



## **‘Live to Give’ youth resource encourages generosity**

The Church of Ireland Youth Department has launched *Live to Give* – a resource on generosity, giving and money, and what the Bible has to say about those issues.

The resource has been written by CIYD National Youth Officer Simon Henry, Nicola Brown from the Church of Ireland’s Generous Giving Programme, and Jonny Farrell  
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from Stand By Me – a charity working with children in the developing world.

*Live to Give* seeks to help young people to think seriously about how they give their time, talents and money, to carefully and prayerfully consider how their decisions may affect others, and to learn more of God's generosity. Its four sessions cover:

- 1. Where the heart is** – to explore what brings us joy and happiness, the importance of gratitude, and the challenge of putting God first;
- 2. A God of plenty** – the nature of our generous God who gave everything for us, and what it means to be stewards of what we have been given;
- 3. More than enough** – to look at the ways in which God has equipped young people to make a practical impact for His Kingdom in the world around them;
- 4. Money talks** – covering what we have to give, what happens when we give, and practical tools, advice and biblical principles for handling money.

Simon Henry said: '*Live to Give* is a resource that aims to a blessing to youth leaders and young people alike. It has been wonderful to have partnership at the heart of it, working alongside Jonny and Nicola to create something new to engage young people in following biblical commands to be generous and to serve people with what they have been given.

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‘We really hope this resource will be used widely by groups and to learn and have fun together. The ready to run sessions are very accessible

with a lot of interactive activities, Bible study, prayer challenges and games. I hope and pray that by using this resource, groups will be impacted in their biblical understanding of generosity, giving and money and what a generous God we serve.’

*Live to Give* is free and copies are available from the CIYD offices in Belfast ([028 9082 8890](tel:02890828890)) and Dublin ([01 497 8422](tel:014978422)), and from The Book Well bookshop, in Belfast ([www.thebookwell.co.uk](http://www.thebookwell.co.uk)). Orders can also be placed by email at [admin@ciyd.org](mailto:admin@ciyd.org)

## **Tributes paid to Catholic bishop who focused on ‘plight of asylum seekers’**

Requiem Masses will be held in Dublin and Ennis, Co Clare this week for Bishop Fiachra Ó Ceallaigh, former Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, who died on Sunday aged 84, Patsy McGarry writes in the Irish Times.

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From Ennis, Bishop Ó Ceallaigh joined the Franciscans in 1953, entering the novitiate in [Killarney](#). In 1961 he was ordained in



Rome. He was elected provincial of the Franciscans in [Ireland](#) in 1987.

In 1994 he was ordained an Auxiliary Bishop of Dublin, becoming the first Franciscan to serve as a bishop in Ireland for over 170 years. He retired in 2009.

Archbishop Martin described him as “an outstanding witness to the motto he took on his episcopal appointment ‘Dia Ár Misneach’ (God is our courage), particularly so as he struggled with illness for the last several years since his retirement.”

He also commended his “tireless work promoting the Irish language in the diocese in his work with Coiste Tréadach.”

The Catholic Primate Archbishop [Eamon Martin](#) said he had always heard Bishop Ó Ceallaigh “spoken of as a kind and deeply devout pastor who faithfully served the people of Dublin as auxiliary bishop for 15 years”.

His interest in “the plight of asylum seekers and refugees was always to the fore at Bishops’ meetings,” he



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remembered. He was “a warm and caring man, who despite ongoing illness, was well known for his dedication, wisdom and generosity of spirit,” he said.

His remains will repose at Adam & Eve’s Church on Merchant’s Quay from 4pm today, Wednesday.

Reception of his remains with Archbishop Diarmuid Martin will take place in Adam & Eve’s at 7pm. Requiem Mass (in Irish) will be on Thursday morning at 10.30 in the Pro Cathedral with Fr [Liam O Cuiv](#) as principal celebrant.

On Thursday evening there will also be prayers at the Franciscan Friary in Ennis, Co Clare followed by Requiem Mass there at 11.30 am on Friday. Burial afterwards will be in Lisseycasey.

## **Irish bishops reiterate that Catholic hospitals cannot perform abortions**

The Irish bishops’ conference has published a new code of healthcare ethics restating that Catholic hospitals cannot perform direct abortions.

The Code of Ethical Standards for Healthcare was given to the Irish government earlier this month, when it met with representatives of the bishops’ conference. The government plans to introduce abortion on demand up to 12 weeks before the end of the year.



**Taoiseach of Ireland, Leo Varadkar. The government is currently reviewing funding of voluntary hospitals. The bishops handed a newly released code of ethics to the government earlier last month**

The code applies to up to 20 hospitals connected to religious orders.

The Irish government says it will allow conscientious objection for individual medics and other staff, but not for institutions. The bishops' code argues that the "ethos of a healthcare institute has the character of an 'institutional conscience'".

Leo Varadkar, the taoiseach, said: "Religious bodies are, of course, entitled to come up with their own ethical guidelines but the ones that should be followed in publicly funded hospitals are those of the medical council and that is what I would very much expect to happen.

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“We need to work out a process and a system over the next couple of years when it comes to both health and education to make sure that the approach is one that is more appropriate for a modern country.”

The government is currently reviewing public funding of voluntary hospitals. A report to the health minister, Simon Harris, is due next month.

“My view is that we should separate the Church and state; that the Church should no longer be at the centre of public life, but it shouldn’t be excluded from it either,” Varadkar said.

Harris said in a tweet on July 26 that the provision of legal health services in publicly funded hospitals was “a statement of the obvious”.

“Conscientious objection is for individuals, not institutions,” Harris added.

Angelo Bottone of the pro-life Iona Institute [wrote](#) that, if institutions were not granted conscientious objection rights, a Catholic hospital may have to “refuse public funds and reduce its activities, or to close down its maternity department and continue to offer its services in other areas ... What interest has the state in seeing a service that has been proven useful, if not essential, to a community, discontinued?”

In May the Republic of Ireland voted by 66.4 per cent to 33.6 per cent to repeal the Eighth Amendment protecting unborn life. The government plans to implement laws to legalise abortion up to 12 weeks before the end of the year.

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## **Police probing sectarian attacks at Crumlin church and Limavady chapel**

Vandals have targeted two places of worship in what police are treating as sectarian motivated hate crimes.

White paint was thrown in the grounds of a Presbyterian church in Co Antrim, while in a separate incident sectarian graffiti was daubed on a chapel in Co Londonderry.

Limavady parish priest, Monsignor Brian McCanny, described the attack on St Mary's Chapel in the town as "mindless" and "sinister".

He told the News Letter that 'UVF' and 'UDA' had been written on the church door and other parts of the building, and black paint was also daubed on a crucifix. The attack happened on Tuesday morning.

"It was worrying and distressing for our parishioners to see that sort of thing on their way to Mass this morning," he added.

"I have been at this parish for eight years now and this is the first incident of this kind to take place here.

"My parishioners also tell me that this sort of thing did not even happen here during the Troubles.

"The response of the community has been very good, and I want to give special mention to the two PSNI officers who



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attended and started to remove the paint and help us to clean up.”

The attack has been roundly condemned by politicians from across the divide. Ulster Unionist representative Raymond Kennedy branded the incident “disgraceful” and “deplorable”, adding: “The people of Limavady want nothing to do with antisocial behaviour of any type.”

Sinn Fein MLA Caoimhe Archibald said parishioners and locals are “incensed” by what she described as “nothing more than blatant sectarian vandalism”.

She added: “This attack comes after an increase in the numbers of paramilitary flags being flown and a surge in kerb painting in the town.

“I would urge all elected and community leaders within unionism to show leadership in order to bring an end to the tensions in the area caused by marking territory in this way.”

SDLP MLA John Dallat said those responsible “should be ashamed” of their actions.

“They do not represent the people of East Derry and it will not be tolerated,” the East Londonderry representative added.

Meanwhile, police are also probing a hate crime at Crumlin Presbyterian Church, where vandals caused damage to the car park by throwing white paint.

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The incident happened some time between Saturday lunchtime and Sunday morning.

South Down UUP MLA Steve Aiken said the desecration of any place of worship is “simply unacceptable”.

He told the News Letter: “This is despicable behaviour and should be condemned by all society.

“The fact that these sorts of attacks appear to be on the increase underlines the importance of all political parties to condemn such behaviour outright.”

## **Spiritual Directors trained for Connor diocese**

A number of people in Connor Diocese have completed training in Spiritual Direction in Drumalis, Larne, and would like to offer this service to people in in the diocese.

The training was undertaken by Jeni McAughey, Jean Gascoigne and Arthur Kennedy. It was run by the University of Maynooth and the Manresa Jesuit Centre of Spirituality.

Jeni explained what Spiritual Direction is. “The term can be off-putting, with thoughts that someone is telling you what to do,” she said.

“Maybe accompaniment or companionship might better, but in any case, a Spiritual Director is someone you can meet on a regular basis to talk about your spiritual journey.



“It is allowing someone to come alongside you and share your experiences, difficulties and joys. It has been defined as ‘help given by one

Christian to

another, which enables that person to pay attention to God’s personal communication to him or her.’

“The director is non-judgemental and independent, and meetings are confidential. The emphasis is on listening and supporting in an atmosphere of concern and respect for the other person. It is not a counselling relationship although inevitably problems may be discussed.

“The experiences where we meet God as the basis for discussion in Spiritual Direction and the conversation is a three way process involving director, directee and the Holy Spirit.”

Jeni said that the directee and director agree a contract for meetings, and usually have a couple of meetings initially to see if both feel they can work together.

Jeni added: “We are conscious that others have been offering Spiritual Direction for some years and in fact some of us have attended Church of Ireland Directors in the diocese. We do not seek to take over this ministry but to

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augment it and would hope to build close working relationships with established directors.”

For further information about those offering Spiritual Direction in Connor Diocese, visit the [Support section](#) of this website.

## News briefs

**+++RTÉ Service with Peregryne** - RTÉ 1 will broadcast a Service of music, readings and prayers led by the Peregryne vocal ensemble and instrumentalists, on Sunday, 5th August. Peregryne is directed by Dr Stuart Kinsella, from Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin, and the programme will start at 11.10am.

**+++Erislannan Rededication Service** - A service of Rededication and Thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 5th August at 7.00pm in Holy Trinity, Errislannan, Connemara. The church was maliciously damaged last October and work is nearing completion to restore it to its former glory. The service will bring together members of the local Church of Ireland Omey parish, and the Friends of St Flannan's who have worked tirelessly to restore the church. Incredible support from across the whole country means that this sacred place is once again able to provide a treasured place of tranquility on this peninsula on the western seaboard. The address will be given by the Church of Ireland Bishop of Tuam, Killala and Achonry, the Rt Revd Patrick Rooke, and the Catholic Archbishop of Tuam, the Most Revd Michael Neary will respond. All are welcome. For more details contact Canon Stan Evans on 087 6369473 or [revdstanevans@gmail.com](mailto:revdstanevans@gmail.com)



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**+++The Knights of St Patrick -** Heritage Week highlight! Join Albert Fenton in St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, for a fascinating talk on the history of the Knights of Saint

Patrick. (22 August at 18.15). This event is free but registration required! [https://stpatrickscathedral.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/15817?branches.branchID=1045&\\_ga=2.73223957.786165086.1532937631-2022007546.1532937631](https://stpatrickscathedral.digitickets.co.uk/event-tickets/15817?branches.branchID=1045&_ga=2.73223957.786165086.1532937631-2022007546.1532937631)

**+++Remembering the Miners' Bishop -** Bishop Brooke Foss Westcott died on July 27, 1901. Biblical scholar, & Christian socialist, he's remembered as one of Durham's Miners' Bishops; interceding between pitmen & employers

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during the bitter strike of 1892, and helping found the Durham Aged Mineworkers' Homes Association.

**+++Coolock SVP shop reopens** - Great to see the St. Vincent de Paul Charity Shop in Coolock Village finally reopened again following the devastating fire last September

**+++Train the Trainer days for Safeguarding Trust** - The first in a series of Train the Trainer days for Safeguarding Trust Diocesan Support Teams in the Republic of Ireland took place in Church of Ireland House, Dublin, recently. These days are being held to ensure that all members of the Diocesan Support Teams are up to date with the latest developments in child protection from a State level (arising from the Children First legislation), to brief members on the changes that are being made to the Safeguarding Trust policy, and to review the new training modules that have been developed for staff, volunteers and panel members. It is hoped that these Train the Trainer days will equip the Diocesan Support Teams to continue to deliver quality training within their diocese and support and advice to parishes. The next days will take place – also in Church House, Dublin – on Thursday, 16th August, and Monday, 17th September, with both running from 10.30am to 3.30pm. Members of Diocesan Support Teams can book their place on one of the days by emailing [cpotrainingri@rcbdub.org](mailto:cpotrainingri@rcbdub.org)

**+++US bishop calls for McCarrick to be laicized-** The sexual abuse allegations surrounding now-former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick have prompted some church figures to call for a more thorough reckoning of the US Church's [churchnewsireland@gmail.org](mailto:churchnewsireland@gmail.org)

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clerical sexual abuse policies. With his resignation on July 28 from the College of Cardinals, McCarrick retains the title of archbishop. However, “his prompt reduction canonically to the laity should be strongly deliberated,” said Bishop Michael Olson of Fort Worth, Texas. “As each day passes, we learn that the former cardinal not only allegedly perpetrated abuse against minors but also against subordinates including priests, seminarians and members of the laity. The evil effects of these actions were multiplied by the fact that financial settlements were arranged with victims without transparency or restrictions on the former cardinal’s ministry,” Bishop Olson said. “Justice also requires that all of those in Church leadership who knew of the former cardinal’s alleged crimes and sexual misconduct and did nothing be held accountable for their refusal to act thereby enabling others to be hurt.”



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