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Blind Bishops & Gethsemane Betrayal

Unlike the Muslims, who are fighting LGBT dominance in English schools tooth and nail, the Bishops of Scotland have actively enabled the embedding of LGBT+ propaganda in Catholic schools. *Scotland pushes LGBT agenda into Catholic schools. Bishops hope 'impact...will be positive for all', Lifesitenews, 14/11/18.* Evil, "positive for all"? How so? The Church teaches that homosexual acts are "acts of grave depravity" and "under no circumstances can they be approved" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2357*) So, how can the bishops justify pushing the LGBT+ agenda in Catholic schools? With the revelations of the now deceased Cardinal O'Brien's homosexual relationships still fresh in our minds, possible answers to that question are worrying.

Listed on the Scottish Government website as a member of the 'LGBTI Inclusive Education Working Group' is none other than Barbara Coupar - Director of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES). She, for those of you not-in-the-know, speaks the mind of the

Scottish bishops on all matters relating to Catholic schools. The Lifesitenews report continues...

Scotland's Education secretary John Swinney told Parliament that Scotland will become "*the first country in the world to have LGBTI [lesbian, gay, bisexual, transsexual and intersex] inclusive education embedded within the curriculum*". All state schools, primary and secondary, will teach a pro-homosexuality, pro-transsexual philosophy to children of all ages under "various themes" including "LGBTI terminology and identities", [plus] so-called homophobia, biphobia, transphobia, and the history of the "LGBTI equalities and movements... This is a result of 33 recommendations made by the Scottish Government's LGBTI Inclusive Education Working Group, all of which have been accepted by the government." We contacted The National Parent Forum of Scotland (NPFS), also named in the Government Working Group, to ask if Catholic parents were

included, but the NPFS replied to say that it would be "inappropriate" to comment on "the personal views and beliefs" of the members who participated in the Working Group. Not that any parent is likely to have contradicted the bishops: "*The Catholic Church welcomes any recommendations that will help to ensure that pupils and school staff are properly equipped to challenge and eradicate prejudice-based bullying within schools and wider society in accordance with the law,*" a spokesman for the Catholic Church in Scotland told Lifesitenews via email.

What is *wrong* in the personal lives of these bishops that they fail to comprehend the awful truth that they are just as blind in co-operating with those Government officials who have come for the souls of innocent children, as was Judas when he co-operated with the evil-doers who came to take Our Lord to His death? What has *caused* this spiritual and moral blindness, if not a sinful loss of divine and Catholic Faith? (*See letter to the Bishops, p.3.*)



The arrest of Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

"Who is it you want?" Jesus of Nazareth, they answered (John 18:5). They did not say "Thee" or "Thou art the One." It was evident that even under the full moon they did not recognize Him. That was why, too, they had prearranged a sign with Judas by which they would know Him - the kiss. Strangely enough, those who are bent on evil cannot recognize Divinity even when it stands before them. The Light can shine in darkness, but the darkness does not comprehend it. It takes more than lanterns and a full moon to perceive the Light of the World. As St Paul explained it: "*If, indeed, our gospel be found veiled, the only people who find it so are those on the way to perdition. Their unbelieving minds are so blinded by the god of this passing age, that the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the very image of God, cannot dawn upon them and bring them light.*" (11 Corinthians 4:3-4)

From *The Kiss that Blistered, Life of Christ*, by [Bishop] Fulton J. Sheen, chapter 42.

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12/9: Feast of the Holy Name of Mary...

On September 12, the Church celebrates the feast of the Most Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is important that we invoke her holy name in all our needs. The name Mary by which we honor the Most Blessed Virgin means "Star of the Sea". Saint Bernard tells us that this name is well-suited to her, because she is indeed a star which enlightens, guides, and leads us to a harbor in the stormy sea of this world.

This feast day was first observed at Cuenca, Spain, 1513. Pope Innocent XI (1683) extended it to the universal Church in thanksgiving to God and the Blessed Virgin for the liberation of Vienna and the victory over the Turks on September 12, 1683.

Seven Saint Quotes for the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary

"After the most sacred name of Jesus, the name of Mary is so rich in every good thing, that on earth and in heaven there is no other from which devout souls receive so much grace, hope, and sweetness."
St. Alphonsus Liguori

"The invocation of the sacred names of Jesus and Mary is a short prayer which is as sweet to the mind, and as powerful to protect those who use it against the enemies of their salvation, as it is easy to remember." **St. Thomas a Kempis**

"In dangers, in perplexities, in doubtful cases, think of Mary, call on Mary; let her not leave thy lips; let her not depart from thy heart." **St. Bernard of Clairvaux**

"However hardened and diffident a heart may be, the name of this most Blessed Virgin has such efficacy, that if it is only pronounced that heart will be wonderfully softened." **Blessed Raymond Jordano**

"Mary means Star of the sea, for as mariners are guided to port by the ocean star, so Christians attain to glory through Mary's maternal intercession."

St. Thomas Aquinas

"This most holy, sweet and worthy name was eminently fitted to so holy, sweet and worthy a virgin. For Mary means a bitter sea,[2] star of the sea, the illuminated or illuminatrix. Mary is interpreted Lady. Mary is a bitter sea to the demons; to men she is the Star of the sea; to the Angels she is illuminatrix, and to all creatures she is Lady." **St. Bonaventure**

"Look to the star of the sea, call upon Mary ... in danger, in distress, in doubt, think of Mary, call upon Mary. May her name never be far from your lips, or far from your heart ... If you follow her, you will not stray; if you pray to her, you will not despair; if you turn your thoughts to her, you will not err. If she holds you, you will not fall; if she protects you, you need not fear; if she is your guide, you will not tire; if she is gracious to you, you will surely reach your destination."
St. Bernard ●

Most Holy Name



of Mary

Feast. 12 September...

(Above, taken from the website,
Jean M. Heimann)

Letter To The Scottish Bishops

Shorter letter sent separately to the Bishops of England & Wales, via their website

From the Editor of Catholic Truth

Email to Bishops dated 30/7/19

We have discussed the dominance of the LG-BT+ infiltration in Catholic schools on many occasions, on our blog. Yesterday evening, I launched a fresh topic for discussion on the subject, featuring a factual video entitled: *What are they actually teaching about LGBT in British Primary Schools?* in an effort to further alert our readers, especially parents, teachers and priests, to the very grave threat increasingly posed to young Catholics by the brazen promotion of homosexuality, transgenderism and the rest, in our schools. This latest discussion can be followed [here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Btt7J6H87c0)
Ed: direct link to video
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Btt7J6H87c0>

It has long been a matter of serious concern to informed Catholics in Scotland, and indeed in the wider UK, that our bishops appear to accept the legitimacy of the entire LGBT+ “lifestyle” - fearful, no doubt, of falling foul of the secular law, and/or perhaps compromised in some way in their personal lives. As the great Saint Francis de Sales once pointed out, it is not wrong to speak better than we act – otherwise, we would all have to remain silent! That is why, notwithstanding the scandal which caused his downfall, Cardinal O’Brien (RIP) was right to denounce the LGBT activity, and to speak out against same-sex “marriage”. It’s why those of us who are all too often uncharitable in thought and speech, nevertheless promote Christ’s command to love our neighbour as ourselves. There is no contradiction there at all.

Thus, the complicit silence of our bishops is disappointing, to say the least, to lay people – and priests – who long for strong leadership from those charged with voicing the Church’s moral authority in the world. It is hardly surprising that Catholics are confused and unable to explain and defend their beliefs; indeed, the very fact that God has revealed these same truths is now doubted by most Catholics, who have been misled into believing that the Church – like any other institution – can (and should) “move with the times”, preferably by disposing of God’s natural moral law and accepting the human “right” of individuals to behave as they choose.

Interestingly, Archbishop Leo Cushley has acted to defend Catholic schools against a Green Party proposal “intended to strip the Catholic community of its voting rights on the City of Edinburgh’s Education Committee.” In his laudable effort to fight this proposal, the Archbishop issued a letter on the subject, which was read in parishes last Sunday, because, he argued, if passed, the proposal “would effectively remove from the Church the ability to influence the running and direction of our Catholic schools.” Importantly, Archbishop Cushley’s letter points out that “*This motion presents a serious threat to the Catholicity of our schools in Edinburgh and is*

also, in all probability, just the first step in a process to remove faith education from schools in Scotland altogether.”
<https://archedinburgh.org/catholic-community-unites-to-save-education-voting-rights/>

Praiseworthy as it is, I’m afraid that this letter amounts to “too little, too late”. It’s been a long time now, since Catholic schools could claim authentic “Catholicity”; and a very long time, too, since the Church had any real influence in the running and direction of Catholic schools. The secularization of our schools has accelerated in recent times, largely due to the willingness of the bishops’ representatives to accommodate the LGBT+ agenda. The provision of “LGBTI safe spaces” in Catholic schools is but one of many examples of this disturbing accommodation. (Scottish Catholic Observer, 3 February, 2017). I intend to write to the Scottish Catholic Education Commission in the near future, to ask for statistics on the take-up of these “safe spaces” [see note 3 at end of this letter.] More recently, I have been informed that a male pupil in a Glasgow Catholic primary school is being permitted to return at the end of the school holidays in August, as a “girl”. I suspect that this is not an isolated case, [see note 4 at end of this letter] but so deep is the apostasy now, that parents either take it for granted that this is acceptable or they don’t know where to turn for help. Yet, transgenderism is an attack on our very humanity; the truth of Sacred Scripture is called into serious doubt, for if it is *not* true that God created us male and female (Genesis 1:27), if this fundamental revelation is false, why should we believe any other biblical teaching, or, indeed, beliefs which have come to us from the Apostolic Tradition? It is imperative that bishops act urgently to protect Catholic pupils from the diabolical phenomenon of transgenderism; it is not possible for a male to become female and vice versa. They must each say that – without apology.

<https://www.thenewamerican.com/culture/item/23934-study-finds-no-scientific-basis-for-transgenderism>

As you will see, [my short blog commentary on the video exposé](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Btt7J6H87c0) of the reality of how children are being deviously manipulated and influenced by the LGBT+ lobby, highlights the fact that claims of “bullying” is a tactic used by the homosexuals to get their propaganda into schools. There are no “safe spaces” for those traditionally bullied – the “too fat”; “too thin”; “ginger hair”; just “not liked”... So, it is very concerning that those charged with advising and representing the bishops in the Scottish Catholic Education Commission have been so easily fooled by the claim that alleged “LGBTI” pupils require specially designated places where they would feel “safe”. Incredible.

I hope that each of the bishops receiving this email will take seriously the concerns expressed here and in the blog discussion. We now have several generations of Catholics – including contemporary parents of pupils in Catholic schools – who have not been taught

the Faith, due to the widespread [apostasy admitted by Pope John Paul II](#); the majority of modern Catholics simply do not understand the nature and purpose of the Church. This is a huge responsibility for us all, but especially for our bishops. Catholic Truth stands ready to support any and every bishop who actively seeks to address this crisis of morality in society and in Catholic schools. I respectfully ask each of you to reflect on the following sobering words of the English Bishop John Fisher, martyred during the 16th century Protestant Reformation, lamenting the cowardice of his brother bishops: “*The fort has been betrayed even by those who should have defended it.*”

Sincerely, Signed... Editor...

Notes...

1) No reply received from any of the bishops. Would those who continue to advise us to contact the bishops privately, rather than “airing the Church’s dirty laundry in public” please take note. Again.

2) Would readers of the print edition of this newsletter, note that the words underlined in this (and other pages) are usually (but not always) “links” which, when clicked in the internet copy, take readers to further information/sources.

3) I emailed Barbara Coupar, the Director of the Scottish Education Service (SCES) as follows, on 12/8/19:

Dear Ms Coupar,

With reference to your article in the Scottish Catholic Observer entitled *LGBTI ‘safe spaces’ for Catholic schools*, dated 3 February, 2017, I write to ask you to provide statistics on the take-up of “safe spaces” so far.

It would also be of interest for our readers if you could provide information about the cost, in terms of staffing and accommodation, entailed in the provision of these “safe spaces.”

I look forward to receiving the above information as soon as possible... ●

I did not expect a reply, so I am not disappointed!

4) I have now heard of a number of cases of cases of “transgender” pupils being accepted in Catholic schools, sometimes returning after holidays dressed as the opposite sex, with name changed on register. That the senior management and bishops are permitting this – which must be extremely confusing for the rest of the pupils – is utterly scandalous ●



Note: online readers may view video by clicking on the image or YouTube link. Please also send the direct link to all your friends...
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Btt7J6H87c0>

Catholic Truth Education Seminar

The Challenge of Educating Catholics to be Soldiers of Christ in a World of "Equality & Diversity" - Fight or Flight?

**Saturday, 23 May, 2020,
10am - 4.30pm**

**Rutherglen Town Hall,
139 Main Street, Rutherglen, G73 2JJ
(South Lanarkshire, outskirts of Glasgow city centre).**

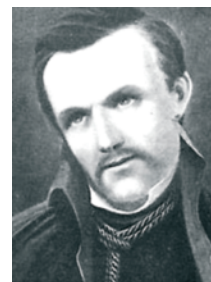
The seminar will be informal. Leading the conversation will be a panel of teachers and pupils (past and present) so why not book to come and share your experience of Catholic schools...

Father Sebastian Wall SSPX

Passing on the Faith...

St John Ogilvie (Scottish Martyr)

- Model "Soldier of Christ" for Catholic Youth today...



"I have come to Scotland to unteach heresy and to save souls." (St John Ogilvie)

10 am: Registration/morning tea, coffee, biscuits, followed by the Rosary at 10.30 am, when the Seminar will begin. Literature & Piety Stall available. A friendly welcome awaits all, so book without delay!

Entry: £20 / Concession £10 (senior citizens, students, unwaged)
*which includes tea/coffee/biscuits morning and afternoon,
plus a light lunch: soup, sandwiches, tea and coffee...*

If you wish to book to stay on for the evening meal, this will be served at 6 pm approximately.

Menu: Golden lentil soup served with a dinner roll, Traditional steak pie; tender diced beef topped with puff pastry served with chef's selection of potatoes and vegetables. Traditional apple pie served with cream. Tea, coffee and dinner mints - £34.50 per head, incl VAT. A vegetarian option will be available. Please inform of any dietary requirements. Bar available throughout. Please add your meal(s) payment when paying to attend the Seminar. **All monies must be paid by Friday, 1 May, 2020.** Cheques should be made payable to Catholic Truth and posted to *Catholic Truth, PO Box 30017, Glasgow, G67 9FS*. Or, to pay by bank transfer, write to the above address (with return address for us to reply), or email, to ask for our bank details.

**Limited number of places available so
book early, to avoid disappointment...**



Rutherglen Town Hall

Information ...



From 2019 information leaflet at Town Hall...

Getting there:

Rutherglen Town Hall is on a number of main bus routes and is also only a short walk from Rutherglen train station. We're also very close to the M74 motorway and you can get here from junction 2 or 2A.

Parking:

There are three public car parks adjacent to the rear and side of the Town Hall in King Street, one of which has predominantly accessible parking spaces for blue badge holders. These car parks are all free of charge.

Cardinal Newman – To Be Canonised in October – Traditionalist or Liberal?

From Catholic Truth blog, 20/7/19

Prepare, in the months leading up to the canonisation in October, to hear plenty of propaganda about the “liberal” Cardinal Newman from the mainstream “Catholic” media, with emphasis on his alleged (i.e. non existent) belief that conscience reigns supreme. Conscience, as peddled by the liberals, of course, is no such thing; it’s simply the self-centred human mind telling the self-centred human person to do whatever he/she wants, as long as he/she “feels” it’s OK. Really deep thinking. But, manifestly, **not** the thinking of Cardinal Newman. Just how deceitful does a so-called liberal have to be to twist the Cardinal’s beliefs about conscience to mean the precise opposite?

From the “liberal” – i.e. anti-Catholic – Tablet, the following predictable commentary:

“...Given the context, it is appropriate that the English priest will be declared a saint by a pope who has sought to implement Vatican II, and during the synod of bishops assembly on the Amazon, a structure established by Paul VI as the council drew to a close. Newman’s writing on the primary [sic] of conscience, which he described as “the aboriginal Vicar of Christ”, is also echoed in Francis’ family life teaching, Amoris Laetitia, which opens the door for remarried divorcees to receive communion. The pope has said Amoris Laetitia is an attempt to move away from legalistic casuistry, and canonical manuals to a deeper understanding of applying moral laws...”

Typically, by quoting Cardinal Newman’s words on conscience out of context, The Tablet and other liberal outlets omit the following, wholly orthodox, conclusion reached by the Cardinal on the subject:

*“...I observe that conscience is not a judgment upon any speculative truth, any abstract doctrine, but bears immediately on conduct, on something to be done or not done. “Conscience,” says St. Thomas, “is the practical judgment or dictate of reason, by which we judge what *hic et nunc* is to be done as being good, or to be avoided as evil.” Hence conscience cannot come into direct collision with the Church’s or the Pope’s infallibility; which is engaged in general propositions, and in the condemnation of particular and given errors.”*¹

Indeed, the Cardinal’s own words of opposition to the spirit of liberalism, taken from his famous ‘Biglietto Speech’, make absolutely clear that he detested liberalism in religion...

“...For thirty, forty, fifty years I have resisted to the best of my powers the spirit of Liberalism in religion. Never did Holy Church need champions against it more sorely than now, when, alas! it is an error overspreading, as a snare, the whole earth; and on this great occasion, when it is natural for one who is in my place to look out upon the world, and upon Holy Church

*as in it, and upon her future, it will not, I hope, be considered out of place, if I renew the protest against it which I have made so often...”*² ●

From John Henry Newman’s long war on liberalism, **Catholic World Report**, 2/7/19:

When reflecting upon Newman’s remarks [in his Biglietto Speech] it’s hard not to notice how much of the Christian world in the West has drifted in the directions against which he warned. Under the banner of “liberalism in religion,” Newman listed several propositions. These included (1) “the doctrine that there is no positive truth in religion,” (2) “that one creed is as good as another,” (3) that no religion can be recognized as true for “all are matter of opinion,” (4) that “revealed religion is not a truth, but a sentiment and a taste; not an objective faith, not miraculous,” and (5) “it is the right of each individual to make it say just what strikes his fancy.”

Can anyone doubt that such ideas are widespread today among some Christians? At the time, the directness of Newman’s assault on liberal religion surprised people. It wasn’t for idle reasons that the speech was reprinted in full in The London Times on 13 May, and then [appeared] in the Holy See’s own newspaper L’Osservatore Romano on 14 May. Everyone recognized that Newman’s words were of immense significance.

Newman believed, however, in Christ’s promises to his Church. [He] ended his Biglietto Speech by stating that... *Even in times where serious theological and moral error seems rampant, God raises up courageous bishops and priests, clear-thinking popes, new religious orders and movements, lay people who reject liberal Christianity’s mediocrity and soft-nihilism, and, above all, great saints and martyrs* ●

Footnotes:

¹ Newman Reader newmanreader.org/works/anglicans/volume2/gladstone/section5.html

² Cardinal Newman Against Liberalism <https://sspx.org/en/news-events/news/cardinal-newman-against-liberalism-3245>

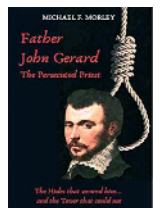
Book Review...



Father John Gerard - The Persecuted Priest by Michael F. Morley

Review by Bookworm...

The story of Father John Gerard’s priestly ministry in England during the penal times of Elizabeth I and James I, reads more like an adventure story than an historical account - although it is both.



Father John Gerard was one of the priests hunted during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, when priests were persecuted, accused of being spies and enemies of the State.

With help from friendly Catholics, Fr. Gerard uses his wits and his faith to outsmart his persecutors, and, with one narrow escape after another, the reader is kept breathless as Father keeps one step ahead of those hunting him down.

Father meets with people who disappointingly betray him and others who show unexpected loyalty. Thus, the strength and weakness of human nature is revealed, while, at break-neck speed, the book covers daring rescues and terrifyingly narrow escapes.

The author’s years of experience teaching history to twelve-to-fifteen year olds means that Mr Morley was able to avoid the dangers of writing a purely historical biography, full of secondary or unnecessary information. On the contrary, facts, including the actual words of Father John Gerard himself, taken from his autobiography and given in italics throughout the book, as well as the diary entries of real events and people contribute to making this story a lively and gripping read. This book appeals to young people - Bookworm asked a 16 year old for his opinion and he assures readers that it is an exciting book - he couldn’t leave it down! So, parents and grandparents might consider this as a birthday or Christmas present for their offspring ●

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One Giant Leap for Ecumenism: Lapsed Catholic Journalist - Wee Free Minister Should Be Pope!

Communications Correspondent

Kevin McKenna's interview with David Robertson, Minister of the Free Church of Scotland published in the Daily Mail on 20/7/19, and kindly sent to us by a Glasgow reader [see p.9], left the editor reaching for the smelling salts. Well, she's teetotal... Some extracts on p.14, but first, a little background to the "smelling salts"...

Background...

From Scottish Catholic Observer, 18/4/14
(published on Catholic Truth blog, 21/4/14)

Confessions of a part-time Mass-goer

My name is Kevin McKenna and I don't go to Mass every week. If there was a self-help group for Catholic back-sliders like me I'd probably be getting the hugs and back-rubbing treatment right now. "Amen brother, just let it out," someone would say, gently. "We've all been there," another would whisper. There could be tears. Afterwards someone might quote Luke 15:7. "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." It is one of the favourite Biblical verses of recusants everywhere. Along with 'let he who is without sin cast the first stone,' and 'judge ye not, lest ye be judged.' All three of these verses, taken together, offer a wee exegesis of redemption for those of us who have become, ahem, somewhat neglectful of our Catholic duties.

I can't quite recall when the rot first set in. And it certainly wasn't due to any theological or philosophical quarrel I had with Rome, or the teachings of Holy Mother Church. I might be a haphazard Catholic but I still believe in the whole package, even those bits of it that I cheerfully choose to ignore in the trade winds of everyday secular life. I remain within the ambit of the magisterium, as they say. Nor is it because of the recent waves of scandal that have broken on our shores. I may have been vociferous in my criticism of our leadership over some of these issues but, in the midst of it all, I acknowledge that these are only mere human beings and as prone to error as the rest of us.

The Faith is eternal, sacred and divine... and unshakeable—except on some Sundays where I've lamentably found other things to do. **End of extract...**

Editorial Comment...

Now, it would take too long to highlight all the questionable statements in Kevin McKenna's article. He has, for example, made his views on "gay rights" abundantly clear over time,

notably at the time of the same-sex marriage debate, so to claim that he "believes the whole package" is stretching it a bit, to put it mildly.

McKenna was once Deputy Editor of The (notoriously anti-Catholic) Herald, which position he abused by instructing the then Letters Editor to send anything from Catholic Truth "upstairs" (to him) and so it came to pass that our letters, which once graced the letters page of The Herald with reasonable frequency, were seen no more, and this state of affairs continues at the present time.

Kevin McKenna, then, is not a man of integrity. That's a given. This latest revelation—that he's a lapsed Catholic, employed to write for Scotland's only national Catholic (in inverted commas) newspaper—is but one more piece of evidence in that regard.

Don't fall for all that pseudo-humility dressed in selective biblical quotes, wrongly interpreted. For example, he blithely quotes the verse about there being "more rejoicing in Heaven over one sinner who repents..." without mentioning the fact that he has shown no sign of repenting of his deliberate choice of lapsation—which *is*, contrary to his personal opinion, a mortal sin.

What kind of journalist—and what kind of editor—would imagine that practising, regular Mass-going Catholics are remotely interested in reading the ramblings of a man who cannot even get the basics right in his own life? What has he got to say that is of any interest to any Catholic? A man who doesn't even know the teaching of the Church, that to miss Mass on Sundays without good cause is very much a mortal sin. Who, in other words, does Kevin McKenna think he is, to mislead readers as he does—shamelessly... Or maybe you think it's no big deal that a lapsed journalist should be employed to write for the Scottish Catholic Observer? After all, they handed a column to the Grand Master of the Orange Lodge not so long ago... ●

From the Blog ...



*"Gabriel Syme" writes
(April 21, 2014)...*

I pity the sad figure of Kevin McKenna. Like many nominal-Catholics who make a living from bitter and distorted attacks on the institution which educated and formed them, he appears an angry, frustrated man, unsure of who he is and where he is going.

He probably reconciles his attacks on his own Church and community, by convincing himself that he does it because he means well and wants the Church to be all it can be. But his playing to the gallery in the rags he writes for,



Kevin McKenna, former Deputy Editor at The Herald, abused his position by banning publication of letters from Catholic Truth - and boasted of the fact to our then Media Officer.

(Guardian, Observer etc), is so ill-informed and erroneous that it's clear his articles represent no more than his meal-ticket, not genuine appeals for change. Real journalists research and discover stories. McKenna just vomits his rehearsed bile over the page. The former represents investigative effort and intellectual curiosity, but McKenna stands only for cheap-and-easy articles, conjured from his imagination onto the back of a fag packet. The reason for his rare Mass attendance is that he is not really a Catholic at all. But showing his face once a season or so represents the bare minimum requirement for his claims of Catholicity to have any credibility, when attached to his columns of angry drivel. The mask slipped (again) in a recent Observer column:

— first the idiot attacks the Church for supposedly having "a pathological and sinister hatred of homosexuality" (which is not even remotely true, so McKenna is a liar also)

— then he quickly goes on to shower heretics with the most glowing of praise:

"I had cause to admire the stripped-down and spare beauty of the Free Church of Scotland. Unencumbered by careless devotions to forgotten saints and moving Madonnas, it continues to provide wisdom and discernment to those whom it touches. It is closer to what St Peter and St Paul thought God's church should look like than that which Rome has constructed."

<http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2014/mar/15/catholic-church-of-scotland-dying>

Really? And here was me thinking that the Free Church accepted every last word in the Bible literally without question, including the bits about homosexuality being an abomination. So here, in fact, is further evidence of why he barely attends Mass—his infatuation with backward, man-made Protestant groups. One wonders why—if what he says above is true—he doesn't attend the Free Church of Scotland?

It is because then he would lose his journalistic (I use that word loosely) meal ticket. If he revealed himself as a Protestant, there would be no more production line of "disgruntled Catholic puts the boot into the Church" articles, to titillate Guardian readers.

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Your Letters



Issue # 112, Synod of Bishops on the Amazon... Most shocking Vatican Document ever...

Regarding the Pope's proposal that married men in S America in remote areas be ordained. No doubt this is an extension of his modernising policy following Amoris Laetitia. In that he was supposedly acting to help those 'in second marriages' when in fact the only way to do so would be to urge them to go to confession, get absolution for their adultery, and leave their concubines, and either return to their husbands or wives - or live chastely.

And in giving them leave to take Communion while 'living-in-sin' what the Pope did was (a) suggest the 'marriage' was valid and (b) increase the pain of the rejected wife or husband.

Similarly by proposing the new policy [ordaining married men], he is setting a precedent that will overturn the need for celibacy in the priesthood - as priests are a sign of Christi who acts through them. He justifies this by claiming 'a special case', namely that in the wider Amazon region, there are Catholics who live too far remote from churches to have access to Holy Communion.

Looks 'plausible' - but then we are taking *his* word for it, aren't we, and he is a Pope who is indifferent to the pain he will cause to rejected wives and husbands through Amoris Laetitia. So let's take a critical look at his proposals. Maybe we should (a) realise that in specifying those in 'remote areas' he is cleverly covering his 'tracks', as who is going to verify his claim?

They raise other questions. The Amazon dwellers [are] too far for Mass - how did they get there? For [Pope Francis] - is there a 'spontaneous generation of Catholics'? Because, for there to be Catholics - there must be *priests!* Like *Love and Marriage, Horse and Carriage*, you can't get one without the other. So what [Pope Francis] is positing - is a pastoral impossibility. Babies don't baptise themselves.

The real solution would be - not to have a quick sacramental 'fix-it' but to send out priests as was the practice beforehand, and to declare their regions 'missionary areas'. You can't just ordain someone if he lacks priestly formation - so that must come first. In other words the Pope is 'putting the sacramental cart before the pastoral horse'. He is as in Amoris Laetitia riding roughshod over 2000 years of tradition in the name of his new church.

Iain Colquhoun, Wales

Another fantastic Catholic Truth! Thank you so very much, yet again.

Your analysis of phoney visions of Our Lady in the book My Heart Will Triumph by the Medjugorje so-called "seer", Mirjana, was spot on and I'm hoping that your good friend has now been persuaded against her support for this

cult. [Ed: Afraid not. She's convinced that we "need" Medjugorje.]

Enclosed, a couple of snippets which may interest you (shock, rather) if you haven't already come across them. Words fail!

[Ed: thank you for sending both snippets - see Leprechaun's commentary and Future LGBT King? both on p.12]

Another tiny donation! **Patricia Shepherd, Eire**

ED: IN THE NAME OF ALL THE LEPRECHAUNS IN IRELAND, HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO SAY THAT THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A SMALL OR TINY DONATION! THANK YOU! BUT NOW WE WANT YOU TO SAVE ALL THOSE "TINY" DONATIONS TO FUND A TRIP TO SCOTLAND NEXT MAY FOR OUR SEMINAR! SEE P.4.



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Hi, thanks so much for a truly friendly, refreshing website, one that is accurate, polite and informative. I'm a traditional Catholic and I'd love to be able to respond to many of the interesting discussion points but I don't seem to be able to do so. Please can you tell me how to do this? I have my own blog so can I kind of link that to you so that I can comment. Many thanks, **Emma Green by email**

[Ed: I replied to welcome Emma to our blog] Then received the following second message:

Thanks so much... In terms of being traditional, I'm actually a convert from High Anglicanism. Firstly because my husband had become a re-vert! And also because I saw no point in pretend Catholicism when I could have the real thing! However, whilst of course, I never regret swimming the Tiber, I was disappointed at the lack of holiness in many churches. My husband

calls it "Bob Dillon at prayer"! Every blessing.

[Ed: it is important not to look only at the behaviour of the members of the local churches for that sign [holiness] which is one of the four marks of the true Church. Another great convert - John Henry Cardinal Newman - was similarly deterred from entering the Church until he came to realise that the "holiness" of the Church consists of the holiness of the *entire* Church, from the beginning, the Church Triumphant in Heaven, the Church Suffering in Purgatory as well as the Church Militant here on earth. It is not restricted to the Church on earth - thankfully!

Connor McGinn MP was the main push for equal marriage in Northern Ireland. He is a Catholic... Paul Sweeney and Ged Killen were his main backers. Both are Scottish Catholics and Labour MPs. At the Gay pride march in Glasgow the main Protestant Church to protest was Partick Free Church Continuing and I believe God is blessing this Church and I do attend there occasionally. Killen and Sweeney attended. As Catholics please take this up with your Bishops as these guys are apostate.

A Protestant, Glasgow

[Ed: The Bishops - trust me on this - don't want to know... See my letter to the Bishops on p.3.

Letters continued on p.9

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Miss McMoney Penny



For whosoever shall give you to drink a cup of water in My name, because you belong to Christ: amen I say to you, he shall not lose his reward. (Mark 9:40)

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Your Letters Continued



At last I have fully thought through the E.E.N.S thing [Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus - Outside the Catholic Church there is no salvation]. Oh no, not again, I hear you think. **[Ed: you got that right.]**

Before, I thought of Protestants as casting off tyrannical papal authority, relying on 'sola scriptura' and setting themselves up as independent bodies with their own private line to God.

[Ed: that is exactly right. Since we've explained the Church's teaching on this dogma *ad nauseam*, this is where your apology for banging on about the subject, and gratitude for our wonderful help, would have fitted perfectly...]

Now I see that Rome is the sun and source of all Christian grace spreading out all over the world even beyond its visible boundaries. The Protestants get all their vital energies, albeit unconsciously so, through the one Church that God founded originally. Without such a Church the Protestant dependant sects would not exist. Protestants, like all heretics, are actually parasitic on the Catholic host... Some are like woodworm, destructive, while 'good' Protestants, who obey all lights given to them, can achieve salvation. Such a one is John Bunyan who was my main guide in my Protestant days. **Jim Allen, Torquay**

[Ed: I really do urge you to stop worrying yourself about this; trust all souls to the infinite mercy and goodness of God who has infallibly led His Church from the beginning and has promised to do so until the end of time.

Now, I *did* close down this correspondence some time ago, and - to be honest - I begrudge having to publish this latest letter on the subject; portrays me as a weak woman instead of the Nicola Sturgeon of Catholicism in Scotland. So, I would ask you to respect my renewed request not to keep writing about this because I am not giving you my personal opinion but the teaching of the Church and I do not have the authority to change that.

My personal opinion? Obvious, if you think about it... Only Catholic Truth readers should be allowed into Heaven.

[Ed: If you think Jim Allen got it in the neck, wait till you read what's in store for George Mills ...]

I liked Issue # 112. Probably the item that struck me most was "A Tale of Two Confirmations" [by Raymond O'Leary], p.3. So very true and most attending Mass today would not realise the situation.

[Ed: True. But how many people who have been reading this newsletter for years now, even attending our Conferences, are still attending the new Mass, despite all the information served in these pages to demonstrate that it really cannot be pleasing to God in the "true worship" category, having been designed, specifically, to protestantise us? Hardly surprising, then, that the majority of Catholics haven't detected any changes to the rest of the sacraments - be fair.]

I enclose a copy of an item that perhaps you missed by Kevin McKenna on the Rev David Robertson [Minister of the Free Church of Scotland] in the Daily Mail, Saturday, 20/7/19. He is to be praised.

[Ed: that choking sound you heard was the last sentence sticking in my throat... until I realised it's David Robertson you mean to praise, not Kevin McKenna. See report which begins on page 7 for all the reasons you'll ever need not to praise him...]

Note [David Robertson's] warning regards a "move to shut Catholic schools", and his views on "gay marriage". He has said more than our Bishops! A pathetic lot for sure.

As a boy at Holy Cross we had Bishop Grey Graham as Parish Priest. What a powerful figure. He would, today, be in prison for opposing, in a vigorous way, the LGBT++ lobby, sex-education etc that the SNP are pushing. He opposed the signing of the 1918 Education Act as did the other bishop from Dunkeld, as a "disaster for the Church, if signed." I told this to Sir Tom Devine who applauded the Act in his recent talk at St Aloysius. If you haven't read Bishop Grey Graham's book *From the Kirk to the Catholic Church* let me know. I am reprinting some copies. **[Ed: I read it some years ago, thank you.]**

Finally, a fun item [enclosed] that you may not have seen on Fr Willy Slavin. Never met him, but had heard of him.

[Ed: you'll have "heard about him" via this newsletter. He allowed his church in Glasgow to be used for "gay" Masses, and his hall for socialising afterwards. And some years ago, when he was PP in another parish, I received a very nasty letter from him after I'd written to point out the confusion caused by having the name of a nun on one of the Confessional doors, which he predictably claimed was now in use as a counselling room. As if there wasn't a room in that very large presbytery that could have been used by Sister for counselling. As if the subliminal message about women's ordination wouldn't be easily detected. Indeed, the not-really-so-subliminal message was certainly detected by an elderly lady who was overheard saying to her husband: "*I didn't know women, even nuns, could hear confessions, did you?*"

So, reading in your "fun item" from the Daily Mail that he's chosen to spend his retirement living in a ramshackle hut with no running water, in a wood, a very "self-sacrificing" lifestyle, where he can read and write in peace and cycle or walk as he pleases, and is close enough to nearby village pubs where he lunches and enjoys his pint of Guinness. What can I say except - roll on my turn!

Also, [enclosed] a small payment to Miss McMoneypenny. **George Mills, Glasgow**

ED: GEORGE, TAKE YOUR MAGNIFYING GLASS OVER TO P.B AND READ MY NOTE TO MRS SHEPHERD IN THE "LEPRECHAUNS' BOX". THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A SMALL DONATION!



American Blogger, RCA Victor writes ...



I think it is futile to speculate, and/or try to predict on a case-by-case basis, who is saved and who is not - and not only futile, but an act of stubborn pride.

The Church has given us the rule, and it is *de fide*. However, in favor of those outside the [visible] Church, God may will to save a soul who has been pleasing to Him, and who has not consciously rejected His Church... Conversely, against those inside the Church - and again I cite Matthew 7:21 - God may condemn Catholics who merely gave the Faith lip service...

Topic: Can Only Catholics Be Saved? Really? Catholic Truth Blog, July, 2019.

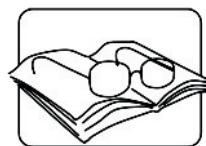
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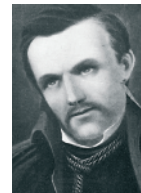


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[Fr Willy Slavin] renounced the trappings of his Catholic ministry five years ago at the age of 74, after fifty years of unbroken service...it seemed the perfect time to shed his worldly possessions and tread more lightly upon the earth. He moved in with little more than a change of clothes, a copy of the Bible, and an iPad full of eBooks. He has little truck with the Church hierarchy, dismissing those 'sacristy priests' who have never knowingly put religion in the way of their careers..." (*I went to live in the woods... and found the true meaning of life!* Daily Mail, 18/5/19)

Thinking Through Catholic Truth

"I have come to Scotland to unteach heresy and to save souls"



St John Ogilvie SJ
Feast: 10 March

The Happiness of Heaven

Taken from the book *"Preparation for Death"* by St. Alphonsus de Liguori,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

In this life, the greatest pain which afflicts souls that are in desolation and love God, arises from the fear of not loving Him, and of not being loved by Him. **"Man knoweth not whether he be worthy of love or hatred."** (Eccles. 9: 1). But in Heaven the soul is certain that it loves God, and that He embraces it as a beloved child and that this love will not be dissolved for all eternity. These blessed flames will be augmented by the increased knowledge which the soul will then have of the greatness of the love of God, in becoming man and dying for us; of His love in instituting the Most Holy Sacrament, in which a God becomes the food of a worm. Then also will the soul clearly see all the graces which God has bestowed upon it in delivering it from so many temptations and so many dangers of perdition; it will then understand that the tribulations, infirmities, persecutions, and losses, which it called misfortunes and divine chastisements, were all love, all means intended by divine Providence to conduct it to Heaven. It will see particularly the patience of God in bearing with it after so many sins, and the mercies He had shown it in giving it so many lights and invitations to His love. From that blessed mountain it will behold so many souls in Hell, condemned for fewer sins than it had committed and will see that it is saved, that it is in the possession of God, and secure against all danger of ever losing that Sovereign Good for all eternity.

When the soul has once entered into the happy kingdom of God, **"there will be nothing to molest it. God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and death shall be no more, not mourning, nor crying, nor sorrow shall be any more; for the former things are passed away. And He that sat on the throne said: Behold I make all things new"** (Apoc. 21:4).

In Heaven there is no infirmity, no poverty, no distress; there are no longer the vicissitudes of days and nights, nor of cold and heat; but a perpetual day always serene, an eternal spring always delightful. There are no persecutions; no envy. In that kingdom of love, all love one another tenderly; and each rejoices in the good of the other as if it were his own. There are no fears; because the soul, being confirmed in grace, can no longer sin nor lose her God. **"Behold I make all things new."** Everything is new; everything gives consolation and content. The sight will be filled with delight in beholding this city of perfect beauty. How delightful the view of

a city in which the streets are of crystal, the palaces of silver, the ceilings of gold, and all adorned with festoons of flowers! Oh! how much more beautiful the city of paradise! how splendid the appearance of these citizens, who are all clothed in royal robes; for, as St. Augustine says, they are all kings. How delightful must it be to behold Mary, who will appear more beautiful than all paradise! But what must it be to see the Lamb of God, the Heavenly Spouse, Jesus! St. Theresa had one transient glimpse of one of the hands of Jesus Christ, and was struck senseless by its beauty. The smell will be regaled with odors but with the odors of paradise. The ear will be delighted with celestial harmony. St. Francis once heard from an angel a single stroke on a violin, and almost died through joy. What then must it be to hear the whole choir of saints and angels chanting the glories of God! **"They shall praise Thee forever and ever"** (Ps. 83:5). What must it be to hear Mary praising God! St. Francis de Sales says that, as the singing of the nightingale surpasses that of all of the other birds, so the voice of Mary is far superior to that of all the other saints. In a word, in Heaven are found all the delights which can be desired.

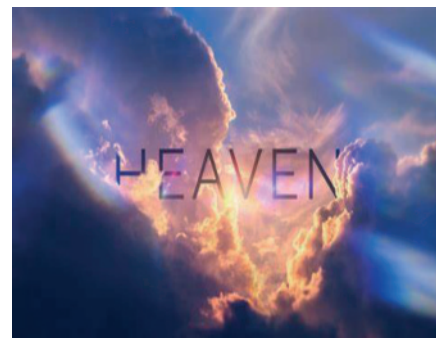
When, therefore, the crosses of this life afflict us, let us animate ourselves with the hope of Heaven to bear them patiently. St. Mary of Egypt, being asked at the end of her life by the Abbot Zozimus, how she had been able to live for so many years in such a desert, replied: **"With the hope of Heaven."** When the dignity of Cardinal was offered to St. Philip Neri, he threw up the cap in the air, exclaiming, **"Paradise! Paradise!"** At the mention of paradise, Brother Giles, of the Order of St. Francis, was raised up from the ground through joy. Let us likewise, when we are afflicted by the miseries of this life, raise up our eyes to Heaven, and console ourselves, saying with a sigh, **"Heaven! Heaven!"** Let us reflect that if we be faithful to God, all these sorrows, miseries, and fears will one day have an end, and we shall be admitted into that blessed country, where we shall enjoy complete happiness as long as God will be God. Behold, the saints are expecting us, Mary is expecting us, and Jesus stands with a crown in His hand, to make us kings in that eternal kingdom ●

Prayer to St. Joseph For a Good Life and a Happy Death



O Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for me a pure, humble and charitable mind and perfect resignation to the Divine Will. Be my guide, father, and model through life, that I may merit to die as thou didst die, in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Amen.



"Eye hath not seen nor ear heard; neither hath it entered into the heart of man, what things God hath prepared for them that love Him."

(1 Corinthians 2:9)

Faith & Morality Matters

Your Problems Answered

Aunt Evangeline

Patrick from East Kilbride asks...

Since Christian teaching is that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit, surely it is a sin to smoke when we know that it is very unhealthy? Yet, even priests smoke. Shouldn't they be setting a good example?

Aunt Evangeline replies...

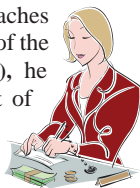
While it is true that St Paul teaches that our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19), he is teaching this in the context of sexual immorality.

The Church has never specified what we may or may not eat or drink or that we cannot smoke. Instead, the Church preaches the virtue of Temperance to encourage us to moderation in all things; just as we mustn't eat to excess - gluttony being one of the seven deadly, or capital sins - so, Catholics understand, we mustn't smoke or drink to excess. Of course, with the increased knowledge available to us about the damage smoking and drinking can do to our bodies, our personal responsibility increases and, if we persist in excesses of any kind, we may well be guilty of sin. That does not mean we can point to any individual smoker or drinker (priest or lay person) and accuse him/her of committing sin.

Ideally, it would be edifying if priests were to always set a good example, by not smoking and, (some would argue) not drinking, but the Church leaves such decisions to the individual. Below, a prospective convert (commenting on a blog) shares Patrick's concerns - and I'll close with a response from a Religious answering another blogger who said that smoking is a hindrance to holiness...

Layman: *I've been investigating the Catholic faith and really love it overall, and I'm also taking RCIA classes (for adults interested in learning about and possibly becoming Catholic), but it really bugs me that the priests are allowed to smoke... Please don't say they're just human! I realize that, but I also realize that they represent the world's largest division of Christianity and have various higher (or stricter) standards than the average guy! Vow of poverty, vow of celibacy, and others, why should they be allowed to hurt their body by smoking then?*

Friar David [Carmelite]: *...you view smoking as a hindrance to holiness. The only hindrance to holiness is sin. Something is either a sin or its not, there is no matter of opinion about that. To believe that there is, is to be a moral relativist. Smoking is moral neutral. I also take offence as a religious that people out there judge priests in the manner that you do when you say this... Addiction lessens the moral culpability of the individual who is addicted as their ability to consent is compromised... no-one has proved that smoking is a sin. I know people who only smoke when they are driving a long distance or when they are at the bar for a night out. Are they "addicted" or are they "sinning"? ●*



Lapsed Catholic Journalist... Continued from p.7

The man is a circus article. A fool and a liar, without a scrap of principle. I daresay all this double-speak, posing as a Catholic while long-ing to be Protestant, has left him quite disillusioned and unsure of who he is (or wants to be).

And his two-faced Guardian articles make fools of the dull-wits who buy the "Catholic" newspapers he appears in ●

Extracts from Kevin McKenna's Daily Mail Interview with Rev David Robertson, Minister of the Free Church of Scotland (20 July, 2019), With Editorial Commentary...

McKenna opens the interview by condemning the "forces of illiberalism" which, he notes, have silenced non-conforming voices, blaming this illiberalism, which he terms the "nationalisation of conscience", on the Scottish Government "otherwise desperate to make Scotland a "Xanadu of diversity and inclusiveness". Then this:

Nobody has resisted this state-sanctioned intolerance more than the Rev David Robertson, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and enemy of Scotland's liberal thought-police. But his adversaries can now put down their pitchforks and burning crosses, as Robertson heads for the other side of the world."

Adversaries? David Robertson? I've shunned The Herald for a long time now, but one of the most regular correspondents published in their letters page is the same Rev Robertson; and when I tuned in to a debate on BBC Scotland in recent weeks, I found that he had been invited to participate as a member of the panel, which includes politicians and professors. He actually mentions this programme in the McKenna interview: *"I was on BBC Scotland's Debate Night programme the other week. Afterwards, several people- with no connection to my church - said that while they fundamentally disagreed with me on several points, they felt supportive of me because I was saying something different."*

I wish I'd kept some of the emails I received after participating in TV and radio discussions - all with various imaginative language variations on "sling your hook." And that for saying something *decidedly* different - as Catholic Faith and Morals tends to be these days.

However, exhibiting the same zeal with which, as Deputy Editor at The Herald McKenna suppressed all letters from members of the Catholic Truth team, he now promotes the Protestant Free Minister, David Robertson, as Scotland's modern John the Baptist:

"Unlike other Christian leaders who wring their hands and meekly accept each new decree handed down by Nicola Sturgeon's Government, Robertson is Scotland's modern John the Baptist, an authentic Christian voice

crying out in a secular wilderness."

Kevin McKenna has fallen into the error of confusing nice men with "Christians". Consistently, the Church has made clear that those outside the Body established by Christ, with Peter at its head, by definition are not Christians. Pius XII: *"To be Christian one must be Roman. One must recognize the oneness of Christ's Church that is governed by one successor of the Prince of the Apostles who is the Bishop of Rome, Christ's Vicar on earth"* (Allocution to the Irish pilgrims of October 8, 1957.)

Likewise, Pope Leo XIII explains that separated members cannot belong to the same body: *"So long as the member was on the body, it lived; separated, it lost its life. Thus the man, so long as he lives on the body of the [Catholic] Church, he is a Christian; separated from her, he becomes a heretic"* (Encyclical Satis cognitum of June 29, 1896).

Of course, Vatican II has muddied the waters with its apparent endorsement of the notion that all who claim to be Christians are so, but if the only supporting argument stems from a highly controversial Council of the Church, widely believed to be the root cause of the religious indifferentism through to outright apostasy around us today, the thinking Christian will stick with traditional teaching on this, as on everything else. Me, too...

Typical of modernists, McKenna turns the truth on its head at every turn. Here's a laugh:

"Robertson was never cast in [the mould of a strict, dour Wee Free]... He mixed freely with Catholics, the Free Kirk's ancient foes, and even praised popes."

First-up, the Catholic Church is nobody's "foe", nobody's enemy. She has many enemies, as Christ foretold: *"As the world hates Me, so it will hate you..."* (John 15:18)

And I doubt that Rev Robertson will be praising the popes just quoted; the post-Vatican II popes, yes, sure thing, because - between them, and by their lack of zealous missionary preaching - they have provided a false security to those outside the Church. Everyone is saved, according to their "theology", so what is there for any Wee Free not to like?

The double-page spread in the Daily Mail devoted to this interview is a veritable word festival of undiluted admiration for Rev Robertson. Here's another laugh, bearing in mind the McKenna censorship of our letters at The Herald:

"Unlike many high-profile Christians, (Robertson) doesn't regard a television or radio studio as a trap set by the devil to mesmerise them and make them look foolish. Instead, he has embraced them and all forms of new media as a means of communication created by God to provide opportunities to spread the good news of the risen Christ. [Ed: Just like that Catholic Truth bunch when they wrote letters into The Herald, but I soon put a stop to that. Unfortunately, I didn't have a say in the matter or I'd have scuppered those TV and radio appearances as well...]

Continued on p.14

“Gay” Rights Royal: *A Future LGBT King? Fine By Me!*

Prince William Duke of Cambridge (37), future heir to the UK throne told an LGBT charity that it would be “absolutely fine by me” if any of his children came out as “gay”... (Daily Express, 27/6/19).

He was visiting the Albert Kenney Trust in Hoxton, east London, when he revealed that his small children have already been subjected to homosexual education: “*The future king said he and the Duchess of Cambridge had done a good deal of talking to make sure their children were prepared for such issues and questions in future.*”

Readers will be consoled, perhaps, to know that it's not just the children of the hoi polloi who are being brainwashed with LGBT propaganda, but royalty as well.

That the royal children - Prince George, five, Princess Charlotte, four, and Louis, one year old - might experience a public backlash is of some concern to their father, but he is perhaps not fully aware of the extent of the LGBT success in infiltrating society and the Government's pledge to extend this infiltration. Dated July 2018, the Government's LGBT Action Plan lists (and takes credit for) all the “successes” in progressing the LGBT cause in recent times, and then promises to...

...establish a new LGBT Advisory Panel for government. The Minister for Women and Equalities will appoint the membership for the group and it will comprise representatives from civil society. The panel will advise on LGBT issues that we have an interest in.

...enable Parliament to play a full role in helping to advance LGBT equality. We will provide annual updates to the Women and Equalities Select Committee, explaining our progress against this plan. This will ensure that Parliament can hold us to our word that we will defend, **extend** and promote the rights and freedoms of LGBT people here and abroad. Extracts end...

So, Prince William and his wife may be reassured that by the time we have a “gay” king, those even remotely likely to question the “lifestyle” and create a “public backlash” will be safely locked up in prison. Problem sorted, as they say south of the border ●

Vatican Statement on the Suitability of Transgender Godparents

Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith:

“Regarding this particular [issue], I inform you [A BISHOP REQUESTING CLARIFICATION] of the impossibility that it be admitted. The transsexual behavior itself reveals, in a public manner, an attitude that is opposed to the moral demand of resolving one's own problem of sexual identity according to the truth of one's own sex. Therefore, it is evident that this person does not possess the requisite of leading a life according to the faith and to the position of godfather (CIC [Code of Canon Law] Can 874 §3), not being able, therefore, of being admitted to the position either of godmother or of godfather. Discrimination is not to be seen in this, but only a recognition of an objective lack of the requisites that by their own nature are necessary to take over the ecclesial responsibility of being a godparent.” *Vatican Statement on the Suitability of Claimants to Transgender identity as Godparents (Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith)*

According to a new report published in *The New Atlantis* journal, transgenderism — the latest hot button social justice “ism” — is not supported by science. The report was co-authored by former Chief of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins Hospital and Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University Dr. Paul McHugh and Arizona State University Professor of Statistics and Biostatistics Lawrence Mayer. They concluded that “gender identity” is not separate from biological sex.

“Examining research from the biological, psychological, and social sciences, this report shows that some of the most frequently heard claims about sexuality and gender are not supported by scientific evidence,” the report prefaced. “*The hypothesis that... a person might be ‘a man trapped in a woman's body’ or ‘a woman trapped in a man's body’ — is not supported by scientific evidence,*” stated the researchers.

(Study Finds No Scientific Basis for Transgenderism, *The New American*, 24/8/16) ●

When Irish Eyes Are NOT Smiling



Leprechaun

Question: when did the tradition of giving children money for their First Communion and Confirmation start?

Answer:

First Communion paves the way for Confirmation and children in Ireland have long been dressed up for both occasions, although it's only since the 1960's that cash presents started to be given.

Ed: notice that - everything “good” in the Church dates from the 1960's... the new Mass - like old age - didn't come alone!



The big change in how old children are when they receive First Communion came just over a century ago, when Pope Pius X (now a saint) in 1910 lowered the age for receiving First Communion to the age of reason, considered to be about seven.

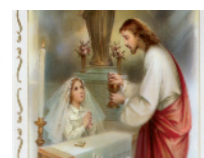
Since the late 19th century, it has always been the tradition for girls to wear white dresses and veils for First Communion, while boys are also dressed up for the same ceremony...[but] the practice of giving cash [for First Communion and Confirmation] didn't start to become usual practice until the 1960's, the first decade of prosperity in modern Ireland, when people had cash to spare for the first time.

Recent years have seen sharp increases in the amount of cash and gifts given, both for First Communion and Confirmation. **Both occasions have become less religious and more mercenary as parents, friends and neighbours pile on the gifts to children.**

The amount given has increased year on year for the past 60 years and has now reached astronomical proportions. **These days, it's estimated that children receive over €600 worth of clothes and gifts, while for just over 10% of children, the amount received is worthy over €1,000** ●

(The above extracts taken from the ‘Answers to Correspondents’ column, *Irish Daily Mail*, 28/6/19. Emphases added).

Ed: it would, without doubt, be an eye-opener to conduct a carefully worded survey of Irish First Communicants to test their knowledge and understanding of Whom they receive on their First Communion day. A bet of €1 million on few, if any, giving the correct answer would be a very safe bet. Sadly.





Bishop of Motherwell Under Fire for Decision to Close Carfin Pilgrimage Centre...

"... the Bishop acts like a despot" said one Motherwell layman who points out that there has been little, if any, effort to save the popular centre, yet pilgrims come from all over..."

Staff Reporter



A furious layman from the Diocese of Motherwell contacted Catholic Truth with news of the proposed closure of the Pilgrimage Centre at the national shrine, Carfin Grotto.

The decision has been widely reported in the Scottish print media, with revelations of job losses; eleven members of staff are being made redundant. News of this decision was broken to staff at Carfin Pilgrimage Centre on Monday, August 5 - with the centre due to close on 30 September. The diocese claims that the decision was 'purely financial' and taken with 'deep regret.'

The centre has a shop and a café, and is open seven days a week; eleven members of staff, between the ages of 18 and 71 are employed there. According to reports, staff feel 'used and abused' and 'absolutely gutted' at the way they've been treated; no employee earns more than £12 per hour, and most employees have worked there for over a decade.

Margaret McGuigan, Manager of the Pilgrimage Centre, said: *"It's not as if there is an excessive wage bill here and a huge turnover of staff. It's the building that is the problem: most of the year the gas and electric bills are over £1,000 per month."*

Carfin Grotto hosts national pilgrimages each year, so Ms McGuigan said the centre might have been rescued by the Bishops' Conference of Scotland, with a 'collection once per year for upkeep of the Grotto, the national shrine of Scotland.'

She added: *"We have falling congregations and a lack of knowledge of the Faith but where are people going to go to learn about their Faith?"*

[Ed: not the schools as any of the young Centre staff will testify, that's for sure.]

"We have it all here, it is visible and there are trained and knowledgeable staff members who provide a lot of help to people struggling to pick up the right resource, book or holy memorabilia," Ms McGuigan said.

There is an online petition which has gathered over 4,000 signatures in one day, and the gentleman who contacted Catholic Truth is calling for militant action to challenge the Bishop to rethink his decision ●

See p.16 for more editorial comment on this.

From the Blog...

Elizabeth on USA: Dramatic Loss of Belief in Real Presence – What About UK Catholics?



A little 8 year old girl I know who is due to make her first Holy Communion next year told me she was looking forward to getting the "holy

"bread"!

This is a child at a Catholic primary school. I doubt if she is receiving any sort of proper Catholic education.

Judging from the way most people go up for Communion, in the hand, standing, I doubt if many really believe in transubstantiation at all. If so there would be no hubbub in the church before Mass, no casual handling of the sacred vessels, And certainly no so called extraordinary ministers.

It is heartbreaking to see what has happened to the Church in the last 50 years or so. And how many priests really believe? Very few I guess or they would not permit such abuses in their parishes.

Margaret USA on "Blessed are the peacemakers"... Should Catholics Shun Hong Kong Protests ?



Pope Pius XII consecrated Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1952 BUT Our Lord said that it was "insufficient".

On June 13, 1929 – 90 years ago! – in the Presence of the Most Holy Trinity, Our Lady said to +Sister Lucia:

"The moment has come in which God asks the Holy Father to order and make in union with all the bishops of the world the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart, promising to save it by this means."

In the 1950s, Our Lady said to +Sister Lucia that She is "still awaiting the consecration of Russia to my Immaculate Heart. Without the consecration, Russia will not be able to convert, nor will the world have peace."

She is still waiting ●

What The Papers Say

The Mail Online, 15/8/19

A bus driver has been suspended after refusing to drive a vehicle which celebrated gay pride.

Passenger Rebecca Sears, 19, claimed a Konectbus driver at Norwich Bus Station insisted on swapping buses as the one he was in 'promoted homosexuality'.

She said that the driver, who appeared to be in his 50s with grey hair, was referring to the vehicle's service number which featured the colours of the gay-pride rainbow flag.

Rebecca said: *'He said we have to wait a minute, he said I am not driving this bus because it promotes homosexuality. I was standing with two other women and we kind of thought he was joking, in a weird way. Like we were just thinking is it really that big of a deal. I thought it was all just quite bad, it made us 10 minutes late - which isn't bad when its more a legit reason but for that sort of reason it is.'*

Rebecca went to the bus station's front desk to report what had happened as the driver moved to another double-checker vehicle and allowed passengers to board.

Ed: So, thanks to this [insert adjective of your choice] female, who a sixth form student according to the report, and one with the morals of a mince pie by the looks of it, has put this driver's job on the line for no other reason than he has the temerity to think for himself and refuse to be manipulated into promoting behaviour, a lifestyle, whatever you want to call it, which has, since the very beginning of Christianity two thousand years ago, been considered a "sin crying to Heaven for vengeance". That so many people - including the supposedly educated classes - have gone along with the legalisation and spreading of this unnatural activity, even into primary schools, is something upon which future generations will reflect with utter astonishment ●

Lawyers representing a man from Northern Ireland who sued a bakery for refusing to make a cake with pro-gay marriage message are going to Europe to challenge a supreme court ruling that its evangelical Christian owners had a right to refuse to bake it. Five judges on the supreme court, [sitting in Northern Ireland in 2018] found that the bakery did not refuse Lee's order because of his sexual orientation. They ruled therefore that there was no discrimination on those grounds.

But Lee's legal team are now arguing in the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) that the supreme court ruling should be overturned because baking the cake did not imply *"the bakery supporting (expressly or implicitly) the message of the cake"*

(Gay marriage cake: customer takes case to European court, The Guardian, 15/8/19)

Ed: Well, for all the marching these "cheerful" folk do, they're not going to be walked over, are they? Not content with all the publicity surrounding their original case, they're not going to let a detail like a wee Supreme Court ruling stop them in their tracks. Onward to Europe, where respect for UK law and the courts here has never been particularly strong but now, with Brexit in the wings, we may well see the humble bakers told to file their conscientious decision not to allow their business to be used to support sodomy under "I" for "Irrelevant". LGBT "rights", you see, now clearly trump the right of conscience - that's worth thinking about, folks ●

And then this corker straight from the lips of Rev Robertson... *"In this country, Catholics were long discriminated against and I accept that this happened when my lot were in charge, if you like. Those days are happily gone."* Er... no, Sir; with respect, they're not gone.

It's a great pity that McKenna won't deign to read our blog as well as the Rev Robertson's blog - which he describes as *"essential reading for those who wish to remind themselves what robust, traditional Christianity with a grounding in reason and intellect looks like."* (Yeah, he actually wrote that... in the Daily Mail... No kidding... Seriously.)

Without the facts made available on the Catholic Truth blog, you see, McKenna was not in any position to politely challenge the Rev Robertson on his flawed memory. The following extracts from a press release issued by the Scottish Catholic Media Office formed the basis of one of our several blog discussions on the subject in 2017:

Giving evidence to the Equalities and Human Rights Committee of the Scottish Parliament [on the topic of bullying and harassment in schools, with an emphasis on anti-religious prejudice - 15th June 2017] Anthony Horan, Director of the Catholic Parliamentary Office claimed; "A culture of fear prevents people from being open about their faith." The Committee heard evidence from representatives of the Church of Scotland, Muslim Community, Jewish Community, and the Scottish Secular Society. In his comments to MSP's, Mr. Horan said:

"My overriding concern about this subject is the culture of fear that runs right through society and which makes people feel, at best uncomfortable, and at worst totally frightened to be open about their faith... I [have] provided [written] testimonies of a number of young people who had experienced anti-Catholic prejudice in their school, most of it relating to the Church's teaching on abortion and marriage. One student even dropped a subject to avoid the harassment. There is an alarming level of intolerance being levelled at some young people simply because they are Catholic or because they hold a particular view that others may disagree with. This is not a culture of tolerance and respect. We have to be very mindful of the need to tackle anti-religious behaviour and be wary of creating a hierarchy of rights in relation to the protected characteristics listed in the Equality Act 2010. We cannot allow some to trump others. It must be all or nothing ...There is the sad reality of an increase in religious hate crime in Scotland, with a recently published report revealing that 57% of charges are as a result of anti-Catholic behaviour. Compare this to the percentage of charges relating to Protestantism (27%) and Islam (17%) and we are left with an undoubted sectarian problem that needs to be addressed."
<https://catholictruthblog.com/2017/06/15/anti-catholic-culture-reigns-in-scotland/>

The Press release itself together with the informed comments from our bloggers would, undoubtedly, have assisted McKenna in looking a tad less gullible in his Daily Mail interview, with a bit less of the old, *"Rev Robertson said it, so it must be true..."*

Rev Robertson goes on to express his "fear" that "the Scottish Government will move to shut down Catholic schools." If only McKenna had pointed out the unlikelihood of this, given the huge efforts made by the Scottish Catholic Education Service (i.e. the Bishops of Scotland) to conform teaching in Catholic schools in matters of sex education and LGBT "rights" to Government legislation on Equality & Diversity, even providing "safe spaces" in Catholic schools for "gay" pupils, but as I say, McKenna does not appear to frequent the Catholic Truth blog so he may not be aware of these (and many other) facts.

McKenna never misses an opportunity to hold up the Free Church of Scotland as a model of Christianity for us all, even denouncing as a "lazy caricature" the widespread image of the Wee Frees as *"being dour and and joyless... sinister sentinels, eternally vigilant for signs that people might be enjoying themselves."* As someone who once shared an office with a fully paid up Wee Free, I'm saying nothing.

However, "lazy caricatures" feature, big time, in McKenna's own writings; you'd be hard pressed, for example, to find any distinction between his reports on, say, the Catholic clergy abuse scandals, and those of any other enemy of the Faith. In one of his umpteen articles on the subject he describes the Church as "this outfit": *"Why on earth would anyone ever trust this outfit? (Kevin McKenna, A sickness has infected the Catholic Church in Scotland, The Guardian, 7/1/18).*

The most eye-watering aspect of the entire article, however, given McKenna's track record in attacking Catholic teaching and morals, is his implicit admiration for the Rev Robertson's (truly admirable) courage in speaking out in support of er, those same Catholic teachings:



"I'd quite like to avoid jail for simply saying there's male and female, and marriage is between man and woman. If you're putting queer theory on a par with race, it follows that it will be illegal for me to say this." Hear, hear.

Headlining the article "Onward Christian Soldier", (i.e. singular - there's only one in Scotland, and he's a Wee Free) Kevin McKenna seems determined to portray this laudably outspoken (on some moral issues) Protestant Minister as Scotland's pope: *"As an unrepentant and persistent Roman Catholic, (sic)* I have no doubt in my mind that this thorny reverend has become the de facto leader of Christianity in Scotland."*

McKenna doesn't like Catholic Truth (in every sense), and so he is very careful never to mention us by name. However, his jibes about "an ultra montane faction" (and similar insults) can only apply to our unworthy selves, since there's just nobody else on the scene (except Rev Robertson, of course) speaking out in defence of traditional Christian teachings and morals during the current, worst-ever crisis in the Church. In one of his juicier pieces, entitled: *Catholic schools are not a right, even a God-given one (The Herald, 20/1/18)* McKenna takes aim at "extremist" Catholics:

"A degree of consternation from predictable sources accompanied the announcement this

week that Nicola Sturgeon will make a keynote speech to mark the centenary of the legislation that brought Catholic schools into the Scottish state system. These siren voices were to be found mainly on social media platforms and were espoused by a Catholic ultra-montane faction who deemed the invitation to the First Minister to deliver the annual Cardinal Winning lecture to be an inappropriate one. They stem from deep unhappiness that Ms Sturgeon is a staunch pro-abortionist. These protests may have been sincere but, as is usual among those who speak from a position of moral certainty on complex human issues, they fail to see the bigger picture."

Rev David Robertson, of course, presumably, being the exception!

McKenna's contempt for the Catholic Church has, predictably, as already mentioned, focused on the clergy abuse scandals. Clearly (contrary to the facts) he imagines that no Protestant minister ever abused a child, whereas a little research would have led him a somewhat different conclusion... (*Billy Graham's Grandson Says Protestants Abuse Kids Just Like Catholics - Basyle "Boz" Tchividjian is shining a spotlight on the sexual abuse of children in Protestant churches—a scandal he says may be larger than that of the Catholic Church, Vice, 25/8/17*
https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/xwwd3w/billy-grahams-grandson-says-protestants-abuse-kids-just-like-catholics)

Whatever, while the Catholic Church gets it in the neck, McKenna praises Protestant ministers to the skies - Andrew McLellan, a former Moderator of the Church of Scotland is described by McKenna as *"a man of unimpeachable integrity and Christian charity"* (*The Catholic church must think upon its sins, The Guardian, 6/9/15*).

But more than that; in the same Guardian article just cited above, where McKenna offers unstinting praise to the Rev McLellan, he places the Scottish Government in charge of sorting out the Catholic Church - brace yourself for what some might term sheer nerve: *"It is time for the Scottish government to step in and force the church (sic) to face up to its responsibilities properly and to think well upon its sins."*

He's forgotten that "the Church" **cannot** sin; that the Church is the Spotless Bride of Christ, founded by Christ Himself 2000 years ago - not 1,500 years ago as the Rev Robertson mistakenly believes: *"I'm simply preaching what has been at the core of our Christian faith for 1,500 years"* - again, an error left uncorrected by the hapless McKenna who - in religious terms - really doesn't know if he's on foot or on horseback. For yet more evidence of this, see p.15...

* The Church's name is not 'Roman Catholic', but simply 'Catholic'. Visit our website to read an excellent short history of how the Reformation Protestants coined the name "Roman Catholic" along with the evidence that the Church was called simply "the Catholic Church" from the earliest times.
<http://www.catholictruthscotland.com/How%20Did%20the%20Catholic%20Church%20Get%20Her%20Name%20Kenneth%20Whitehead.pdf> Or send a stamped self-addressed envelope, large enough to take two A4 pages, and we will post a copy to you. See p.8 for our contact details.

The Prophet McKenna Warns Against “Right-Wing” Christians...

Patricia McKeever
Editor, Catholic Truth

Kevin McKenna, well-known (in Glasgow anyway), lapsed Catholic journalist - thus the doyen of Scotland's anti-Catholic print media - rails against Catholic morality; President Trump gets it in the neck for his anti-abortion beliefs, but not a word about the baby-murdering Democrats, including (led by) Catholics, who have refused, almost 100 times as we go to press, to vote for legislation to help infants who survive abortions; insults Christ using disgusting sexual “joke”; twists Scripture & prayers in the sterile liberal cause. Catholic Truth's assessment? The original numpty; to see if you agree, read on...



Kevin McKenna, former Deputy Editor at The Herald, abused his position by banning publication of letters from Catholic Truth - and boasted of the fact to our then Media Officer.

Subsequent to receiving a copy of McKenna's subservient interview with David Robertson, Minister of the Free Church of Scotland published in the daily Mail, 20/7/19, courtesy of a Glasgow reader (see p.7), another Glasgow reader gave me a separate article by McKenna published a few days later, 27/7/19 in The Herald. Same theme, essentially: *look, here are my latest sticks with which to beat the bad old Catholic Church... but I'm a good Catholic boy, honest...* Yeah, right; if he's a good, honest Catholic, then both Martin Luther and the Great Train Robbers should be canonised. Of course, with Papa Francis at the helm, that's not impossible. Indeed, the way things are going, we could be afflicted with looking at a future Saint Kevin, Prophet and Protector of all things Protestant. Keep calm. It just might not happen.

McKenna's thinking, if you could call it that, is utterly twisted and illogical. Here's the structure of his nonsensical Herald article: he begins by stating that his “socialism” was formed by his Catholic faith, manifestly unaware of the Church's teaching on the incompatibility of “true socialism” with Catholicism.¹ He goes on to twist the Gospel imperative to help the poor to make it appear as “socialism”, throwing in a sexually obscene ‘joke’ about the Miracle at Cana, which is about as funny as a can of tuna: *“That the saviour's first recorded miracle was to help get everyone at the wedding feast of Cana howling with the wine also proved to be a wee Brucie Bonus amidst the detritus of many alcoholic shenanigans.”*

So obscene is the “Brucie Bonus” reference that I decided not to explain it, even in a footnote. Call me a prude if you will - certainly, McKenna will think so, but will never say so, because that would entail acknowledging the existence of Catholic Truth in public and - like the hierarchy (except Cardinal Winning when cornered by a BBC journalist in Rome) - he won't do that. Tell the wider public in Scotland

that not all Catholics agree with his baloney? You kidding?

Following on from his contradictory assertion that his “socialism” was “formed by [his] Catholic “faith” and his blasphemous and obscene use of Sacred Scripture, McKenna then takes aim at Donald Trump arguing that *“Many of those whose left-wing and liberal politics were formed by faith have found it astonishing how many others who profess to be Christians view Mr Trump as their champion. This seems to be based almost exclusively on his stated opposition to abortion and the number of religiously-conservative judges he has managed to insinuate into key positions on the US Supreme Court and the federal government.”*

Judges are thoroughly vetted before being appointed to key positions in the Supreme Court. The case of Justice Brett Kavanaugh, put through the mill in full view of the world's media, made that very clear. The rabid pro-abortion (pro-infanticide) Democrats went to all sorts of lengths to prevent this pro-life Judge being appointed, even concocting manifestly false charges of sexual assault against him dating from his high school years. Beyond belief. But, what is The Prophet McKenna actually saying? Does he disapprove of Christians voting for a pro-life President? Does he think it's not the most important issue? In which case why is it that **the pro-abortionists, the baby-killers hate Trump exclusively (no “almost” about it) because of his stated opposition to abortion?** Pay attention, Kev... or maybe (as I suspect) in your book, that's as good a reason as any other for hating Trump?

Then the usual non-sequitur - it's a variation on “you can't say you're pro-life if you believe in the death penalty”... Well, yes, chum, you can,

because there's a massive difference between executing a guilty person [always permitted by the Church] and killing an innocent baby [always condemned by the Church]. Take a moment to think about it, Kev. Or maybe a year would do it. Anyway, back to The Prophet's contribution to the pro-abortion group-think mantra: *“...their concern for the unborn child seems not to extend to the children of Mexican immigrants who are held in border detention centres and treated like animals.”*

He seems to be referring to the influx of **illegal** immigrants, but as for them being treated like animals, no evidence has been produced, just predictable allegations from Trump's enemies. The President said it all, though, in the following tweet: *“If Illegal Immigrants are unhappy with the conditions in the quickly built or refitted detentions centers, just tell them not to come. All problems solved!”* Precisely. Bingo! On the button! High-five Mr President!

Then came the now trite claims of racism and sexual harassment which are the stock-in-trade of Trump haters, but which are decidedly passé for those of us who can think beyond the version of the news served to us by useful idiot hacks like McKenna, which is really the version fed to *them* by the puppet masters pulling their naïve strings. Using Steven Bannon, “the strategist behind Trump's election”, whom McKenna describes as “a wily individual” (well, it takes one to know one), to take a side-swipe at the Faith, we find McKenna savaging the “broken Church” which Pope Francis is trying to “reform”: *“[Bannon] is sewing dissent against Pope Francis's attempts to reform a broken church by ending its alienation of gay people and relaxing restrictions on divorce and remarriage. How much Mr Bannon cares about these issues is debatable but the Pope's agenda has enraged a powerful right-wing lobby in the Vatican.”*

And, in a completely illogical turnaround from his condemnation of Trump's pro-life voters, The Prophet McKenna issues a warning to the SNP not to alienate those same pro-life Catholics who, he claims, migrated from the Labour Party to the SNP after experiencing harassment at Labour Party conferences, where they were not permitted to set up a pro-life stall: *“It would be a tragedy for the SNP”* whines The Prophet *“if, just at the moment they got to within touching distance of independence, [new supporters] felt unable to continue the journey owing to the hostility they have encountered simply for expressing their deeply-held religious convictions.”*

Finally, this hilarious conclusion to an article more suited to Chortle's reviews of comedy at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival than any pseudo quality newspaper: *“Our politics may have been formed by our faith but it comes a distant second to it in our lives.”* Priceless. This imposter-Catholic, who appears to suffer from Thought Disorder, wants us to believe that his [imaginary] faith is more important to him than his socialist politics, which is a contradiction in terms given that he has just bashed the pro-life American President and all those Catholics who, McKenna presumes, voted for him solely on pro-life grounds.

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Key question: is McKenna going to be agitating for a Democrat to replace Trump as President, knowing that not a single Democrat running for President is opposed to abortion up to birth? That is, not a single Democrat candidate for the Presidency of the USA is opposed to killing babies when they are born - infanticide.²

And what kind of Catholic supports the worst ever pope in the history of the Church, in his efforts to change moral teachings held by all Christians everywhere, and always? That constancy in teaching is the unique hallmark of Catholicism - Scripture and Tradition are of equal weight: St Augustine: *"The customs of God's people and the institutions of our ancestors are to be considered as laws. And those who throw contempt on the customs of the Church ought to be punished as those who disobey the law of God."*

But, hey, Augustine is old hat - 4th century to be precise. Here's someone The Prophet will respect; the twentieth century Pope John Paul II, who said: *"The present or 'current'*

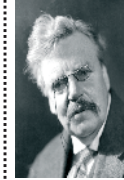
teaching of the Church does not admit of a development that is either a reversal or a contradiction." Blessing adultery and sodomy is definitely "reversing" and "contradicting" what has always been taught. Get it, now, Kev?

Kevin McKenna thinks he's a Catholic (I can't get him on fibbing - I'm on record describing myself as slim, witty, glamorous); however, McKenna's dreadful description of Our Lady and the saints quoted by our blogger on p.7, proves beyond all doubt that if he's a Catholic, we can all make our confessions to the future Wee Free Pope [Rev] David Robertson.

The puzzle is, why does he bother to keep up the pretence of being a Catholic but, again, our blogger provides the answer: *"If he revealed himself as a Protestant, there would be no more production line of 'disgruntled Catholic puts the boot into the Church' articles, to titillate Guardian readers."* He's got a point.

For the record, I did email Kevin McKenna to give him advance warning about this coverage and to offer him the opportunity to comment but, guess what? He didn't reply. It's that

definition again, of what makes someone a Catholic. Is it possible, I frequently ask myself, to be a *real* Catholic minus elementary good manners? Isn't at least acknowledging a communication, if not replying, simply basic good manners? And didn't Our Lord say that we ought to be charitable to those whom we *don't* like, because if we are good only to those whom we *do* like, then we are no different from unbelievers? (Matt 5:46-48).



Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car.

G.K. Chesterton

Footnotes:

¹ Probably because he doesn't know it, McKenna makes no mention of Catholic teaching condemning socialism: *"Religious socialism, Christian socialism, are contradictory terms; no one can be at the same time a good Catholic and a true Socialist."* (Pope Pius XI, Encyclical Quadragesimo Anno, May 15, 1931. n. 120)

² Lifesitenews, 21/6/19

From the editor... Dear Reader ...

Don't get me wrong. I think it's appalling that Bishop Toal has decided to close the Pilgrimage Centre at the Carfin shrine; one furious reader expressed himself keen to mount some kind of militant protest, believing that this is the first step in closing the shrine itself. Very likely. I'm pleased that so many lay people have risen up to protest. I think it was on the second day of the launch of the petition that the count was upward of 4,000 signatures, mine included. To see this lay-led protest featured in the pages of national newspapers was heart-warming... if, also, thought-provoking. For, since our launch in 1999, despite our regular reports on priests being allowed to attack the Faith in the media and permitted to use church premises to spread their false teaching, and despite our reports on the bishops' willing co-operation with the Government's plans to indoctrinate children with LGBT+ propaganda, we've seen little sign of concern, let alone militancy. The few who do express concerns are often more concerned about distancing themselves from us, than about risking unpopularity with their priest or bishop. Human respect reigns.

In case the full significance of the increasing LGBT+ dominance in Catholic schools isn't clear, however, let's consider what it means, in practice. A Catholic school is not just like any other school, with catechism instruction added. The Faith is supposed to be embedded across lessons, so that pupils grow up with a Catholic world view: in an English lesson, for example, pupils may be asked to place punctuation in a number of sentences. At least one of those sentences will be about some aspect of the Faith. Typically... **Place the comma in the correct place in the following sentences...**

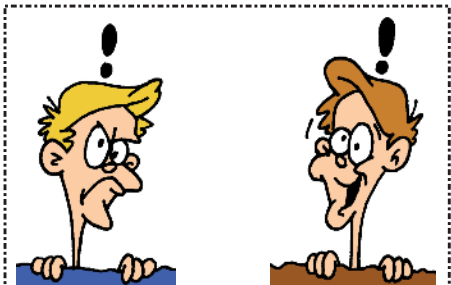
- 1) The boy raced down the road worried that he was going to be late for school.
- 2) St Catherine Laboure is a famous saint best known because of the Miraculous Medal.

Of course, this kind of thorough Catholic education has not been delivered for a very long time, due to the apostasy which has enveloped the Church for the past half-century. And now, right in the thick of the Fatima-propheesed diabolical disorientation, we find that, not only is this traditional Catholic education not going to be re-established, it is being *replaced*, so that young people leave Catholic schools, *not* with a Catholic world view, but with an LGBT+ "rights" world view. That the bishops are not simply weakly tolerating this, but are actually publicly welcoming it, can only mean one thing: they approve of sodomy. It's no longer called that, of course, because the homosexual lobby realised that the first thing they had to do in order to gain acceptance was to change the language - nobody would have voted for sodomy to be legalised, but to legalise what "gay" people [ie happy folks] do in private? No problem.

Scotland's media was taken by surprise when Cardinal O'Brien (RIP) admitted, after first denying, his homosexual activity. We, at Catholic Truth were not surprised - shocked, of course, but not surprised; nor should our readers have been surprised, for we had been pointing out, one way or another, for years that *if the bishops are permitting public dissent, usually on Catholic sexual teaching [as they have now welcomed the normalising of sexual depravity in primary schools], then it is reasonable to question their own sexual morality. Are they compromised in some way themselves?*

The right to reply is offered to any bishop who wishes to defend the betrayal of his episcopal duty to preach true morals *"in season and out of season"* (2 Tim 4:2). I can't see any defence. If the bishops believed homosexual couplings to be unnatural and thus immoral, they would not allow children to be taught the opposite. Simple. So, let's pray for the bishops, but let's also prepare for the very real possibility of more scandals to come.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us ●



DUMB AND DUMBER



THERE MIGHT NEVER BE ANOTHER KING CHARLES AT THIS RATE... OR EVEN ANOTHER KING GEORGE IF THE GRANDSON DECIDES HE'D SOONER BE A GRAND-DAUGHTER AND SWITCHES TO BEING PRINCESS GEORGINA! GOODNESS! WHAT IS WILLIAM THINKING OF SAYING THAT'S OK BY HIM? I KNOW WE NEED TO SAVE THE PLANET BY GETTING RID OF PEOPLE - BUT NOT ROYAL PEOPLE! ONE IS DISTRAUGHT! ONE REALLY IS - PERHAPS IT WOULD HELP IF ONE HAS A CHAT WITH ONE'S PLANTS... P.12