



**Yesterday the Church of Ireland commemorated Charles Inglis, a son of a priest in the Diocese of Raphoe, and first Anglican bishop in British North America. “We rejoice in his witness and legacy, building and establishing Anglicanism in the territories that would become Canada”.**

## Moderator to attend State reception for Pope Francis

The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, the Right Rev Dr Charles McMullen, has accepted an invitation from the Irish Government to the State reception it is holding for Pope Francis in Dublin Castle on Saturday 25 August.

Pope Francis will be in the Republic of Ireland for the final two days of the World Meeting of Families (25-26 August). Dr McMullen will also be present, at the personal invitation of Archbishop Eamon Martin, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, at the 'Festival of Families' in Croke Park that evening, which Pope Francis will attend.

Speaking from Jordan, where he is on a 10-day visit *meeting church leaders, mission partner organisations and those working with them*, Dr McMullen said that he was very much looking forward to attending both events and meeting Pope Francis. "I am sure that many people, both in the Roman Catholic Church and outside of it, are excited and looking forward to the visit next week."

"Back in March, at the time of the formal confirmation of the visit, as a Church we recognised that this would be something that would bring great joy to our Roman Catholic neighbours and friends and as such it was something that we wanted to welcome. The visit of Pope Francis to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families will greatly enhance the affirmation of the place of the family at the heart of society and that has to be a good thing. I am personally very

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pleased that our Church has been able to accept the invitation to the reception and I am looking forward to it. Should there be an opportunity to meet Pope Francis in Dublin Castle, I would also very much welcome that in the context of building good relations.”

## **‘Omagh’s spirit of unity and love will endure’: Presbyterian minister**

The unity and love that existed in Omagh prior to the terrorist bomb atrocity has endured and will ensure a bright future for the town, a Presbyterian minister has said following the 20th anniversary commemoration, the Newsletter reports

On Wednesday afternoon, hundreds of people gathered on the spot in Market Street where the Real IRA device detonated in August 1998 killing 29 people, including a woman pregnant with twins, and wounding many more.

Clergy from the major Christian denominations took part in the service, which included prayers, hymns and reflections.

A bell was rung 32 times to reflect each life which was lost in Omagh, and once for all the victims of the Troubles. The tolling finished at 3.10pm, the time at which the bomb exploded.

The street then fell silent for two minutes in remembrance.

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Afterwards, Rev Jane Nelson of First Omagh Presbyterian Church described the service as poignant and a cause for hope.

“I got a real sense of peace and unity from the crowd as we stood together shoulder to shoulder, and of the love that exists in Omagh. A love that existed in Omagh before the bomb and continued afterwards,” she said.

“But also there was a sense of hope, with young children there who have no memory of the atrocities that many of us had to live through during the Troubles, and a sense of expectation that together we can make a difference, and make a change for the good for all the people in our society.

“And there was certainly a sense of solidarity with all victims, and all of those who have been bereaved through war, terror and violence, here in Northern Ireland and across the world.”

Rev Nelson said the media coverage of the anniversary commemorations had showcased the resilience of those whose lives were shattered by the massive blast – many who have continued to make the most of life’s opportunities.

“I was very moved by the stories that people shared with me of young lives that were damaged through loss of limb or loss of sight and yet those young people are now in their thirties with families, with businesses, with careers and opportunities, and they are moving forward, not wanting it to overshadow them.”

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Rev Nelson also paid tribute to Church of Ireland rector Rev Ian Linton, co-chair of the Omagh Churches' Forum, who helped plan Wednesday's service along with Fr Eugene Hasson.

"It was a beautiful service," she said. "The good relations that there are between the clergy here in Omagh mean they are able to show a united front in supporting and caring for one another in Christ's name in the town.

"I felt that it was a very poignant service, organised by the Omagh Churches' Forum, which provided an opportunity for the whole community to come together. It was very significant that we gathered at the site of where the bomb was detonated 20 years ago, and that we paused in silence to reflect upon the lives lost and the lives that were shattered as a result of that atrocity," Rev Nelson added.

Richard Scott, a retired police officer that attended the scene in 1998, read the poem Reality, which was written by Tracey and Paula Skelton, who lost their mother Mena in the bomb.

Fr Kevin Mullan, one of the final speakers, addressed the bombers directly.

"Come you who 20 years ago did this to Omagh, please come back once more among us to this market place, which you tore up with your bomb, to this street and its shops where you left our relatives, friends and visitors broken, bleeding, dead," he said. "



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You were not afraid then. Come with your tears, and do not be afraid now.”

## **Buncrana service**

Six hours later, and almost 50 miles away, hundreds gathered in Buncrana for a cross-community, open-air service which remembered the three local boys and two young Spanish visitors to Buncrana who died in the Omagh bombing. The Buncrana victims had been on a day trip to the Ulster American Folk Park – and then Omagh – when they were caught in the blast.

The Buncrana service was held just yards from the homes of 12-year old Shaun McLaughlin and 8-year old Oran Doherty, who died along with 12-year old James Barker, 12-year old Fernando Blasco Baselga and 24-year old Rocio Abad Ramos. Fernando, who came from Madrid, had been on an exchange programme in Donegal and 24 year old Rocio was one of the group leaders.

The service was led by the Parish Priest of Buncrana, Fr Francis Bradley, the Priest-in-Charge of Fahan Upper and Fahan Lower Church of Ireland, the Rev Judi McGaffin, and Buncrana priest Fr John Walsh. Also taking part were Drumquin Parish Priest Fr Kevin Mullan – who had participated in the commemorative service in Omagh earlier the same afternoon – and Mr Dominic Pinto, one of the consultant surgeons who treated casualties of the atrocity (he also attended both services).

As darkness fell on Buncrana, candles were lit for the victims of the bombing. Among the prayers said was one in

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Spanish recited by Paula Mahon, a Spanish woman who had helped organise the exchange programme and who now lives in Buncrana. The victims of this week's bridge-collapse in Genoa were also remembered.

The large gathering included two men who had lost close relatives in the Omagh bombing. Michael Gallagher (whose son Aidan was killed) and Stanley McComb (who lost his wife Ann) had travelled from Tyrone to show solidarity with the Buncrana families.

## **Celtic symbolism to feature on papal vestments**

The green vestment to be worn by Pope Francis during the papal mass in Phoenix Park is adorned with a Celtic symbol to represent his historic visit to Ireland.

The sacred item was designed and manufactured especially for the Phoenix Park mass by family-run business Haftina, based in Poland, and the liturgy committee of the World Meeting Of Families.

The papal vestment has a triple Celtic spiral that is associated with Irish ancient manuscripts while some 70 bishops, who will be involved in the papal mass, will wear similar vestments.

The historic cross that will face the pope on the altar is designed to tell the story of the passion and resurrection of Jesus.



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Fr Damian McNiece, Master of Ceremonies, said: "We wanted something distinctively Irish and to narrate the story of the resurrection of Jesus.

"I was out with Archbishop (Diarmuid) Martin at a small intimate mass in Dublin and they had this cross at the altar. I was completely taken by it.

"It's a penal cross from the year 1763 and is carved from little bits of wood but it's a much loved thing and has been held in so many hands.

"It's designed to tell the story of the passion and resurrection of Jesus."



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He also said that the liturgy team wanted to create vestments that would stand the test of time and be a gift of the Irish church for major celebrations in the future.

The papal mass will be celebrated in Phoenix Park at the edge of Dublin city centre on Sunday 26 August 26 with around 500,000 people expected to attend.

Communion will be distributed from some 4,000 Eucharist ciboria and around 200 chalices - with Celtic logos - during the mass.

Fr McNiece said they would be sold on to parishes around Ireland in the hope of "recouping some of the costs".

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## **Pope 'street party' in Limerick city hopes to keep All-Ireland buzz going**

Organisers of next week's Pope "street party" are hoping the buzz surrounding the All-Ireland final will continue to roll on.

To mark the launch of Pope Francis' visit to Ireland, the Limerick Diocesan office will kick off the outdoor festivities next Tuesday at St John's Square, starting at 3.30pm.

The special event will be launched by Olive Foley, the wife of the late Anthony Foley, and founder of the Children's Grief Centre, Sr Helen Culhane.



St John's Square will be pedestrianised for the event, which will have food-stalls, face-painting, music and magic shows.

The street feast will be followed by an evening prayer service at St Johns Cathedral, led by Bishop Brendan Leahy and Church of Ireland Bishop of Killaloe, Kenneth Kearon.

Limerick Diocesan World Meeting of Families delegate, Emer Williams said it is going to be a time "we are never going to forget in Limerick".

"Tens of thousands will head there this weekend for the All-Ireland Final and I can only imagine what the atmosphere is going to be like next week here. Win or lose, there'll be a carnival atmosphere in Limerick.

"We'll keep that going on Tuesday with our Street Party. There's a fantastic fun afternoon planned for John's Square. It's all geared towards the family and all, of course, free. Then we move across the St. John's Cathedral where there will still be a celebratory tone, a spiritual celebration.

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“Then we head back to Dublin for events at the RDS, Croke Park and the Phoenix Park. It’s going to be such a special, special time and I have no doubt that we will all be, and the Church will be, very much enriched at the end of it all,” she said.

Limerick Diocese is one of only a handful of dioceses across the country that will have a stand at the RDS international exhibition as it showcases its pastoral activity.

Bishop Leahy will chair a session, entitled Handing on the Faith in the Home Today on Wednesday.

Caherdavin native Noirin Lynch will chair a panel on Wednesday also, on Christian families from troubled parts of the world. Larry de Cléir from the Bedford Row Family Project will be on a panel discussing on the Impact of Conflict on Families and Children, as will Christine Hoctor, chaplain in Limerick Prison.

Dr Jesse Rodgers, one of the moderators of the Limerick Diocesan Synod and from the Faculty of Theology in Maynooth, is a participant in a number of workshops. Olive Foley will speak on a panel, which will also include rugby legend Ronan O’Gara, on Celebrating Family and Sport. Report courtesy The Limerick Leader

## **Street pastors assist Cork Leaving Cert revellers with 'dozens' of pairs of flip flops**

A voluntary organisation comprised of seven different religious denominations took to the streets of Cork last

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night for the Leaving Certificate celebrations in order to assist young people who were in difficulty after the festivities, Olivia Kelleher reports in the Irish Examiner.

Members of the Cork Street Pastors team gave out dozens of pairs of flip flops to inebriated or tired young girls who were unable to walk in their heels.

However, co ordinator of the night patrol, David Hoey, told the Neil Prendeville show on Cork's Red FM that the situation was better than when they first started their work in 2012.

"What we noticed was that the vast majority of the young girls had flat shoes with them. That wasn't something



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we saw before. They came out prepared with flat shoes. That is a big thing getting home safely.

"I think things have improved a wee bit. The drink culture is there. It is something the country has taken to and I would like to see that change. It is a societal thing. I am not sure how to address that best."

The Street Pastors organisation was established in Brixton in London fifteen years ago. It has over 9,000 volunteers in the UK and other countries including Ireland.

David Hoey and his team of volunteers go out every Saturday night and during Rag and Fresher's week to help young people who are experiencing problems on the streets after a night out.

Mr Hoey says they focus on teenagers who are in vulnerable situations.

"That could be anything from somebody losing a mobile phone or getting disconnected from their friends having had a few drinks. Get a bit concerned up to an assault or anything else. Mostly what we were doing last night when a couple of them were getting sick you just look after them, you get their friends to stay with them.

"You wipe them up and clean them up. Give them flop flops. Last night we gave out dozens of flip flops so they could walk home safely and not over the broken glass."

Mr Hoey says volunteers have a good relationship with doormen on pubs and nightclubs. They often connect people back up with their friends with the assistance of nightclub staff.



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"We would never leave people alone because we are aware that there are predatory people around."

Mr Hoey says the city would benefit from a triage unit on the Grand Parade at weekends so that young people could be assisted on site rather than going to the A and E unit in the Mercy Hospital.

Three to six volunteers go out on Saturday nights in Cork.

They are Garda vetted for their work. Further information can be obtained at <https://www.facebook.com/CorkStreetPastors/>

## **Another video by West Cork C of I Parish to celebrate recent Garden Fete**

The annual Durrus Fete is one of the biggest family event in West Cork. Held every year in the garden of the Rectory of the Church of Ireland in Durrus, the Fete is one of the highlights of the Summer season.

Thanks to a hard-working team, and massive community support, this event has grown in popularity over the last decade, and visitor numbers attending have now reached no fewer than 1,250 adults and 700 children on the day of the Fete. The Durrus Fete is today one of the major West Cork Festivals.

The Fete is unique in being a hugely successful community event that relies entirely on a willing team of volunteers who erect the marquees, bake for the cake stall, fund-raise to assist with costs, and who then staff the stalls during the Fete, before dismantling everything in the following days.

The video is a celebration of the day.

## **2018 Durrus Fete**

<https://vimeo.com/285146563>

You might even spot Amanda Willoughby, wife of Canon Paul Willoughby, enjoying a turn on one of the bouncing castles!

The rector, Canon Paul Willoughby, said the following, after the Fete;

“Our deepest thanks to everyone who came along and supported us at our annual garden fete. We were blessed with a lovely day and are truly thankful. As always, we are truly grateful to parishioners for their support on the day and for their help and hard work in setting things up and taking it all down again. We are also grateful to those who help behind the scenes in very many ways. Thank you so much to the Bantry business community for their very generous support without whom we would not be able to survive. We would also like to express specific specific thanks to Locallink (formerly West Cork Rural Transport) for the free Park and Ride bus service, Durrus & District Community Council for allowing us to use the pitch for parking Meals on Wheels (Bantry) for allowing us to use their wonderful kitchen facilities to prepare all the food and Bantry Red Cross for looking after the safety of our visitors and guests. Our thanks also to the local community, The Gardai and the local residents for their invaluable assistance and kindness to us this and every year. Needless to say thanks are due to Sam Hunter and Frans Steilberg for the video production.”

## News briefs

### **+++London Choir in Belfast Cathedral this weekend -**

London based choir Vivamus for Choral Evensong at 5.30pm on Friday August 17 and Saturday August 18, and at Sunday services at 11am and 3.30pm. Vivamus is a small chamber choir whose members are predominantly post-graduate students and young professionals. The choir enjoys singing a diverse and challenging range of repertoire from well-known classics to new works by living composers. Recently, Vivamus has performed a number of sell-out concerts in St Martin-in-the-Fields, sung the services at Lincoln Cathedral and frequently performs at St James', Piccadilly. The choir has also sung in St John's, Smith Square, with The London Mozart Players and with Emma Johnson. Everyone is welcome at any of these services.

### **+++Reconcilers Together Network - Corrymeela** is to be

part of a new network of Christian centres of reconciliation across Ireland and Britain called "Reconcilers Together". Together they are offering a fully funded six-month course "Journey of Hope" (two full days per month) on reconciliation for church workers/leaders, beginning in January 2019. They are recruiting 20 people from across Ireland and Britain for this course. Corrymeela are in this project together with St. Ethelburga's, Bridge Builders, Rose Castle, Blackley Centre, Coventry Cathedral Reconciliation Ministry & Place for Hope. Further details are here. Fill in the simple interest form and you'll get details of dates and locations.

<https://www.reconcilerstogether.co.uk/leadership-training>

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**+++Tea on the Lawn - The Moville Group** of Parishes is offering 'Tea on the Lawn for All' who come calling in Moville this Sunday 19th August. Visitors will be most welcome - but so will our parishioners. Tea will be served in a marquee in the beautiful garden of St Columb's Church, Moville, right after the 12 noon service. Ah, ye will. G'wan, g'wan, g'wan, g'wan, G'WAN!

**+++Children's Ministry** - Some great training videos are available from the Church of Ireland Children's Ministry.

<https://www.facebook.com/582988091737239/posts/some-great-training-videos-are-available-from-the-church-of-ireland-childrens-mi/1804460746256628/>

**+++Interfaith reflection and prayer for the planet** - in Christ Church Cathedral Dublin on the eve of the visit of Pope Francis

<https://www.facebook.com/582988091737239/posts/interfaith-reflection-and-prayer-for-the-planet-in-christ-church-cathedral-dubli/1805132556189447/>

**+++DCU Chaplain Philip McKinley** - is to speak at TEDxFullbrightDublin next month.

<https://www.facebook.com/DublinandGlendalough/posts/dcu-chaplain-philip-mckinley-is-to-speak-at-tedxfullbrightdublin-next-month/1804899729546063/>

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