

Archbishop criticises writing out of history Irish Catholics who died in WWI



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been neglected by all sides, the Irish Times reports.

The Archbishop of [Armagh](#) Dr Eamon Martin has criticised the writing out of history of Irish Catholics who died in the first World War.

[Archbishop Martin](#) unveiled a plaque at Inishowen in Co [Donegal](#) to the men of the area who died in the war, including his granduncle [Edward Doherty](#).

[Gunner Doherty](#) was killed on September 19th, 1917 during the Battle of Passchendaele and is buried in [Canada](#) Farm Cemetery outside Ypres, [Belgium](#). His brother Patrick also signed up and fought in the war, though he survived.

Archbishop Martin said Irish Catholics who had fought in the war had been written out of history for generations “because of the cruel and crazy tensions of our own history of conflict”.

The fact that Irish Catholics and Protestants fought together in the first World War had been neglected “perhaps conveniently - by all sides.

“People preferred to cling on to a history of difference and separation, rather than recognise and embrace our shared story of common suffering.”

Archbishop Martin recalled visiting his granduncle's grave in Ypres and then visiting the Island of [Ireland](#) Peace [Park](#) in Messines, Belgium.

“Standing at war memorials, wearing poppies and laying wreaths may not have been part of my tradition or growing up, but remembering, honouring and praying for the dead is important to the practice of my faith,” he said.

“In recent years I have grown to respect and understand more fully that, whilst we may remember in different ways, what unites us is so much greater and stronger than anything that is talked up to divide us.”

The plaque was unveiled at Saint Patrick's Church, Iskaheen after evening mass in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Muff.

Benedictine order from Ypres visits Ireland

A delegation from Ypres visited [Kylemore](#) Abbey, Co Galway this past weekend to remember a congregation of Irish nuns who had to flee the Belgian town in August 1914.

The Benedictine order fled first to Britain and then to Ireland. Among the order's nuns was Dame Teresa, the niece of the Irish Party leader [John Redmond](#) and his brother Major Willie Redmond who was killed in the war.

The delegation, including [Jef Verschoore](#), the first deputy Mayor of Ypres, and representatives of the In Flanders [Fields](#) museum, visited Kylemore Abbey in Co Galway which is run by the same order of nuns.

The order purchased the castle and its estate in 1920 and it has been home to them ever since.

Commenting on the visit of the Belgian delegation, Lady [Abbess Sr Maire Hickey](#) said: "Sunday's visit by the Belgian delegation is a chance for poignant reflection of times past and the shared history between our order and the city of Ypres. Ireland and Belgium have stronger links than is commonly known. For several hundred years there were many Benedictine nuns in Ypres until the First World War forced the order to leave. It has been a history which has seen both joy and tragedy.

"This historic visit will be a moment to reflect on our shared past and celebrate the links that bond us together."

Down event on Healing and hope in South Sudan



You are invited to join Bishop Harold Miller (Down and Dromore Diocese) and Bishop Justin Badi (Maridi Diocese, South Sudan) to celebrate healing and hope with an evening of worship and testimony.

The event is on Monday 16 October 2017 at 8.00 pm in St Saviour's Dollingstown. The praise will be led by Moira Parish Praise Group. Refreshments will be served.

The people of South Sudan have known tribal conflict and brutal violence for generations, yet

in the midst of much horror the voice of Christians in the world's youngest country has been a voice of calm, of grace, of reconciliation – of healing.

Bishop Justin Badi has been leading the Diocese of Maridi during these uncertain times. He will be sharing amazing stories about the work of the church in South Sudan, not only in providing healthcare and education, but also through powerful personal testimony of the power of Christ to bring healing in the most difficult of times.

Organised by the Down and Dromore Committee of the Church's Ministry of Healing.

[Download the event flyer here.](#)

Live streamed conference on intergenerational church

'All Together Now' is a free one day, live streamed conference exploring what it means to be an intergenerational church community. What is it? What does it look like? How could it happen in my setting? What difference could it make to my congregation? Is it all-age worship repackaged?

All Together Now: bringing generations together



This event will help participants to think intentionally about a being a church of different generations. Reflecting on both theory and practice – see intergenerational ministry in action.

Anywhere! Come as you are. Enjoy all the rewards of this one day live-streamed conference with friends and colleagues from the comfort of your own sofa or office. Why not gather with those local to you – there may even be a hosted event near you! More details coming soon.

It's for anyone engaging with different generations in church services and events

It is on Tuesday 10 October 2017, 10.00 am – 3.00 pm

[Booking now live at Eventbrite.](#)

A joint event from The Methodist Church in Ireland and Bible Reading Fellowship.

80 Irish on mission to Lourdes stranded in France after Ryanair cancels flight

Eighty Irish people were left stranded in [France](#) on Saturday night after a flight to Dublin was abruptly cancelled by [Ryanair](#).

The group, who had been on a mission to [Lourdes](#) with the Oblate Youth Service, had been due to return to Ireland on a 3.15pm service, which was not included on the list of cancellations published by the airline earlier this week.

Siobhán Kelly from Co Offaly said they were twice told the flight from [Biarritz](#) Airport was delayed, before eventually discovering they would not be travelling on Saturday at all.

“We help really sick people, kids and elderly every year to have a great holiday so we are all

very tired,” said the 21-year-old. “We had a fantastic and exhausting week and this is just a nightmare.”

A statement on the Oblate Youth Service [Facebook](#) page described the airline as extremely unhelpful. “They have offered us 30 seats on a flight from [Carcassonne](#) on Tuesday and have told us to make our own travel arrangements. Extremely disappointed with the complete lack of assistance and dismissiveness shown by Ryanair.”

In a statement on Saturday night, Ryanair said the Biarritz-Dublin flight was “regrettably cancelled after the inbound aircraft was unable to land at Biarritz Airport due to the closure of the runway. “Customers were provided with refreshment vouchers and overnight accommodation and will board a replacement flight in the morning. Ryanair sincerely apologised to all customers affected by this cancellation, which was entirely beyond our control.”

Two for one church service in Bunbeg

The people of Bunbeg were getting “two for the price of one”, the Archdeacon of Raphoe said,



as he waved a number of supermarket flyers in the pulpit of St Patrick's Church of Ireland on Friday evening.

Ven. David Huss was referring to the “unique occasion” during which two young men were being confirmed and a new Bishop's Curate, Rev Liz Fitzgerald, was being introduced to the Parishes of Gweedore, Carrickfin and Templecrone. Archdeacon Huss said he would resist the temptation to give two sermons for the price of one.

Friday evening's worship was led by the Bishop of Derry and Raphoe, Rt Rev Ken Good. The Diocesan Registrar, Canon David Crooks, also took part in the service, along with the Rural

Dean for Kilmacrennan East and Kilmacrennan West, Rev David McDonnell, and Archdeacon Huss.

Bishop Good said it was “a night of some significance” for parishioners. Rev Fitzgerald had been ordained a priest less than a fortnight earlier, and the Bishop encouraged them to support their new minister by praying for her.

Addressing the two confirmation candidates, Alexander Boyd and Cormac Hanlon, the Archdeacon hoped that this would be a day of great significance in their lives as they answered God’s call. Turning to the new Curate, the preacher counselled against short-termism. “It’s very easy,” he said, “to think short term for those of us who are ministers. What is this latest crisis that I have to solve? What’s this week’s problem that I have to deliver? How can I get through from this day to the next? But actually, we just ought to take the long view – to seek fruit that will last.”

After the service, the congregation enjoyed refreshments and speeches in the adjoining parish hall.

The Parish Priest of Templecrone, Fr Aodhan Cannon, said he looked forward to working with Rev Fitzgerald and asked blessing on her

ministry. He told the gathering that Templecrone was an historic place, which dated back to the time of Saint Crone. She was a religious woman, he said, who brought Christianity to the people of the islands around Dungloe Bay, “so you’re following in good footsteps,” he told Rev Fitzgerald.

Rev McDonnell said he, too, looked forward to working with the new Bishop’s Curate. It was great to have another member of the clergy from the Church of Ireland in west Donegal. “Maybe with the help of the Archdeacon we might take out our maps later in the week,” he suggested, “and carve up the islands”.

Rev Fitzgerald said she felt the spirit was moving her through the community in Gweedore, Carrickfin and Templecrone. “I can’t tell you how much I’m looking forward to the next months and years being here with you,” she said.

DCU to create cultural quarter in North Dublin

Dublin City University (DCU) are to create a cultural quarter in North Dublin as part of a 5 year plan for developing the university, which launched on September 20.



The plan includes engagement with North Dublin communities such as Drumcondra and Glasnevin to create the cultural quarter.

The plan also includes a change in curriculum, with all students being exposed to technologies such as data analytics, with the introduction of modules such as coding and entrepreneurship.

According to The Irish Times, President of DCU, Brian MacCraith said: “We’re looking at the intersection of STEM and creative, performing arts. There is a rich vein of innovation that happens here.”

DCU is also planning to increase focus on outreach through scholarship programs. In 2016, DCU became the first Irish university to become

a “University of Sanctuary”, where the college shows commitment to the education and inclusion of asylum seekers. Trinity has yet to become a “University of Sanctuary”.

Speaking of the plan, Education and Skills Minister, Richard Bruton said: “With new campuses, a new faculty of education, an expanded disciplinary profile and significant growth in student numbers, DCU is in a strong position to reinforce its reputation as a university of major significance both in Ireland and internationally.”

DCU has merged with training colleges such as Mater Dei Institute, St. Patrick’s College, and Church of Ireland College of Education to become the fastest growing university in Ireland.

Christian Aid Ireland’s submission to Citizen’s Assembly on climate change

The [Citizens’ Assembly](#), which consists of 99 representative members of the Irish public and a chairperson, Justice Mary Lafoy, was established in October 2016.

They are considering a number of complex and important questions, including one asking; ‘how



can the State make Ireland a leader on tackling climate change?’

The Assembly will produce reports and recommendations based on their deliberations for the consideration of the Oireachtas. As part of this process, the Assembly requested submissions from interested individuals, groups and organisations.

Christian Aid’s submission

Christian Aid has been working on climate change for more than a decade, helping communities to adapt and lobbying our governments and businesses to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Our partners, and the communities with which they work, are already experiencing negative effects of a changing climate, with lives and livelihoods damaged in some of the world’s most vulnerable communities.

Christian Aid Ireland's submission to the Citizens' Assembly is calling on the government to take the following 8 actions:

- Pass the Fossil Fuel Divestment Bill to divest the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund from fossil fuels as soon as possible
- Make regular contributions to the UN Green Climate Fund to help developing countries adapt to climate change
- Adopt 5-year climate action plans that contain specific 5-year emissions reduction targets
- Push the EU to strengthen its targets in light of the Paris UN Climate Agreement
- Stop burning peat for electricity in 2020 and ensure training and employment opportunities for those affected
- Stop burning coal for electricity in 2022 and ensure training and employment opportunities for those affected
- Introduce a fair payment for solar energy
- End all new oil and gas exploration in Irish waters

[Read the full text of our submission to the Citizens' Assembly \(PDF download\)](#)

The Citizens' Assembly will be meeting in late September and early November 2017 to consider the submissions they have received.

Take action

- Please write to or email your local TD calling on them to support Christian Aid's 8 recommendations outlined above. [Visit oireachtas.ie to find your TD's contact details.](#)
- Share this page via social media and ask others to write to their TD

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