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News Snippets

- ◆ Following his earlier visits to Messines with the Church leaders, Archbishop Eamon Martin celebrated Mass on 22 September for the repose of the soul of his granduncle, Edward Doherty, and for those from Inishowen who were killed or injured in WWI. See catholicbishops.ie.
- ◆ The *Amoris Programme*, which offers resources for WMOF2018, is now available on amoris.ie.
- ◆ Listen to our weekly faith podcast Faithcast on www.catholicnews.ie.
- ◆ To get the latest Church news stories from www.catholicnews.ie, email info@catholicbishops.ie asking to embed our newsfeed on your website.

Bishops' publish *Day for Life* pastoral message for 2017

Day for Life is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland and England and Wales. It is a day dedicated to celebrating and upholding the dignity of human life from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* will be celebrated in Ireland on Sunday 1 October and will focus on the theme: 'Fostering a Culture that Protects Life and Respects Women'.

Pope Francis, reminding us of the consistent teaching of the Church, describes abortion as a grave sin. As a compassionate pastor, however, he reminds priests that they are called to be ministers of God's mercy. He also points out that we have not done enough to support pregnant women in desperate situations who see abortion as a quick solution.

Resources for *Day for Life* are now available on catholicbishops.ie. Additional prayers and quotes from Catholic sources, for use as part of the promotion for this year's *Day for Life*, are now available on the bishops' dedicated website which celebrates the dignity of human life. Please see www.chooselife2017.ie.

Respectful model of Education needed for a new pluralist Ireland – Archbishop Diarmuid Martin

On 25 September, Archbishop Diarmuid Martin celebrated Mass to mark the beginning of the academic year in Saint Patrick's College, DCU, Drumcondra.

In his homily Archbishop Martin said "The Catholic school must enter into relationships with schools of other patronage so that it is not a source of division. All the agents of education in Ireland are called to foster relationships of respect and tolerance and welcome, in such a manner as to build a respectful pluralist model of education for a new pluralist Ireland.

"A pluralist education system in a pluralist Ireland must be one where battles of ideology are overcome and not reinforced. The Catholic school must be an island of excellence and an island of excellence must, by its nature, be a bridge builder." See Archbishop Martin's full homily on catholicbishops.ie.



Father Laurence Flynn appointed as new Prior of Lough Derg

Monsignor Joseph McGuinness, Diocesan Administrator for the Diocese of Clogher, has announced that Father Laurence (La) Flynn, the present Parish Priest of Ballybay (Tullycorbet), Co Monaghan, is to take over the role of Prior of Lough Derg on 1 October.

Commenting on the appointment, Monsignor McGuinness said that Lough Derg continues to hold a very special place in the lives of many people in Clogher diocese. "Father Flynn already has great experience and knowledge of Lough Derg through his long association with the island. This will be of enormous benefit to Lough Derg's next stage of development and I pray God's blessings on him and the entire team there," said Monsignor McGuinness.

