



## **Mothers' Union chief describes alarm at seeing Parliament crash fallout**

The chief executive of international Christian charity Mothers' Union has told Premier of her alarm at witnessing the aftermath of a crash outside Parliament yesterday which police are treating as a terrorist incident.

Bev Jullien described making her daily jog along Whitehall on Tuesday morning before being met by clusters of police

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cars and ambulances by the Palace of Westminster at around 7.50am

Ten minutes earlier, a silver-coloured Ford Fiesta collided with several pedestrians and cyclists before crashing into a security barrier outside the Houses of Parliament.

Bev Jullien said she felt "alarmed" by what she saw and, referring to the injured, she said: "We will be holding them in our prayers at midday today.

"We will continue to pray for the victims.

"We will give thanks for the emergency services.

"I think we will continue to be vigilant.

The Bishop of London said she was praying for those injured in the crash - two of whom have been taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

A man in his 20s has been arrested.

Rt Rev Sarah Mullally also praised officers, ambulance crews and firefighters who responded.

She tweeted: "Praying for all those affected by the incident in Westminster this morning.

"Thank you to our first responders and emergency services."

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According to Scotland Yard, there was nobody else in the vehicle at the time of the crash and no weapons were discovered.

## **Belfast prayers on Omagh Bombing anniversary**

Prayers will be said in St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast, today, Wednesday August 15, the 20th anniversary of the Omagh bomb.

There will be special prayers at services during the day for all the victims and survivors of this and other acts of terror.

Thirty-one candles, one for each of those who died including unborn twins, will be lit at the day's first service at 8.10am.

The candles will sit symbolically at the base of the Cathedral's Spire of Hope. Members of the public are welcome to come to the Cathedral for quiet prayer and to light their own candle of remembrance any time during the day.

At 3.10pm, the time the Real IRA bomb exploded on a busy Saturday afternoon in Omagh 20 years ago, there will be a two minute silence, followed by prayers.

The Dean of Belfast, the Very Rev Stephen Forde, said: "I remember the day of the bombing well. We had been in Donegal and were planning to stop in Omagh that afternoon and were driving towards the town. It was some

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time before we understood why so many ambulances and police vehicles were passing us on the road that day and why we were diverted away from the town.

“Later that week I was involved in cross–community ecumenical services in Dublin where I was rector, held to remember the victims.

“In marking this anniversary, we acknowledge that this was the worst single atrocity of the Troubles, and in our prayers we remember all lives lost during those years.”

The Cathedral will close at 5pm on Wednesday and there will be no Choral Evensong.

## **New WMOF2018 Twitter emoji welcomes Pope Francis to Ireland**

Yesterday, August 14, a new emoji celebrating this historic visit of Pope Paul to Ireland was triggered using the following hashtags: #PopeInIreland, #PápaInÉirinn, #WMOF2018 and #FestivalofFamilies.

Twitter has previously unveiled similar emojis to celebrate the Pope visiting the United States and Latin America. The emoji is an acknowledgement that the visit of Pope Francis for WMOF2018 is being closely watched by people all over the world, and especially in Ireland. The emoji includes an image of Pope Francis in front of the Irish flag.

Commenting on the special Twitter emoji, Karen White, Director of Public Policy for Europe, said, ‘The visit of Pope Francis is one of the biggest events happening in Ireland



this year and naturally many people will be using Twitter to discuss his time here. We want to encourage everyone across the world to

join the conversation on Twitter about his visit to Ireland, so we've created this special emoji for people to use.'

Brenda Drumm, Media & Communications Manager for World Meeting of the Families 2018, welcomed the new emoji saying, 'Pope Francis himself is a Tweeting Pope with millions of followers on Twitter. This Pope emoji is a wonderful way to connect the conversation on Twitter about Pope Francis' visit to Ireland for our global gathering of families at WMOF2018. We're excited to see the Irish version of a Pope emoji being launched as we previously saw how well the American and Latin American emojis were received on his visits there.'

Pope Francis will visit Ireland to take part in the ninth World Meeting of Families, which takes place in Dublin from 21–26 August on the theme, 'The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World'. The full schedule for the World Meeting of Families and the itinerary for Pope Francis' visit, as well as

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information regarding transport and for those with accessibility requirements can be found on [www.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie).

## **Scottish island of 650 people seek faithful minister for 'Hawaii of the North'**



### **Tiree Parish Church manse**

The Isle of Tiree has been without a minister at Tiree Parish Church for two years, but a member and a pastor nearby say it's worth joining them.

Since the previous pastor left, the congregation of around 20-30 on Sundays have had visiting speakers from the mainland who often stay in the manse for a fortnight and preach for two Sundays and then return home.

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Ian MacKinnon, a member of the church who has lived on the island since he was a toddler, said their visiting speakers were good but the arrangement wasn't ideal: "It's quite a challenge, we've been supplied with very able preachers Sunday by Sunday... some of the members of the congregations have taken services as well but we are fully aware of our limitations!"



**Tیره Parish Church was built in 1902 but the island has a long Christian tradition going back to St Columba and his companion Beithene, who was the abbot on Tیره in the 6th century AD**

"We'd like to have somebody who is a leader, a spiritual leader, in the community because we feel the island is in need of it and it's very much to our detriment not having one."

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When asked why it's been hard to fill the vacancy, he said: "It's not everyone's cup of tea at the end of the day because people here are quite isolated."

He added that another factor was the wide range of backgrounds that exist in the congregation: "We are the only established Church of Scotland on Tiree... we work very closely with the local baptist church and there's another home church as well, a small home community, but by and large we cater for the island parish and it's difficult because in our services and during our worship we have people from a Catholic faith, someone from the Episcopal church, Church of England, we've got Methodist and traditional Church of Scotland - so it's a broad church, so it's not the kind of place that would suit everyone."

Explaining his ideal candidate, he said: "Ideally we'd be looking for somebody with a bit of experience in parish ministry in teaching the gospel, we're a fully traditional community and those of us who are church attendants are still fairly traditional but are looking to be brought into the more modern form of worship."

Tiree has a population of about 650 so "there is a 'lack of confidentiality as well," he added.

The isle also has another church, Tiree Baptist Church, who they often team up with for services. Their minister, Alan Millar, has been there 5 years and told Premier he would love a partner in the gospel.

"It is very different in one way from the mainland in the sense that... there is no escape - you're there 24/7 on the



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island and culturally it's very, very different from the mainland," Millar explained.

Describing who he would like to see join him in mission, Millar said: "Really someone that's got a heart for people and prepared to take time to get to know them and to get to know the island. You just can't come in and assume you know what it's like. So it's someone who loves the Lord Jesus and has got a heart for people."

## News briefs

**+++12<sup>th</sup> Canon of Christchurch Cathedral** - The Revd Leonard Ruddock has been appointed 12th Canon of Christ Church Cathedral, Dublin. The Rector of Blessington Union of Parishes (Diocese of Glendalough) has been appointed by the Archbishop in succession to Canon George Butler who retired in July.

Announcing the appointment, Archbishop Michael Jackson said that he was delighted that Leonard Ruddock had accepted his invitation to become a Canon of Christ Church. "Leonard has contributed significantly to the parochial, spiritual and community life of West Wicklow. He is known and loved by all in Blessington and I wish him and his family all that is best in their future contribution and service to everyone in the parish and wider community," he stated.

Dean of Christ Church, the Very Revd Dermot Dunne, welcomed the appointment. "I am very happy with the appointment of Leonard Ruddock as the 12th canon on the cathedral Chapter. Leonard is an esteemed colleague

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whom I regard as a dear friend. I know that he will bring his own unique and enduring style to bear on the chapter and I very much look forward to working with him in the future as the cathedral continues in a phase of renewal



and evangelism in the heart of the city of Dublin,” he stated.

Leonard Ruddock said he was honoured to be appointed a Canon. “I am delighted to be invited by the Archbishop to be a Canon of Christ Church Cathedral. I look forward to working with the Cathedral community in this new role,” he commented.

Leonard began studying for the auxiliary ministry while running his retail business in Roscrea and was ordained in 1994 to serve in the Roscrea Group of Parishes (Limerick and Killaloe). He transferred to full time ministry in 2006 and served as Curate in Stillorgan and Blackrock (Dublin) from 2006 to 2008. He has been Rector of Blessington Union of Parishes since 2008 and Rural Dean of West Glendalough since 2010. He is a member of Diocesan Councils. Leonard is married to Hazel and they have a family of two, Gary and Amanda.

Leonard will be installed, along with the Revd Gary Hastings who was appointed Canon Treasurer at the end of

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June, on Sunday September 16 at Choral Evensong at 3.30 pm.

**+++New Pastoral Assistant at Holy Trinity Drumbo** - The parish has announced the appointment of Mr Jack Wilson as their new Pastoral Assistant. Jack will be responsible for the exciting and growing youth and community work in Holy Trinity Ballylesson. "We will unleash a Summer Session of the Youth Club on him this Friday night before he officially starts on Monday 20th August!" There will be a service of introduction during our morning worship service on Sunday 2nd September at 11am.

**+++Charles Wood Festival Armagh organ competition** - It was an astonishing day of organ music on Monday as 13 organists competed in the 8th Senior Category competition. The results were:  
1st: Johannes Krahl (19), Leipzig  
2nd: Pierre-Francois Purson (21), Caen  
3rd: Alex Little (21), Oxford  
Inaugural Dame Gillian Weir Medal: Donal McCann (19), Cambridge  
Bach Prize: Alex Little (21), Oxford  
Highly Commended:  
Ilaria Centorrino (19), Italy  
George Herbert (17), Manchester  
Bravo to all prize winners and all of the competitors in this category of the world's leading competition for organists aged 21 and under.

**+++Celebrate Wales as a place of hope** - Let's celebrate Wales as a place of hope, culture, welcome and loving families, said the Archbishop of Wales during his visit to the

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National Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay. The Archbishop, John Davies, and the Bishop of Bangor, Andy John, visited the Eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay this week. They hosted an event on child poverty with the Children's Commissioner for Wales, Dr Sally Holland, and joined in worship at the Cytun tent. The Archbishop signed the Big Shift petition at the Christian Aid tent and broke his way out of their 'bank vault'. He talked about homelessness at the Shelter Cymru tent and wrote a message of welcome to refugees at the Welsh Refugee Coalition stand.

**+++Former Australian archbishop spared jail for concealing child sex abuse** - A former Australian archbishop, the most senior Catholic cleric in the world convicted of concealing child sex abuse, was spared jail on Tuesday when he was ordered to serve his one-year sentence at home. Newcastle Court Magistrate Robert Stone allowed Philip Wilson, 67, to serve his detention at home after an assessment by prison authorities due to a range of health issues, including heart disease, faced by the former archbishop. Wilson was ordered to begin serving his detention on Tuesday in New South Wales state and would be eligible for parole in February 2019, the court said, without disclosing the address of where he would be held.



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