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Free Presbyterians to Protest against Sodomites

The following article appeared in today's 'Belfast Telegraph'.

It reveals the plans of perversion-supporters in Mid-Ulster, led by Church of Ireland 'minister', 'Reverend' Andrew Rawding, to mount a protest parade in Cookstown, Co. Tyrone, on Saturday 19th at 3.00pm, in support of the moral plague of sodomy that is afflicting the world.

Free Presbyterians plan a counter-protest. Please pray that many will support the effort by their presence and for the Lord's blessing on their witness against the actions of those who seek to promote the wickedness of sodomites and their allied degenerates.

Let all remember the words of the Lord Jesus and note their significance. They show that His return draws ever nearer.

"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed," Luke 17:28-30.

Rev Ivan Foster (Rtd)

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Minister who branded Church of Ireland homophobic joins 'silent' protest



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A Church of Ireland minister who criticised the institution for not carrying out same-sex marriages is to take part in the first ever 'Silent but not Silenced' protest parade at Mid Ulster Pride in Cookstown this weekend.

The event is one of the only Pride events to be held outside this year, when others across Northern Ireland took place virtually due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Proud moment: Committee members Jonathan Campbell, Josh Cuddy, Eli Hughes, Reverend Andrew Rawding, Parool Patel and Molly Farrell with Chair of Mid Ulster District Council, Cathal Mallaghan

Organisers say the protest parade, which was originally due to take place in June, will be held in complete

silence to show solidarity to those who have no voice, who have been silenced and oppressed for no other reason than being themselves. With strict adherence to the ongoing regulations, there will be only 15 people participating in the protest parade, each of them wearing a face covering and walking at least two metres apart.

Central to the protest parade will be a series of banners with messages including 'Love is Love' in some of the many languages spoken in Mid Ulster, and with non-binary and transgender colours.



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One participant will be holding a placard which stresses how difficult it is for some LGBTQ+ people to be in a permanent 'lockdown' by having to live "a lifetime in the closet".

Mid Ulster Pride official Eli Hughes said she was very keen to ensure that the transgender community was represented in the protest parade: "We're silent but never silenced. However we identify ourselves, we should all have an equal and valued voice in the local community.

"We chose to be silent using a non-auditory and socially different way of raising awareness of issues within our LGBTQ community - feelings of isolation, being unheard, overlooked and underestimated."

Another banner will have a 'Black Lives Matter' theme and will be carried by Mid Ulster Pride's vice chairperson Rev Andrew Rawding.

Last week, the Church of Ireland cleric accused his church of being "homophobic and prejudiced" for preventing him from carrying out same-sex marriages despite a recent change in the law here permitting them. Rev Rawding, who is based in Coalisland, will be joined by Parool Patel, who is a proud 'Gaysian' from a Hindu religious background.

"Summer 2020 has been dominated in the news by the Black Lives Matter movement but what about brown lives, yellow lives and ethnic minority gay lives?" Parool said.

"We all matter - we're the new normal too. Yet our disparate voices are neither heard nor treated equally. It's time for social change where black and ethnic minority people are also respected, heard and visible," he added.

Mid Ulster District Council chairman Cathal Mallaghan said: "The impact of the coronavirus pandemic has been felt right across society and never has it been more evident how important a sense of community and belonging is to our overall health, well-being, confidence and self-esteem.

"Our LGB&TQ community is no different and, with this event, Mid Ulster Pride is safely and clearly showing pride, celebrating progress towards equality and highlighting the progress still to be achieved."

The Mid Ulster Pride 'Silent but not Silenced' protest parade takes place in the centre of Cookstown at 3pm this Saturday, September 19