

## **Love D8: Celebrating All That's Great About Dublin 8**

St Patrick's Cathedral will be the spectacular setting for a great new initiative to showcase the very best of community life in The Liberties and Dublin 8.

Partnering with Dublin City Council and featuring over 100 community groups, clubs, schools, businesses and agencies, LOVE D8 will transform the beautiful cathedral into a bustling market-style community fair on Tuesday February 26.

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As February is the Month of Love ...you're invited to make a D8 with The Liberties for this showcase of social, cultural and economic life in the area.

What's planned:

- Over 100 exhibitors showcasing their activities across a series of zones: HealthyD8, LearningD8, Clean&GreenD8, WorkingD8, CulturalD8 and CommunityD8
- The public can explore all that The Liberties has to offer: get information on clubs and activities, learn about local schools and workplaces, discover how to get active and involved and much, much more
- There will be local interest talks in the beautiful Lady Chapel
- Popup music performances
- Free entry (but strictly by ticket only)



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- Refreshments available from some of our great local businesses and sponsors
- They'll even throw in a free raffle!

All are welcome to join in this unique evening between 6.30pm and 9.30pm on Tuesday, February 26.

More details of St Patrick's Cathedral at -

[www.stpatrickscathedral.ie](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie)

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## **Apology from Archbishop Eamon Martin ahead of Rome summit on abuse**

In an effort to deal with the sex scandals rocking the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope has convened an extraordinary summit of bishops in Rome.

This follows his recent, unprompted, admission that priests had exploited nuns as "sex slaves" at a convent in France. Pope Francis decided to call this global conference after discussions with the so-called C9. This is the group of nine cardinal advisers who were appointed soon after Francis was elected.

The Pope is under serious pressure to provide leadership and generate workable solutions to what is the most pressing crisis facing the modern Church.

Stories of abuse have emerged in every corner of the world. And the Church has been accused of covering up crimes committed by priests, leaving its moral authority in tatters.



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- Archbishop Eamon Martin

Pope Francis must also confront the assumptions, attitudes and practices that have allowed a culture of abuse to flourish. The extent of this challenge may prove overwhelming.

The Catholic Primate of all Ireland has apologised to victims of clerical abuse. Archbishop Eamon Martin made the comments ahead of travelling to a child safeguarding summit at the Vatican.

He said he had met victims in recent weeks and "heard about how you were hurt and violated and about how your young lives were turned into a nightmare".

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"I am truly sorry for what was done to you.... My message to abuse victims/survivors as I leave for Rome to participate in #PBC2019, "I know that nothing I say can undo the terrible wrong you have endured, but I once more commit to doing all I can to ensure that Church activities are as safe as possible"

See also -

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/catholic-primate-says-abuse-survivors-rightly-demand-church-transparency-1.3799657>

## Clontarf Choral Competition judging panel

The judges for this year's Clontarf Choral Competition have been announced. The judging panel will be chaired by the Revd Dr Anne-Marie O'Farrell, renowned composer and harpist. Anne-Marie will be joined on the panel by Bishop Trevor Williams and his wife Joyce.

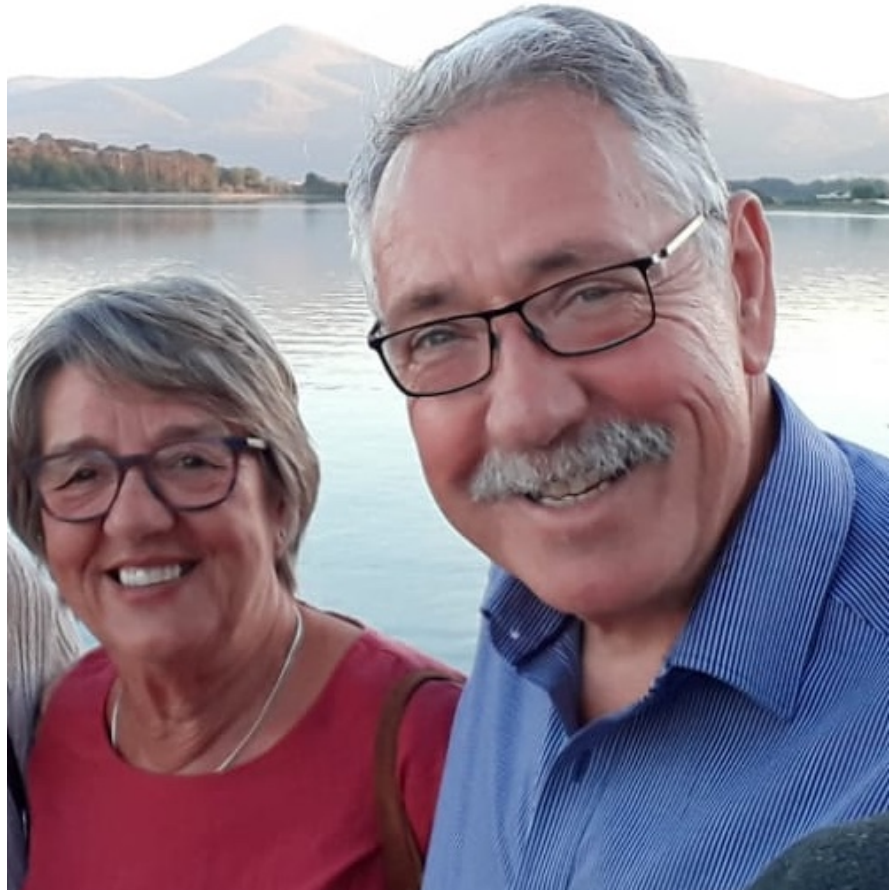
Anne-Marie has performed all over the world as a solo artist, accompanist and in ensembles, and is regularly broadcast on radio and television. She completed a PhD in composition with Piers Hellawell at Queen's University Belfast and lectures in composition at the TU Conservatory of Music and Drama in Dublin.

Her compositional output includes an extensive body of orchestral, choral, vocal, chamber and instrumental works, and her music is used on examination syllabuses around the world. Her choral works have been performed by

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**Bishop Trevor  
and Joyce  
Williams**

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role of sacred  
music in concert  
settings, and explores theological expression in her  
composition. [[www.annemarieofarrell.com](http://www.annemarieofarrell.com)]([http://  
www.annemarieofarrell.com/](http://www.annemarieofarrell.com/))



Trevor and Joyce both come from Dublin and moved to Belfast when Trevor became a Chaplain at Queens University Belfast. After Queen's, Trevor was a producer with BBC Northern Ireland where one of his responsibilities was to produce Choral Evensong from Irish Cathedrals for BBC Radio 3. Following that, Trevor was Rector of several parishes in Northern Ireland, a Canon of St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin, and leader for 10 years of Corrymeela – an ecumenical community committed to reconciliation in Northern Ireland. He became Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe in 2008 and retired in 2014.





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Clontarf Choral Competition aims to encourage the performance and enjoyment of hymnody and religious songs. It takes place in the Church of St John the Baptist, Seafield Road, Clontarf, on Sunday March 3. The junior competition, to which admission is free, is at 3pm, with the senior competition beginning at 7pm and to which admission is €5. Choirs from around Dublin, Meath, Wicklow and Tipperary have entered and will each perform two pieces – one from a set list and the other a choice of their own.

## **World Day of Prayer**

World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

This year services will take place around the world on Friday March 1st

The theme for this year is 'Come Everything is Ready'

This is another wonderful opportunity for Christians of all denominations to come and pray together, sharing their common faith and concerns for the world in which we live.

Worship has been prepared by Christian women of Slovenia. It is a beautiful time of reflection on some of the various issues which are encountered in modern society, which leaves many marginalised and feeling excluded.

All are welcome, as this is a true reflection of the theme for this year.



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A Service will be televised on Sun 24th February on RTE at 11am.

## **Church woman honoured by city**



**Mrs Joan Christie with Chief Executive David Burns and Mayor Uel Mackin during a tree planting ceremony at Lagan Valley Island after she received the Freedom of the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh.**

**Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Co Antrim, Joan Christie, has spoken of her "delight" at being awarded the Freedom of the City of Lisburn and Castlereagh.**

**Mrs Christie accepted the honour - the highest the local authority can bestow - at a special ceremony at Lagan Valley Island, Lisburn on Saturday, in recognition of her**

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**dedication, service and support to the area. Mrs Christie is a member of Agherton Parish, Portstewart.**

## **Magheralin Church shortlisted in RCIS Awards 2019**

The Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity, Magheralin/, has been shortlisted in the 2019 Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) awards for Building Conservation.

An extensive refurbishment project to enhance the building and create a bright, welcoming and flexible worship space was completed in January 2018.

Warmest congratulations to Des Cairns Architecture, who led the design and are in line for the award.

Speaking of their achievement, Des Cairns said:

“My team and I are very honoured to have been shortlisted in the 2019 RCIS Awards for Building Conservation. It was a privilege working with the rector, Select Vestry and congregation of Magheralin on this iconic building. The whole project is a tribute to the vision and courage of the people of the parish and I look forward to seeing how they and the building positively impact the local community.”

Rector of Magheralin, Revd Simon Genoe said:

“Working with Des and his team was crucial for us as they had experience of dealing not only with church buildings but also Christian communities. He understood our attachment to the history of the building but also our need for facilities to minister in the 21st century. We are delighted with the

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results and are enjoying using the building to the glory of God.”

The project is in a category that includes The Mourne Wall Restoration Project, HMS Caroline and Alexandra Dock & Thompson Dock Pump House.

The regional winners winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in the Crowne Plaza Hotel on Thursday 30 May.

You may view a gallery of the refurbished interior here - <https://www.downanddromore.org/gallery/Refurbishment-Magheralin-Church>

## News briefs



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Early bird rate for the @marathonbcm ends next week- register soon! We'll be there this year, raising money for Wenchi Methodist Hospital in Ghana & we'd love you to join us!

✉ Email Laura for more info: [laura.kerr@irishmethodist.org](mailto:laura.kerr@irishmethodist.org)



**+++ Church Army's new resource for Messy Church - is being launched at the C of E General Synod this week.**

**+++This year's Church of Ireland Theological Lecture -** at Queen's University Belfast, sponsored by the Board of Education, will be delivered by the Rev Prof David Wilkinson on Tuesday April 2. The lecture is entitled: Science, Religion and the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence. Early booking advisable. Further information at <https://bit.ly/2EICDwq>

**+++Christian Aid concern for events in Nigeria -** Christian Aid has called for calm amid growing concerns over violence & insecurity in Nigeria, after the country's

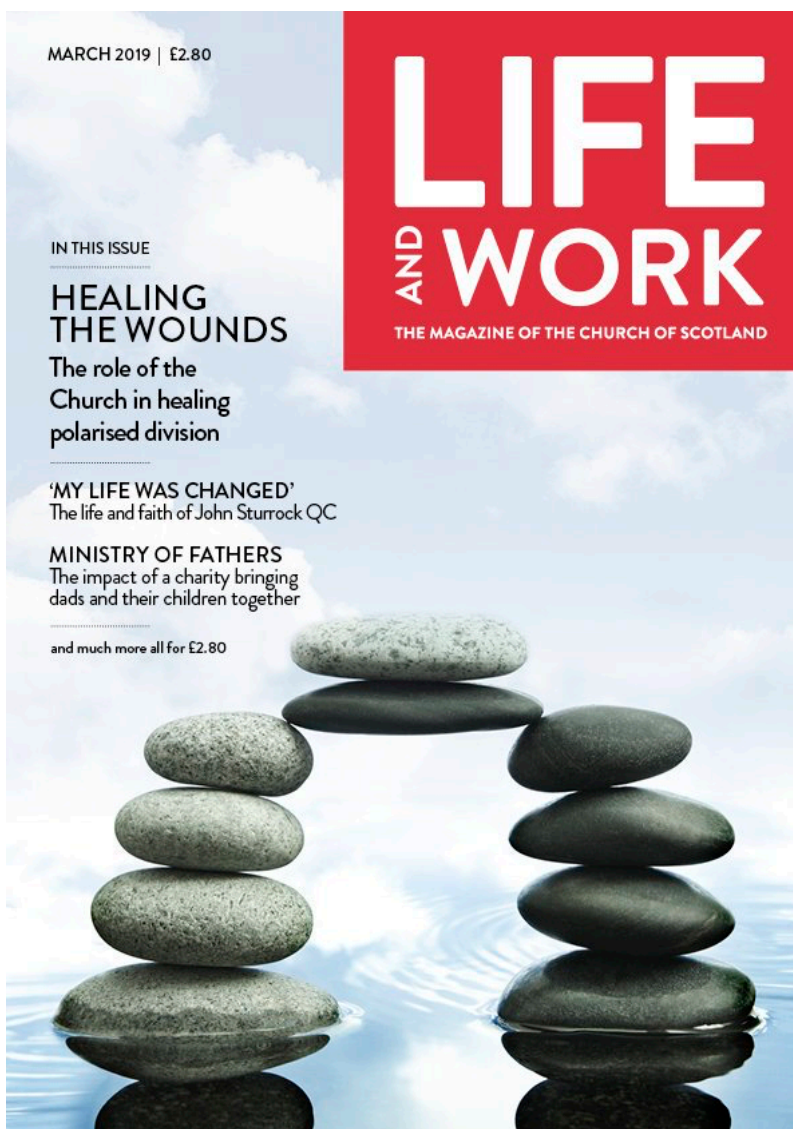
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General Election was postponed only a few hours before polls were scheduled to open on Saturday.

**+++Kilkenny farewell** - On Sunday the choir joined the cathedral community in bidding farewell to Mr David Forde as director of the cathedral choir. David was thanked for all his hard work over the past seven years and wished every blessing in his future endeavours.

**+++Focus on Carnmoney Parish** - This month the clergy of the C of I North Belfast Rural Deanery met together in the vicarage of Carnmoney Parish, where their new Vicar - the Rev'd Andy Heber, and their Curate - the Rev'd Carol

Harvey, talked about the mission and ministries of the Church there. If you'd like to learn more about the history, worship, and activities of Carnmoney Parish see their website



**The Church of Scotland's Life & Work March issue is out now**

Articles include -  
The role of the church in healing division

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John Sturrock QC, mediator with @PlaceforHope

The work of @dadsout

A conference examining the Westminster Confession of Faith ... and much more.

[lifeandwork.org/about-us/curre...](http://lifeandwork.org/about-us/curre...)

## **February 21 in Christian history**

**February 21, 1109:** Anselm, the Archbishop of Canterbury recognized as the "founder of Scholasticism," dies. One of the most profound thinkers of the Middle Ages, his treatise *Why Did God Become Man* was the greatest medieval treatise on the atonement. He is also known for his ontological argument for the existence of God.

**February 21, 1142:** Medieval French philosopher, teacher, and theologian Peter Abelard dies. Perhaps best known for his (chaste) love affair with nun Heloise, Abelard made his most important contribution in establishing a critical methodology for theology. Irritated with some of the unreasoning pietism of other monks, he wrote *Yes and No*, compiling the (sometimes conflicting) sayings of the Bible and church fathers on various controversial subjects.

**February 21, 1173:** Pope Alexander III canonizes Thomas a Becket three years after the Archbishop of Canterbury's martyrdom at the hands of King Henry II's knights.

**February 21, 1431:** Pierre Cauchon, bishop of Beauvais, begins his interrogation of young Joan of Arc. She was eventually condemned as a heretic and burned at the stake.

**February 21, 1801:** John Henry Newman, Anglican leader of the Oxford Movement, is born in London. The movement



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sought to reform the Church of England in a "high church" direction, but Newman left the church in 1845 to become a Catholic—a choice he explained in his *Apologia pro Vita Sua* (1864).

**February 21, 1945:** Eric Liddell, the Scottish Olympian whose story is told in the film *Chariots of Fire*, dies of a brain tumour. In 1925, he had joined the staff of the Anglo-Chinese Christian College in Tientsin, China (his birthplace). He was captured by the Japanese in 1942 and died just before his scheduled release.

**February 21, 2018:** Billy Graham, the most well-known and effective evangelist of the twentieth century, dies at 99. “America’s pastor” preached to millions and saw throngs come to Christ during his evangelistic “crusades” through the United States and across the globe. Graham also advised numerous American presidents and was the driving force behind establishing Evangelicalism as a movement within American Protestant Christianity and beyond.

## **News links**

**Editor's Viewpoint: SF's really put foot in it over top police post**

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/editors-viewpoint/editors-viewpoint-sfs-really-put-foot-in-it-over-top-police-post-37833375.html>

**I won't be 'nodding dog' for party, says axed DUP member Tom Smith who supported LGBT community**

[belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-...](https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-...)

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## [Sinn Fein leader's comments could lead to departures from PSNI claims former top cop](#)

[belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-...](http://belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-...)

## [Varadkar: Children's Hospital cost overrun due to experts underestimating budget needed](#)

[buff.ly/2BH50Dx](http://buff.ly/2BH50Dx)

## [Search launched after WWI medals found in pocket of donated jacket](#)

[thejournal.ie](http://thejournal.ie)

Sweetnam's Memorial Plaque, also known as the 'Dead man's penny', is now on display in Aughadown **Church of Ireland** in Cork where he lived with ...

## [Church of England to convene high-level investor meeting to consider dam safety](#)

Anglicannews

The **Church of England** and a coalition of investors with combined assets of more than £3 trillion GBP have welcomed an announcement on tailings ...

## [Tone deaf! Church of England blasts the BBC for 'marginalising' Songs of Praise by burying it in a ...](#)

Daily Mail

The **Church of England** has accused the BBC of 'marginalising' Songs of Praise ... Addressing the General Synod, the Church's governing body, member ... the lunchtime **news** and is not dislodged by the over-running of any sporting ...

## [Bishop laments 'devastating' loss of Honda plant in Swindon](#)

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... in 2021 has been described as a "devastating blow for the town" by the local **Church of England** bishop. ... Devastating **news** for our community.

## [Cologne's cardinal warns against inventing 'a new Church' | Catholic Herald](#)

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<https://catholicherald.co.uk/news/2019/02/20/colognes-cardinal-warns-against-inventing-a-new-church/>

**Vatican confirms secret Catholic Church guidelines for priests who father children**

CBS News

CBS **News** correspondent Roxana Saberi spoke with him and other ... In 2017, **Ireland's Catholic Church** published ground-breaking guidelines for ...

**British inquiry into church sexual abuse blasts UK's papal nuncio**

A face-off between Britain's papal nuncio and government panel on child sexual abuse is not the first time Vatican diplomats have clashed with their hosts' prosecutors. [More from Religion News Service](#)

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