

**Pope's  
Irish  
home  
being  
cleared  
by  
Jesuits  
for  
possible  
sale**



Buildings where Pope Francis lived when studying English in Ireland are being cleared of tenants while the Jesuits consider the possible sale of the site, The Irish Catholic reports.

Worldpriest, the Le Chéile Schools Trust and the Irish Homeopathic Institute are just some of the groups who have had to vacate the complex at Milltown Park in the

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Ranelagh area of Dublin in recent weeks, with the Sandford Language Institute scheduled to leave in September.

## **Buildings**

“The Jesuits in Ireland are considering future options regarding some land and buildings, in light of the closure of the Milltown Institute in Milltown Park,” a spokesperson for the Irish Jesuit province told The Irish Catholic.

“At present, there is a national primary school in temporary accommodation on the site, and the buildings are being used by some Jesuit apostolates,” the spokesperson continued, pointing to how several prefabs connected to St Mary’s National School are currently located at Milltown Park, which also houses Ireland’s largest Jesuit community and adjoins Gonzaga College.

Pope Francis, then Fr Jorge Bergoglio SJ, arrived at Milltown in January 1980, living there for three months while he studied English nearby. Then aged 43, he had just completed a seven-year spell as provincial of the Jesuit order in Argentina, which was ruled at the time by a military junta that remained in power until 1983. During his time at Milltown, then a thriving international hub of Jesuit activity, he attended daily prayers, dined, and mingled with his fellow Jesuits, and studied in his room.

The overall campus, including both Milltown Park and Gonzaga College, is 19 acres in size, and local estate agents estimate that subject to suitable planning permissions, the property excluding the college could fetch a significant sum.

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As yet, however, the Jesuits have made no formal steps towards such a sale, saying: “For the moment no long-term lettings are being made in order to leave open possible future options for the land and buildings.

“Any disposal would require various permissions, none of which have been sought.”

## **US Anglican protest at splitting and deportation of migrant families**

A thousand Episcopalians, at least two for every one female incarcerated at the Hutto Detention Center in rural Texas, stood under the blistering sun July 8 in public witness to the actions of the U.S. government in its enforcement of immigration policies that have separated families over the last couple of months and have led to roundups of migrants and deportations.

“We do not come in hatred, we do not come in bigotry, we do not come to put anybody down, we come to lift everybody up. We come in love, we come in love because we follow Jesus and Jesus taught us love,” said Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, in his sermon during the noontime Prayer of Vision, Witness and Justice held in sight of the Hutto Detention Facility here.

“Love the lord your god and love your neighbor,” Curry said, and his list of neighbors included liberal, conservative, Democrat, Republican, Independent, the neighbor one likes and the neighbor one doesn’t like, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Palestinian, Israeli, refugee, immigrant and prison



**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry preached a sermon of “love God, love neighbour” to more than 1,000 people during a Prayer of Vision, Witness and Justice near the T. Don Hutto Detention Center, where 500 females are housed, in Taylor, Texas.**

guard. “Love your neighbour,” Curry shouted, to the crowd responding, “yes.”

“We come in love,” he said.

An ad hoc planning team lead by the Rev. Winnie Varghese, director of justice and reconciliation at Trinity Church Wall Street, and the Megan Castellan, rector of St. John’s Episcopal Church in Ithaca, New York, organized the prayer service in partnership with Grassroots Leadership, an Austin-based nonprofit organization that works for a more

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just society by challenging the for-profit prison system, mass incarceration and deportation and criminalization of migrants.

The Episcopal Church's 79th General Convention is underway in Austin through July 13. The U.S. immigration debate and the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy loomed large the previous day in a joint legislative committee hearing, where some 25 people testified on issues ranging from providing sanctuary to immigrants facing deportation, condemning the separation of migrant families, supporting Haitians who are poised to face deportation and calling for legislation to give permanent legal status to the dreamers through federal legislation known as the DREAM Act.

During the Prayers of the People, Texas Assistant Bishop Hector Monterosso and Central New York Bishop De De Duncan-Probe, prayed for the termination of violence, poverty and displacement and for leaders to implement policies that both protect national security and that lead to safe migration, the end of detention for asylum seekers.

They prayed for children separated from parents and parents separated from children.

## **Pope appoints new bishop for British armed forces**

After a gap of three years, Pope Francis has appointed a new bishop for Britain's armed forces.



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## **Bishop Paul Mason**

Paul Mason, currently an auxiliary bishop of Southwark, takes over as eighth Bishop of the Forces three years after the previous bishop,



Richard Moth, was transferred to Arundel and Brighton.

The Bishopric serves all Catholic British service personnel wherever they are stationed. Chaplains of the three Armed Services serve on operations, providing support for servicemen.

Currently, there are seven chaplains serving in Royal Navy and two for the Royal Air Force. The Army has 17 regular chaplains, two military support chaplains, an officiating chaplain to the military, five TA chaplains and five ACF chaplains.

Bishop Mason said: “Supporting the men and women of the British Armed Forces, and their families, is a very important apostolate in the life of the Church and one which I will be doing my best to pass muster.

“The network of chaplains across all three services do valiant work and I look forward to meeting them and working with them in the years ahead.”

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Fr Michael Fava, Apostolic Administrator of the Bishopric of the Forces, said: “It is with great joy and thanksgiving that the Bishopric of the Forces’ community welcomes the news of the appointment of our new Bishop Paul Mason, after a period of *sede vacante* of over three years.

“Catholic Forces’ personnel and their families around the world and their chaplains in all three Services look forward to the guidance and leadership that Bishop Paul will offer us and will do all we can to acquaint him quickly with our unique corner of the Church with its many joys and challenges.

“Together we look forward to furthering the church’s mission of new evangelisation as we strive to work in the cause of peace.

“As Apostolic Administrator of the Bishopric, I can assure Bishop Paul of the wholehearted support and prayers of the chaplains and faithful alike as we look to an exciting new era in the Forces’ Bishopric history.”

## **Day of Unity brings together Churches and refugees in Cyprus**

Refugees and migrants in Cyprus have taken part in a multi-faith event to celebrate different cultures – and their foods. National dishes from Syria, Palestine, Wales, England, Greece, Columbia, Sri Lankan and Lebanese featured in the event, which was run by Christine Goldsmith of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, and the Roman Catholic-linked Agapi Migrant Centre in Limassol.

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The Archbishop of Canterbury's fund provided a grant to help the churches run cookery mornings with refugees and migrants alongside members of the Anglican church and Agapi. The sessions were planned to help with integration and to value the varied backgrounds of the different cultural and ethnic groups.

"They say too many cooks in the kitchen spoils the broth," Goldsmith said, "but with 12 different nationalities in the kitchen all speaking in their mother tongue the food only tasted more delicious because of this."

The diocesan bishop, Michael Lewis, took part in the event, alongside Archdeacon John Holdsworth, Father Andrew from the Catholic Church, and representatives from Limassol and Nicosia mosques, including Imam Shakir. In addition to enjoying the food, the faith leaders discussed ways that they could work together to improve the situation for migrants and refugees in Cyprus.

Organisers are looking "at all the issues related to these individuals who are in sometimes desperate situations following their arrival in Cyprus, with lack of welfare money, affordable accommodation and little chance of a decent job to help them integrate into normal society," Goldsmith said. "With over 6000 refugees and migrants in the country at this time there is a desperate need for all faiths to join together to help these people who have come to Cyprus for safety and to start a new life but at this time that is very difficult due to the conditions they find themselves in and the fact they are not fully integrated into society as of yet."

A Syrian refugee who has been in Cyprus for ten years, Abeer, opened the day with a short message about her



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journey. "I think of everyone of us as being a small piece in this very large mosaic, the human race, and each piece must be the right shape and best colour so that the mosaic becomes the masterpiece that God, our creator wanted it to be," she said. "This is the unity that we need and that is the heading for today's project – a day of unity."

After the event, some of the food was distributed to needy families in the area.

## WEB review

**+++ Grace  
under pressure  
- Motor  
Neurone  
Disease is 'a  
nightmare but  
I'm adapting',  
says priest - At  
9.30am on**



Tuesday, Fr [Tony Coote](#) (54) will set off from [Letterkenny](#), Co Donegal, on a marathon fundraising journey that, all going well, will see him arrive in [Ballydehob](#), Co Cork, on August 6th.

The aim of the Walk While You Can initiative is to raise money for research into motor neuron disease, and for support services for carers and families of those struck down by the condition.

This time last year he could not have imagined any of this. Then administrator of [Mount Merrion](#) and [Kilmacud](#)

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parishes in south Co Dublin, he “had a fall last November at the back of the church coming down some steps” and thought “I had missed a step”.

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/social-affairs/religion-and-beliefs/motor-neurone-disease-is-a-nightmare-but-i-m-adapting-says-priest-1.3558211>

**+++ Green space church awards** - The Church Times is looking for churches and Christian organisations in the UK that are using gardens and green spaces creatively for well-being. Nominate a [#greenchurch](#) project and you could win £2000: <https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/green-health-awards>



**+++ Salvation Army brings football home to Bedford -**  
The Salvation Army's football grounds in Bedford received funding for a much needed upgrade and was celebrated with over 100 locals. The grounds play an essential part in  
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giving young people a safe space to play football as well as bringing the community together.

<https://www.bedfordtoday.co.uk/news/football-s-coming-home-for-bedford-1-8548584>



**+++ Growing Economic Opportunities for Sustainable Development - [Christian Aid Ghana](#)** - From bead making to soap production, the [Growing Economic Opportunities for Sustainable Development \(GEOP\)](#) project has offered people across Ghana training in a wide variety of areas.

<https://news.christianaid.org.uk/programme-in-pictures-inside-the-geop-project-787c47a43fb4?platform=hootsuite>

**+++ Ruth Dudley Edwards:** We can't allow terrorists to be seen as the moral equals of legitimate state forces

<https://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/opinion/columnists/ruth-dudley-edwards/ruth-dudley-edwards-we-cant-allow->



[terrorists-to-be-seen-as-the-moral-equals-of-legitimate-state-forces-37093265.html](http://terrorists-to-be-seen-as-the-moral-equals-of-legitimate-state-forces-37093265.html) ...

## News briefs

**+++Holywood in Peru** - A nine-strong team (right) from Holywood Parish has arrived safely in Lima, Peru, where they have been reunited with their former SAMS Fusion worker, Lisbeth.



**+++Drumbeg in Uganda** - A team from Drumbeg Parish, including the rector, Revd Willie Nixon, is in Uganda and will soon see the school that the parish has funded through Fields of Life, having left Kampala for Gulu. On Sunday the team worshipped in Nyapeya Parish Church

**+++St Mary's, Youghall** - St. Mary's Collegiate Church is a stunning medieval church located in the 13 th century town of Youghal, in the eastern part of County Cork, the southernmost county of Ireland. When you enter the Church, you walk in the footsteps of 800 years of inhabitants of the town, as well as mariners who visited to

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give thanks for a safe arrival. It is the largest surviving medieval Parish Church in Ireland and one of only five in continuous use for religious worship.

**+++ Lisburn Cathedral** is seeking to appoint a **Children's Ministry and Outreach Worker** (18 hours per week). For further information about this exciting opportunity, visit <http://connor.anglican.org/vacancies/>

**+++The Church Commissioners of the C of E** partnered with New York State to get ExxonMobil to disclose the impact of climate change on their business. Having a seat at the table is crucial to hold companies to account and get the change we need. **Rowan Williams** backs tougher CofE stance on fossil fuel investments: 'the only just human future is one where we acknowledge the neighbour's jeopardy as ours too.'

[https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/07/07/moral-christians-must-press-church-england-pull-money-fossil/ ...](https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2018/07/07/moral-christians-must-press-church-england-pull-money-fossil/)

**+++“Behold, I make all things new”:** The 1968 Uppsala Assembly of the **World Council of Churches** opened - not with a sermon by **Martin Luther King** as planned before his assassination, but with his spirit and dream very present: <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/press-centre/news/behold-i-make-all-things-new-wccs-fourth-assembly-in-uppsala-4-20-july-1968> ... **#WCC**

**+++The Salvation Army's emergency Response Vehicles** have now been supporting the emergency services tackling the **#MoorFires** for over a week now. So far, they have



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used over 5,000 cups, serving food and drink for 12 hours a day to 300+ firefighters a shift.



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