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IRELAND

FAITH

Sunday Times sacks Irish columnist after anti-Semitism row

Sunday Times Ireland columnist Kevin Myers will not write again for the paper, a spokesman has said.

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0730/894014-sunday-times-issues-apology/>

<http://www.thejournal.ie/sunday-times-equal-pay-3521490-Jul2017/>

https://www.theguardian.com/media/2017/jul/30/sunday-times-accused-of-antisemitism-over-column-on-bbc-presenters?CMP=share_btn_fb

Col cleric quits Armagh church he set up after split in congregation

Belfast Telegraph

The **Church of Ireland** told the Belfast Telegraph that the church was "financially self-sufficient" and able to meet all the costs that need to be covered in ...

Homily of Archbishop Michael Neary for Reek Sunday 2017

“Faith, family and community are very closely interrelated and the neglect of one impinges on the others” – Archbishop Neary

Boy (10) rescued from Reek pilgrimage

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/boy-10-among-13-rescued-from-croagh-patrick-climb-in-mayo-1.3171502>

10 rescued from Reek pilgrimage

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/reek-sunday-10-people-rescued-from-croagh-patrick-as-thousands-turn-out-for-annual-climb-35981889.html>

<http://www.rte.ie/news/2017/0730/893998-croagh-patrick-injuries/>

Wrongly accused priest speaks of impact of false accusations

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/news/youre-presumed-guilty-and-priests-are-terrified-irish-priest-falsely-accused-of-sexually-abusing-a-child-35972984.html>

Fr Willie Doyle - how one priest saved countless souls in WW1

<http://www.catholicherald.co.uk/issues/july-28th-2017/how-one-priest-saved-countless-souls-in-the-first-world-war/>

Former King of Spain visits Clonmellon!

Westmeath Examiner

Many from the **Church of Ireland** community were in attendance, including some who would have worshipped at St John's many years ago, and all ...

The Irish Church, Its Reform and the English Invasion review

Irish Times

As the reform of the Irish **church** became entangled with the Anglo-Norman or English invasion of **Ireland** and its aftermath, an event which has long ...

Nuns selling 20-bed beachfront holiday home in Kerry for €649K

<https://www.irishtimes.com/life-and-style/homes-and-property/new-to-market/nuns-selling-20-bed-beachfront-holiday-home-in-kerry-for-649k-1.3164542?mode=amp>

SOCIETY, EDUCATION, POLITICS

Call for 'transparency' over Belfast council bonfire injunction

A call has been made for Belfast City Council to publish the names of those councillors who voted in favour of an injunction to stop people from accessing a number of loyalist bonfires sites.

PSNI take part in Pride parade in Belfast

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-europe-40751003>

Katharine Zappone pays tribute to late wife

<http://www.independent.ie/irish-news/katherine-zappone-pays-tribute-to-beloved-late-wife-i-will-never-be-the-same-person-since-ann-louises-death-35981459.html>

Facelift for Belfast City Hall Korea War memorial

A memorial to soldiers from Northern Ireland who died fighting in the Korean War has received a facelift.

An American journalist's view of Belfast

http://www.thesunchronicle.com/features/stories/belfast/article_aa3f24bc-09a9-517f-aa10-433a0c9a7dc5.html

De Valera and Collins were never republicans history festival told

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/de-valera-collins-never-republicans-west-cork-history-festival-told-1.3171402>

IRA in Cork never sectarian historian claims

<http://www.irishtimes.com/news/ireland/irish-news/ira-campaign-in-co-cork-during-war-of-independence-not-sectarian-ucc-historian-argues-1.3171426>

History festival to screen amended documentary

The documentary is a personal account by Canon George Salter, then an 87-year old retired **Church of Ireland** minister, of his family's flight from their ...

Varadkar's comments on Brexit are a sharp message to London

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/politics/varadkar-s-comments-on-brexit-are-a-sharp-message-to-london-1.3170367>

Paisley, Tebbit and Trimble all savage idea of Brexit border in the sea

A top DUP figure has warned the Dublin government must not "provoke" unionists over Brexit, or they could be stirred into pressing for an especially hard border.

DUP rules out Irish Government suggestion for post-Brexit sea border

DUP chief whip Sir Jeffrey Donaldson said: "There is no way that the DUP would go for an option that creates a border between one part of the United Kingdom and the other."

Judgement slams PSNI probe into Glenanne gang

Relatives of those murdered by a notorious loyalist gang that included rogue security force members have hailed a court judgment heavily criticising a police investigation into the collusion claims. Judge rules PSNI breached rights of victims' relatives over Glenanne Gang probe <http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/judge-rules-psni-breached-rights-of-victims-relatives-over-glenanne-gang-probe-35978572.html?utm>

State 'walking back' from apology to Magdalene survivors, says UN

Irish Times

The United Nations has sharply criticised the State's approach to alleged abuse in Magdalene laundries and its claims that there was no basis to ...

Vandals wreck historic window by stained-glass artist from Belfast

Belfast Newsletter

Yesterday in 1935 Belfast's internationally acclaimed stained-glass artist Wilhelmina Geddes updated her diary in her Fulham studio in London. ... Dr Nicola Gordon Bowe e-mailed the bleak **news** to Roamer - "as for Geddes, ... An address about her Psalm 100 masterpiece, given in the church in 1938, ... in the Fields of Paradise is in St Molaise's **Church of Ireland**, Monea. <http://www.newsletter.co.uk/vandals-wreck-historic-window-by-stained-glass-artist-from-belfast-1-8076395>

US politician spinning Magennis myth

A Belfast woman who came to international attention for her efforts to highlight her brother's murder has described a tribute to Martin McGuinness by a US politician as an exercise in "myth-making".

<http://www.newsletter.co.uk/us-politician-spinning-a-mcguinness-myth-1-8076867>

Belfast city council to discuss bonfire safety measures

A Sinn Féin motion is to be voted on at a special meeting of Belfast City Council next week.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-40747646>

Council walk-out over Stephen McCann Enniskillen bomb comments

In a newspaper interview earlier this month, Councillor Stephen McCann refused to condemn the 1987 IRA bombing. Nationalist councillors have joined unionists in calling for a Sinn Féin council chairman to apologise over comments he made about the Enniskillen Remembrance Day bombing.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-northern-ireland-40748018>

Claudy set to remember victims of 1972 bombing which left nine people dead

... of the Catholic Church, the **Church of Ireland** and the Presbyterian Church ... Speaking to the Derry **News** ahead of Monday night's event, the UUP ...

Councillors walk out of meeting over Sinn Féin Enniskillen remarks

Eleven people died in the Remembrance Day attack - one of the most notorious attacks of the Troubles

Same-sex marriage, Brexit, an Irish Language Act... how the voters of NI remain polarised

<http://www.belfasttelegraph.co.uk/news/northern-ireland/samesex-marriage-brexit-an-irish-language-act-how-the-voters-of-ni-remain-polarised-35974992.html?>

UNITED KINGDOM

Southwark diocese signals opposition to rebel Bishop Andy Lines by withdrawing permission to officiate

The 'missionary bishop' consecrated by the conservative Anglican Church of North America has had his 'permission to officiate' withdrawn by the Diocese of Southwark.

A lot of people are upset by the Archbishops' latest on gays: Here's why

A much more fruitful approach would be unapologetically to commit to upholding the teaching of the Church, without the attempt to ingratiate other groups with ambiguous statements.

"Summer of Hope event came at just the right moment for us as a community" says the Very Revd Andrew Nunn, Dean of Southwark

The Dean of Southwark, The Very Reverend Andrew Nunn, expressed his gratitude to Mothers' Union this week for hosting its "Summer of Hope" event in the cathedral churchyard recently. "We were grateful to be drawn into this celebration of the hope we have in Christ, which will not disappoint," he said.

'Mass' transit redefined with service to be held on bus

For the first time, a Scottish bishop will celebrate Mass on a double-decker bus.

Vicar dies 'after setting himself on fire'

A senior Church of England vicar has died after unconfirmed reports that he set fire to himself.

Selfie-obsessed tourists threaten church 'sacred space', says Oxford priest

An Oxford C of E priest at 'the most visited parish church in England' has hit out at selfie-obsessed tourists disturbing church worship in the 'sacred space' of the historic sanctuary.

Suspended magistrate heads to court with discrimination claim

A Christian magistrate who lost his job after speaking out against adoption by same-sex parents will sue the NHS this week under the Equality Act.

FRIDAY

Pink News/Premier/Christian Today

Reports on the statement issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York on the 50th anniversary of the Act of Parliament passed in 1967 which decriminalised homosexuality in England and Wales. (See also News from the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York, above)

<http://www.pinknews.co.uk/2017/07/27/archbishop-of-canterbury-gay-people-are-not-more-sinful-than-anyone-else/>

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/Archbishops-encourage-Christians-to-not-condemn-gay-people>

BBC/Guard/Standard/Ind/Mail

Reports that family and friends of five of those killed in the Grenfell Tower disaster gathered at a service yesterday led by the Archbishop of York Dr John Sentamu to remember their loved ones. The lives of artist Khadija Saye, her mother Mary Mendy, Berkti Haftom and her 12-year-old son

Beruk, as well as five-year-old Isaac Paulos were celebrated at the ecumenical service in St Helen's Church in North Kensington. The Guardian quotes extensively from Dr Sentamu's sermon and also an interview with him outside the church after the service.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-40739424>

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2017/jul/27/grenfell-tower-fire-inquiry-archbishop-demands-no-stone-left-unturned>

<http://www.standard.co.uk/news/london/that-happy-place-now-a-war-zone-dipped-in-blood-heartbreaking-words-of-grenfell-victims-family-at-a3598041.html>

<http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/crime/grenfell-tower-fire-latest-news-corporate-manslaughter-kensington-council-kctmo-met-police-a7863616.html>

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-4736592/Grenfell-Tower-council-interviewed-MANSLAUGHTER.html>

Premier/Church Times/Christian Today (Weds)

Reports that the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is to travel to Sudan this weekend to preside over its inauguration as an autonomous Province of the Anglican Communion.

Archbishop Justin will also visit Uganda where he

will meet Sudanese refugees. The articles quote the Archbishop's Adviser for Anglican Communion Affairs, Rt Rev Anthony Poggio.

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/World/Justin-Welby-travelling-to-Sudan-for-new-Anglican-province-and-refugees>

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/28-july/news/world/welby-to-fly-out-to-new-province-of-sudan>

Church Times/Christian Today/Premier

Further coverage of a letter to the Telegraph and interview with the Times by the Bishop of Norwich, Graham James, in which he rejects claims that decisions made at the recent General Synod reflected failures to uphold the teaching of the Bible. In his letter, Bishop Graham said the threefold sources of authority in the Church of England are scripture, tradition and reason with scripture as the foundation and nothing agreed at the recent synod undermined this. His letter and interview follows the publication of a letter earlier this week in the *Telegraph* co-signed by a group including the former Bishop of Rochester, Michael Nazir-Ali.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/21-july/news/uk/conservatives-speak-of-alternative-structures-to-rival-c-of-e>

<https://www.premier.org.uk/News/UK/CofE-bishop-defends-General-Synod-s-decisions>

Church Times

Report on Church of England Pensions Board annual report and accounts for 2016.

<https://www.churchtimes.co.uk/articles/2017/28-july/news/uk/pensions-board-reports-disappointing-year-despite-surge-in-assets>

Tel

News feature by Rosemary Bailey, paying tribute to the courage of her late brother, Rev Simon Bailey, a Church of England priest in South Yorkshire who was diagnosed as HIV positive in 1985 and died in 1995. The article marks the 50th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in England and Wales.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/women/family/brother-priest-aids-turned-whole-community-around/>

Tel

Feature on LGBT rights – article mentions General Synod backing for a motion calling for a ban on the practice of Conversion Therapy aimed at altering sexual orientation.

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/men/thinking-man/vital-fight-lgbt-rights-britain-obscured-empty-virtue-signalling/>

Times/Tel

Report about concerns raised over the number of tourists visiting the University Church of St Mary the Virgin in Oxford. Rev Charlotte Bannister-Parker, associate priest and the church's vicar, William Lamb, are quoted.

<https://www.thetimes.co.uk/article/the-university-church-of-st-mary-the-virgin-in-oxford-asks-tourists-to-keep-unholy-racket-under-control-q7d776jpi>

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2017/07/27/priest-condemns-selfie-taking-tourists-disturbing-worshippers/>

BBC

Report that staff at St Peter's Church, Bullinghope, Herefordshire, have discovered unmarked plots marking the burial of people who died in the Second World War after a German plane bombed a munitions factory. Rev Anna Branston, of St Peter's Church, is quoted.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-hereford-worcester-40738393>

INTERNATIONAL

Trump's evangelical advisers discussed transgender ban at White House meeting

At the meeting two weeks ago, the group discussed banning transgender people from the military and sent a letter to the president asking for the action, according to the Christian Broadcasting Network.

[More from Religion News Service](#)

5 faith facts about Sam Brownback: Political champion of religious freedom

The two-term governor and former senator helped sponsor legislation creating the office of international religious freedom ambassador.

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Richard Dawkins, shunned in Berkeley, finds new venue nearby

The world's most famous — and infamous — atheist will speak near San Francisco on Aug. 9, after abrupt cancellation by a public radio station.

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In a bid to promote diversity, Egypt plans to restore Alexandria synagogue

A \$2 million restoration of Egypt's largest synagogue is the start of a government effort to keep alive the legacy of the Jewish community, whose members have largely left the country.
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[John McCain's morality, and no one else's, should guide his response to brain cancer](#)

For a political hack to try to spittle him out of his work? It's frankly astounding, writes RNS columnist Jeffrey Weiss.

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