



## Limerick Cof I Cathedral goes green



**Limerick Hurling Team are competing in the All-Ireland final and the team in Saint Mary's have shown their support by decorating their Cathedral**

The Dean of Limerick, the Very Revd Niall J Sloane commented, '2018 is a significant year in Limerick for two major institutions. Saint Mary's Cathedral is celebrating its 850th anniversary and the Limerick Hurling Team are competing in the All-Ireland final. #GoingGreenForOurTeam

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have issued all of Limerick with a challenge and we like challenges in the Cathedral!



“The team in Saint Mary’s have decided to decorate the iconic building in support of the Limerick Hurlers and in doing so wish them every blessing as they travel to Croke Park and do our county proud. Luimneach Abú!”

## **10,000 sign petition to stop Fr James Martin speaking at World Meeting of Families**

Over 10,000 people have signed a petition to withdraw an invitation to Fr James Martin from the World Meeting Of Families, the Catholic Herald reports.

The petition, started by the Irish branch of Tradition, Family, Property, opposes Fr Martin’s attendance on the grounds that he “supports transgenderism for children,” and “favours homosexuals kissing during the mass.”

Included with the petition is a letter, sent to Dublin Archbishop Diarmuid Martin, criticising Fr Martin’s support for the pro-LGBT New Ways Ministry organisation.



## **Fr James Martin**

In particular, the letter denounces Fr Martin for having “publicly accepted an award from this group, delivered a talk at their event and subsequently developed this talk into a book.

“Fr Martin is also in disagreement with the Catechism of the Catholic Church’s reference to homosexual inclination as ‘gravely disordered’.

“In this way, he would prevent those with same-sex inclination from arriving at a true understanding of their condition in the light of church teaching and God’s mercy. This is a great disservice to those whom he purports to help.

“We believe that sowing error and confusion should have no place at the World Meeting of Families. For this reason,  
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we strongly request you to disinvite Fr James Martin from speaking at so important an event.”

For his part, Fr Martin insists that he “isn’t bothered” by the “ocean of hate and threats,” which he has received.

“What kind of Jesuit would I be if I let hatred stop me from loving?” he said. “Besides that, homophobia represents a very small percentage of Catholics, and I have the support of my Jesuit superiors, several cardinals, archbishops and bishops, and, also, the majority of the faithful, many of whom have LGBT people in their families.”

“These protesters are not only on the wrong side of history, they’re on the wrong side of the Gospel,” he added.

The organisers of the World Meeting Of Families event have said there will be no change to the current line-up.

## **Diminishing priest numbers signal extensive diocesan changes in Clogher**

The Diocese of Clogher's diminishing number of priests and their increasing age profile have been highlighted ahead of extensive diocesan changes.

In a pastoral letter announcing the changes, diocesan administrator Monsignor Joseph McGuinness noted that for the 37 parishes and 85 churches in the Diocese of Clogher, which encompasses all of Co Monaghan, most of Fermanagh and portions of Tyrone, Donegal, Louth and Cavan, there are just 58 priests in active ministry.

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He said this represented a reduction of about a third in the number of active priests in the diocese in just 20 years.

During the past year alone, the diocese has lost the service of seven priests through death, serious illness and other reasons, and while one new priest was ordained, the letter makes it is clear that the number of active priests in the diocese will continue to decline.

Of the 58 priests who are active in parishes, some 28 of these are over the age of 65, with only seven under the age of 50.

Mgr McGuinness says that "there are obvious implications in this for our ability to sustain the levels of pastoral and sacramental provision which have existed until now, as well as the administrative structures within our diocese".

He calls for more vocations to the priesthood and encourages parents to support a son who shows interest in becoming a priest.

## **Connor churches respond to European Heritage Open Days**

Several churches within the Diocese of Connor will be inviting people to step in and look around on September 8 and 9 as part of European Heritage Open Days (EHOD) 2018.

This year is European Year of Cultural Heritage. The theme for EHOD 2018 is 'The Art of Sharing,' as heritage buildings are shaped by history and people and their authenticity is derived through the connections with community development.

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Over the EHOD weekend, more than 360 heritage buildings and events are opening free of charge.

The churches in Connor taking part over part or all of the weekend are:

- All Saints', Eglantine
- Belfast Cathedral
- Billy Parish Church
- Craigs' Parish Church
- Cushendun Old Church,
- Christ Church, Derriaghy
- Christ Church, Lisburn
- Lisburn Cathedral
- Middle Church, Ballinderry
- St Catherine's, Killead
- St Nicholas', Carrickfergus
- St Cedma's, Larne
- St George's, Belfast
- St Matthew's, Belfast,
- St Peter's, Belfast

## **Four to be made deacon for Down & Dromore**

A service of ordination of deacons will take place in Shankill Parish Lurgan on 26 August at 6.30 pm.

The preacher will be Bishop Grant LeMarquand, formerly Area Bishop for the Horn of Africa and the diocesan Bible Week speaker for 2018.

Bishop Harold Miller will ordain four deacons for internships in the diocese:

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- Peter Hilton for Hillsborough
- Karen Salmon for Shankill
- Jonathan Brown for Dromore Cathedral
- Emma Carson for Magheralin

## **Timetable for Camino de Glendalough 2018 now available**

The timetable for the 2018 Diocesan Camino de Glendalough has been announced. The walks will take place on Sunday September 9. The Camino follows the 30 km route along St Kevin's Way from Hollywood in West Wicklow to Glendalough and participants are welcome to undertake the full walk, which takes around six hours, or join the route along the way for shorter pilgrimages.

The day gets underway with a pilgrim blessing during a service of Holy Communion in St Kevin's Church in Hollywood at 9.00 am. Pilgrims undertaking the full route will be sent out from this service. A service of Holy Communion will take place in St John's Church, Laragh, at 9.30 am.

There will be a bus to bring pilgrims planning to walk from the Wicklow Gap to Glendalough or other shorter routes departing from St John's, Laragh, at intervals during the day. Transport will also be available to bring pilgrims back to Hollywood and Laragh after the concluding service which takes place at the Upper Lake in Glendalough at 5.00 pm.

The Camino de Glendalough is one of Celtic Camino routes which can be counted towards the completion of the Camino de Santiago. Those intending to walk the Camino



de Santiago who have Camino passports can get them stamped in St Kevin's Church in Hollywood and at the end of the walk in Glendalough.

The day will conclude with a short service of thanksgiving and prayer at the Upper Lake in Glendalough at 5pm.

Updates will be available on the Dublin & Glendalough website at: [dublin.anglican.org/about-us/camino-de-glendalough](http://dublin.anglican.org/about-us/camino-de-glendalough) or the Dublin & Glendalough Facebook page.

**The time table for the Camino de Glendalough 2018 is:**

9:00 am: St. Kevin's Church, Hollywood – Pilgrims intending to complete the full St. Kevin's Way of 30km will be sent out with a blessing following a short time of prayer and a



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service of Holy Communion. Please note that the walk is expected to take approximately six hours.

9:30am: St John's Church, Laragh – Service of Holy Communion

10:30am: Pilgrims planning to walk from either Wicklow Gap or around Glendalough, are invited to make their way to St John's Church, Laragh. A minibus will be on hand to take people to Wicklow Gap. Also, if needed, the minibus will drop people to the Holy City.

11:00 am, 12 midday, 1.00 pm and 2.00 pm: St. John's Church, Laragh – A minibus will take pilgrims to Wicklow Gap, where they will be able to take a two hour walk back to Glendalough along St Kevin's way.

5.00pm: Upper Lake, Glendalough – Pilgrims are invited to gather for an outdoor service of thanksgiving and prayer. A minibus will be available to take pilgrims back to Hollywood after this service.

\* Please feel free to join at any time throughout the day. The key aim is to be at the Upper Lake at 5.00pm.

\* The minibus will be available to transport people from Laragh to Glendalough throughout the day.

## News briefs

**+++ Methodist President's prayers for Omagh** - Rev Billy Davison - On the 20th anniversary of the Omagh bomb, the prayers and sympathies of the Methodist Church surround the families of all who were so deeply affected by this

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atrocities. We pray that God's peace and comfort will continually support them.

**+++Finaghy in Portsmouth Cathedral** - The choir of St. Polycarp's, Belfast, visited Portsmouth Cathedral for the choir's eighth annual summer tour, singing Choral Evensong on July 23 and 24.

**+++Church Army magazine offer** - "Reading our Catalyst magazine really gives you a picture of how your support makes a real difference in people's lives. Let us know you'd like a copy & we can pop the next edition in the post to you: <http://ow.ly/rVAs30ldvyV> "

**+++Charles Wood Festival Armagh** - The 2018 Senior Organ Competition is underway with 13 competitors from 6 European countries and China competing for a range of prestigious recitals, monetary awards and the inaugural Dame Gillian Weir Medal. Best wishes to them

**+++West Cork History Festival** - Next Thursday the West Cork History Festival, of which the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Dr Paul Colton, is a Patron, will begin in Skibbereen. The programme will include a Dunmanway double bill with the rector, the Revd Cliff Jeffers, screening a documentary on the town's community bells, and a talk by Kieran Connolly on one of Dunmanway's most famous sons, Sam Maguire. Dr Andy Bielenberg will speak on 'Disappearances in Co Cork 1920-22 and the case of Mrs Lindsay' and Cal Hyland on 'Considering the Situation of Protestants in West Cork, 1920-22'.

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**+++Summer Music at Sandford** - continues in Sandford parish church, Ranelagh, on Friday at 1.10pm when there will be a recital by Anna-Louise Costeilo (mezzo-soprano) and Aileen Cahill (piano).

**+++Voices Pope Francis Will Not Hear** - Wijngaards Institute at TCD School of Religion presents "Voices Pope Francis Will Not Hear" Monday, August 20th reception 5.30pm (room G6) Panel event 6.00pm (room G16) Trinity School of Religion, ISE-Loyola Institute Building Trinity College Dublin

**+++ Pray for Zambia** - Pray for the economy, for growth and diversification away from copper as the main source of income. Give thanks that Zambia has experienced peace throughout its existence, and pray for stability. Give thanks that the rainy season was adequate and pray for a good harvest. From CMS Ireland day prayer on Tweeter

**+++Buying Justice: an exploration of ethical shopping** - Are you 18-35yrs and interested in issues of Social Justice? YCW & Society of African Missions (SMA) invites you to "Buying Justice": an exploration of Ethical Shopping on Wednesday 5th Sept. at 7.00pm in St. Paul's Church, Arran Quay, Dublin 7 [#Ethicalshopping](#) [#SocialJustice](#)



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