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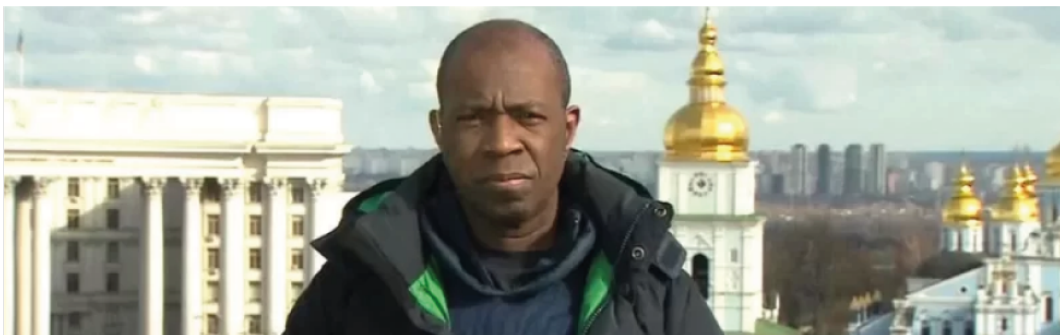
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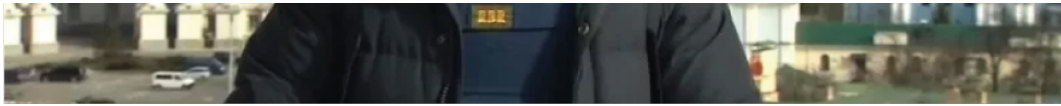


## Society needs to get an urgent grip of the underlying causes of knife crime, says Joseph Kelly

The dreadful killing of 15-year-old Elianne Andam, who was stabbed in the neck with a kitchen knife on her way to school, has not only shocked the south Croydon community where it happened, but the nation as a whole. Elianne was one of 15 young people to lose their lives on the streets of London so far this year alone, in what seems to most people to be a worrying escalation in random acts of brutality involving young people. Before we go any further, it's worth noting a few statistics about knife crime: The number of knife or sharp instrument offences recorded by the police in London rose to approximately 12,786 in 2022/23 ...

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## When the BBC's Clive Myrie discovered he was a Catholic, it opened a painful lost chapter from his family's past

Despite having been born in the north west of England, respected BBC presenter and journalist Clive Myrie places his roots very firmly in the West Indies, he told an audience gathered at Chester Cathedral recently for the launch of his autobiography, Everything is Everything. Clive Augustus Myrie was born on 25 August 1964 in Farnworth, near Bolton, ...

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## Mission invites supporters in England and Wales to be ‘on the move’ for Mission this October

In his message for October’s World Mission Sunday celebration, Pope Francis has chosen the theme ‘Hearts on fire, feet on the move’ (cf. Luke 24:13-35). In ...

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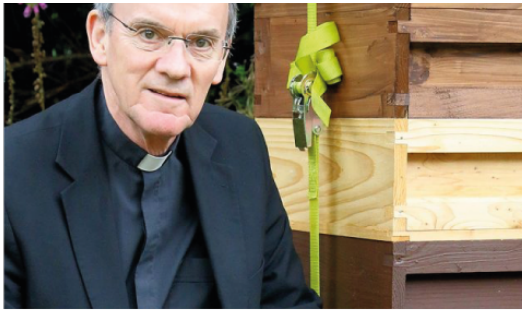


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Catholic and Protestant church leaders from Ireland have travelled to Rome to mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday Agreement. They took part in an ecumenical ...

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