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From Glasnevin to Thiepval - Centenary Pilgrimage to significant places linked to 1916 Rising and World War One



Archbishop Eamon Martin and Archbishop Richard Clarke recently led a centenary pilgrimage of 32 young people from across Ireland, to significant places that are linked to both the Easter Rising and the First World War. From Glasnevin to Thiepval, from Guillemont to Passchendaele, the pilgrimage was especially interested in seeing the site of The Battle of the Somme,

and memorials in France and Belgium, linked to the 36th Ulster Division and the 16th Irish Division. The group participated in prayers at the Ulster Tower and laid a wreath of white flowers symbolising peace at the poignant Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate, Ypres. The group spent time at the Island of Ireland Peace Park Messines, where the archbishops led prayers and a recital of the peace pledge. Reflecting on their pilgrimage the archbishops said, "We hope that our centenary pilgrimage has given leadership to our congregations by engaging together with aspects of our history which perhaps we have not always been comfortable in exploring jointly in the past." See catholicnews.ie for more.

Archbishop Diarmuid Martin remembers Veronica Guerin

Speaking at Mass in the Church of Saint Nicholas of Myra in Kinsealy, Dublin, on the 20th anniversary of the murder of investigative journalist Veronica Guerin, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin said, "We remember Veronica Guerin twenty years after her murder not as a news story of the past, but as an example for today. We have uncompromisingly to expose and condemn the horrible violence and corruption of those who are involved in the traffic of death and disregard for life which is the drugs trade." See dublindiocese.ie.

Krakow to host World Youth Day 2016

Bishops have asked for prayers for the sixteen hundred Irish pilgrims from sixteen dioceses, religious congregations and ecclesial groups who will travel to World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland from 26-30 July. World Youth Day will provide the backdrop for Pope Francis' first pilgrimage to Poland and it is anticipated that over two million young pilgrims from around the world will attend this faith and joy filled event.



Pope Francis Tweet of the Month @Pontifex: "The summertime offers many people an occasion for rest. It's also a favourable time to take care of our human relationships. "

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- Archbishop Michael Neary of Tuam will lead the annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage on Sunday 31 July. This year the Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Charles J Brown will join the estimated 20,000 pilgrims.
- All are welcome to attend a special Mass and the ceremony of re-dedication of Knock Basilica at 3.00pm on Saturday 16 July to mark 40 years of the original dedication on 18 July 1976.
- Trócaire Somalia has received an award acknowledging its health care delivery in the Gedo Region for the last two decades.
- **Watch** a video of Bishop William Crean, Chair of Trócaire on catholicnews.ie in which he speaks about the impact of Pope Francis' encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* one year after publication.



- **Listen** to the story of Irish priest Father Donal O'Sullivan, who died on 5 July 1916 at the Battle of the Somme, and what happened when his chalice was brought to his grave 100 years after his death as part of the recent centenary pilgrimage led by the archbishops of Armagh. See www.audioboom.fm/irishcatholicbishops

