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The Catholic Church's snub to the child abuse inquiry speaks volumes

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The Holy See's refusal to fully assist the UK's sexual abuse inquiry reveals unchangeable deficiencies within the church and highlights the need for a new mandatory reporting law, says Stephen Evans. [Read More »](#)

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'By the Grace of God' shows the need to hold the Catholic Church accountable on child abuse

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IICSA report is a damning indictment of Catholic Church's handling of sexual abuse

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What might Catholic schools teach about transgender and intersex people?

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[IICSA's Ealing hearings showed the Catholic Church can't be trusted to police itself](#)

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An inquiry has highlighted the Catholic Church's lamentable failings over child abuse at an abbey and school in west London. Keith Porteous Wood says the episode has shown the need for mandatory reporting of abuse. [Read More »](#)

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[21 steps the pope would take if he was committed to tackling child abuse](#)

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[Catholic abuse scandals: why self policing always fails](#)

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The pope's empty words and meaningless gestures won't tackle clerical abuse

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Time to end criminality and cover-up in the Catholic Church

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I represent 29 victims of sexual abuse... [Read More »](#)

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The Catholic Church's record on abuse demands accountability, not more meaningless apologies

Posted: Fri, 24 Aug 2018 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

As the pope prepares to visit Ireland, NSS president Keith Porteous Wood says the international community must confront the Vatican over its shameful record on child abuse and demand action to bring secular justice.

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Child protection must come before the reputation of institutions like Ampleforth and Downside

Posted: Thu, 09 Aug 2018 by [Richard Scorer](#)

Richard Scorer says a damning report on two leading Catholic schools' approach to safeguarding is a reminder of the need for a law mandating the reporting of suspected child abuse to the secular authorities.

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The seal of the confessional and child abuse: a religious privilege too far

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Some clerics want exemptions from reporting requirements on abuse when it's revealed in the confessional. Accommodating their demands would undermine efforts to tackle child abuse, says Richard Scorer.

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Sturgeon's praise for Catholic schools will exacerbate Scotland's tribal divisions

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Catholic schools are no remedy for a society facing ingrained sectarian division, writes Neil Barber. In praising them Scotland's first minister has shown a willingness to sacrifice social cohesion to reach a block vote.

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Only reform of the law can tackle the Church's temptation to cover up abuse

Posted: Fri, 15 Dec 2017 by [Richard Scorer](#)

Richard Scorer reflects on three weeks of damning evidence at the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse. He says mandatory reporting of institutional abuse is necessary to prevent churches from covering it up to protect their reputation.

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Abuse Inquiry to investigate Benedictine institutions

Posted: Tue, 24 Oct 2017 by [Richard Scorer](#)

An upcoming hearing of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse will be an opportunity to examine the reality behind the Catholic Church's claims that it has transformed its approach to child protection, says Richard Scorer.

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The legacy of decades of abuse in a Catholic children's home

Posted: Thu, 21 Sep 2017 by [Mark Boules](#)

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Cardinal Murphy O'Connor's cover-up of child abusers must be a lesson to the Catholic Church

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Ireland's hospitals: some welcome secularisation

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NSS executive director Keith Porteous Wood detects a long-overdue and decisive turn towards secularism in publicly funded healthcare in Ireland, an area in which the Catholic Church has until now been predominant.

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The confessional shouldn't shield child abuse from reporting

Posted: Wed, 16 Aug 2017 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

The Australian abuse commission is right not to exempt the confessional from reporting obligations, and its rigour should provide a model to reverse the backsliding already all too clear in the UK, argues Keith Porteous Wood.

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Irish National Maternity Hospital: “Keep your rosaries off my ovaries!”

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The determination to give a hospital to a disgraced religious order, in spite of public outrage, is the very antithesis of secularism. But the episode has prompted calls for fundamental changes in the relationship between church and state, writes Keith Porteous... [Read More »](#)

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The Catholic Church's abuse scandal shows no sign of abating

Posted: Mon, 15 May 2017 by [Richard Scorer](#)

After forty years the Catholic Church is still more interested in protecting itself and its clerical culture than in truly eradicating child abuse, writes Richard Scorer.

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[The Catholic Church in Scotland is still playing the victim card to stifle criticism](#)

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There is some lingering anti-Catholic bigotry in Scotland, writes NSS vice president Alistair McBay, but the Church is playing victim while supporting a segregated education system which can only worsen prejudice.

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[Who is running Ireland – the Government or the Church?](#)

Posted: Mon, 27 Mar 2017 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

The reach and power of the Catholic Church has waned considerably in recent years in Ireland. But there are troubling signs that its undue influence over the country is returning, writes Keith Porteous Wood.

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[Mass grave full of children's remains at Catholic home reveals atrocities on a massive scale](#)

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With the latest revelations about human remains in an Irish Mother and Baby home, Keith Porteous Wood, executive director of the National Secular Society, seeks answers about how such atrocities could have happened on such a scale, and what can be done now.... [Read More](#) »

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