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Free Presbyterians picket Presbyterian General Assembly

Small majority in favour of justification by faith alone within the Presbyterian Church in Ireland

A vote in the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland indicates just

how serious is the state of that denomination. A Tyrone Presbyterian minister was a prime mover in a vote at the General Assembly which upheld the traditional Protestant Reformed tenet of Justification by Faith. Rev Andrew Kerr, nephew of Presbyterian Moderator, Rev Ken Newell, is minister of Coagh, Ballygoney and Saltersland congregations. He tabled an amendment which called on the Pres-

byterian Church to consider how best the truth of the historic doctrine of Justification by Faith can be proclaimed relevantly in the modern situation. The amendment was carried on a 163

161 vote. That shows what a tiny majority there is within the Presbyterian church for a doctrine that lies at the heart of the gospel. Ecumenism has penetrated to the very core of this denomination.

Joe Cahill is a wiser man now



Joe Cahill

Joe Cahill, convicted murderer, former IRA "Chief of Staff", terrorist gunman and ardent supporter of murder and terror, has died. He has entered into that harvest which follows sin and rebellion against God. He now knows the folly of his life of crime. He was, of course, given a triumphant funeral and words of praise flowed from many, led by Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness, his erstwhile compatriots in terror. Were Joe able to speak to them he would have contradicted them all! The widow of a murdered RUC constable hit out at a former Taoiseach's tribute to ex-IRA man Joe Cahill. At Mr Cahill's funeral in west Belfast, Albert Rey-

nolds described the Provisionals' former chief of staff as a "remarkable man" who had "played a major part" in the peace process.

Victims

However, Iona Meyer whose husband Gary, an RUC constable, was shot dead by the IRA in June 1990 voiced her anger at the tribute. "They put them up on a pedestal and forget everything they have done," she said. We may be sure God has not forgotten. "But . . . murderers . . . shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death," Revelation 21:8.

The "Poppy Day" Massacre back in the news

An Enniskillen woman whose mother was murdered in the IRA's Poppy Day explosion in 1987 has warned investigators not to allow the bombing to become a "forgotten atrocity."



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Aileen Quinton has been living without justice and answers since the bombing claimed the life of her 72-year-old mother Alberta, along with 11 other people who had gathered to commemorate the war dead. After 17 years, she said there were just “too many unanswered questions.” She alleged that the investigation has been set aside because of “political expediency, the peace process and appeasement to terrorists.” The police have begun contacting families of those murdered and injured in the bombing. The move was revealed by Detective Chief Superintendent Phil Wright after he met with Aileen Quinton. The IRA said they had meant to kill a colour party of British soldiers who were due to take part in the ceremony, but most casualties were civilians.

Not one person was arrested and interviewed after the bombing. The incident stands as a stain upon the reputation of the RUC and the present PSNI. A full article on the atrocity may be viewed [here](#).