suheil Dawani of the Diocese of Jerusalem has been elected as the next primate of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. He succeeds Archbishop Mouneer Hanna Anis, who has held the post since 2007.

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2017/05/new-primate-for-the-province-of-jerusalem-and-the-middle-east.aspx>

## **Pope Francis moves Corpus Christi to a Sunday**

Pope Francis is to celebrate Corpus Christi on Sunday rather than Thursday next month. Greg Burke, director of the Vatican press office, said the Pope had decided to postpone the celebration next month from June 15 to June 18. He said a Sunday procession would be easier for people to attend and would also cause less inconvenience in Rome. Pope Francis made the decision, he said, “in favour of a...

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/news/2017/05/18/pope-francis-moves-corpus-christi-procession-to-sunday/>

## **Worldwide preparations ahead of Thy Kingdom Come global prayer campaign**

Hundreds of thousands of Christians of all denominations are preparing to take part in the international prayer initiative “Thy Kingdom Come” which starts next week.

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2017/05/worldwide-preparations-ahead-of-thy->

[kingdom-come-global-prayer-campaign.aspx](http://kingdom-come-global-prayer-campaign.aspx)

## **Pope Francis reflects on Mary Magdalene at weekly General Audience**

Pope Francis continued his catechesis on “Christian Hope” at his General Audience on Wednesday, focusing this week on the figure of St Mary Magdalene. The Holy Father’s reflections were based on a passage from the Gospel of St John, which relates how St Mary Magdalene was the first to see Jesus after His Resurrection. Her visit to Jesus’s tomb, the Pope said, mirrored “the fidelity of so many women” who visit cemeteries to keep alive the memory of those who have passed away. “The most authentic bonds,” he said, “are not broken even by death.” Pope Francis noted that Mary Magdalene’s first visit to the tomb was a disappointment: Seeing the empty tomb, she went to the place the disciples were hiding and told them that someone had stolen the body of Jesus.

<http://catholicnews.ie/pope-francis-reflects-on-mary-magdalene-at-general-audience/>

## **Episcopalians, Methodists propose full-communion agreement**

A group of Episcopalians and Methodists has released its proposal for full communion between the two denominations. Full implementation of the proposal will take at least three years. The Episcopal Church General Convention and the United Methodist Church General Conference must approve the agreement, which culminates 15 years of exploration and more than 50 years of formal dialogue between the two churches.

[www.churchnewsireland.org](http://www.churchnewsireland.org)



General Convention next meets in July 2018 in Austin, Texas. The General Conference's next meeting is in 2020. TEXT IN TODAY'S CNI NEWS BULLETIN

<http://www.anglicannews.org/news/2017/05/episcopalians,-methodists-propose-full-communion-agreement.aspx>

## **Young church members train to respond to climate change**

Sixteen young leaders from the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia have started two weeks of training in the South Pacific island of Tonga to help their communities adapt to climate change. The course will aim to improve their resilience in the face of the disasters, such as cyclones and flooding, that climate change brings.

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2017/05/17/young-anglicans-go-into-training-to-help-pacific-communities-adapt-to-climate-change/>

## **New Jersey cardinal blasts GOP for ignoring immigration reform**

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, one of the U.S. hierarchy's most visible champions for the marginalized, ripped Republicans for "inflicting cruelty on innocent people."

[More from Religion News Service](#)

## **Trump's first full education budget: Deep cuts to public school programs in pursuit of school choice**

Documents obtained by The Washington Post show how the president wants to spend about \$400 million to expand charter schools and vouchers for private and religious schools.

[More from www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

**Trump's speech on Islam is rife with pitfalls. Experts say there's little upside to it.**

Here's what could go wrong when the president visits Saudi Arabia to deliver his sermon on Islam, writes Sarah Posner.

[More from www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

**Evangelicals hail Trump's request for release of US pastor in Turkey**

“Not only were we able to make the President and Vice President aware that this was a priority of ours, we were pleased that they shared our concern and acted upon it,” said Johnnie Moore, an advocate for persecuted Christians.

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