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[The Catholic Church's snub to the child abuse inquiry speaks volumes](#)

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[Protecting children means challenging religious privilege](#)

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[The C of E can't be allowed to keep shielding abusers from accountability](#)

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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](#)

Posted: Fri, 22 Feb 2019 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

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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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[How secularism protects people who have religious faith](#)

Posted: Wed, 14 Nov 2018 by [Megan Manson](#)

For Interfaith Week 2018, campaigns officer Megan Manson explains how the National Secular Society's work protects those who are religious as well as those who are not.

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[Time to end criminality and cover-up in the Catholic Church](#)

Posted: Mon, 12 Nov 2018 by [Richard Scorer](#)

The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse has turned its attention to abuse in the Catholic Church's archdiocese of Birmingham. Richard Scorer delivered the following opening statement on

behalf of several victims.

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.

Forty years ago, mass attendance per capita... [Read More »](#)

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Religious power and privilege failed the victims in the Peter Ball affair

Posted: Sat, 11 Aug 2018 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

In this long read NSS president Keith Porteous Wood explains how all arms of the law co-operated to protect the now former bishop Peter Ball for decades and refutes claims that "it couldn't happen now".

Peter Ball started misusing his religious power to sexually... [Read More »](#)

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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.

At the end of 2017 the Independent Inquiry into Child... [Read More »](#)

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Anglicanism's 'purple circle' of bishops cannot be trusted over child abuse

Posted: Sat, 28 Jul 2018 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

NSS president Keith Porteous Wood reflects on the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse's hearings into the case of the abusive bishop Peter Ball.

Under the guise of schemes with names such as "Give a Year to God", former Church of England bishop Peter... [Read More »](#)

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The Church of England provided the perfect cover for Peter Ball's offending

Posted: Mon, 23 Jul 2018 by [Richard Scorer](#)

Opening statement by lawyer Richard Scorer of Slater and Gordon, also an NSS vice president, at the IICSA inquiry's hearings into the case of Peter Ball, the former bishop of Gloucester.

Chair and members of the panel: Mr O'Donnell and I represent five survivors... [Read More »](#)

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

Posted: Mon, 25 Jun 2018 by [Richard Scorer](#)

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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Bishops must be accountable – and not just to themselves

Posted: Fri, 23 Mar 2018 by [Richard Scorer](#)

Abridged version of the winding-up speech by lawyer Richard Scorer of Slater and Gordon, also an NSS vice president, at the IICSA inquiry's hearings into the handling of child sexual abuse in

the diocese of Chichester.

This has been the first opportunity for... [Read More »](#)

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Church dysfunctionality laid bare by child sexual abuse inquiry

Posted: Sun, 11 Mar 2018 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

As the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse turns its attention to the Church of England, Keith Porteous Wood says it must act on evidence which has highlighted the desperate need to hold the C of E to account.

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The C of E cannot be trusted to deal with safeguarding complaints in house

Posted: Mon, 05 Mar 2018 by [Richard Scorer](#)

On the first day of hearings into child sexual abuse in the Church of England, NSS vice-president Richard Scorer told an inquiry that protecting children requires independent oversight and mandatory reporting.

Earlier today I addressed the Independent Inquiry... [Read More »](#)

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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](#)

Hundreds of children died at Smyllum Park, a home in Lanarkshire run by the Catholic Church between 1864 and 1981. As an order of nuns considers selling the land, calls for a memorial are mounting. Mark Boules reflects on what is left after decades of abuse... [Read More »](#)

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

Posted: Fri, 08 Sep 2017 by [Keith Porteous Wood](#)

Cormac Murphy O'Connor, the former Archbishop of Westminster, died on 1 September. NSS executive director Keith Porteous Wood seeks to set the historical record straight with this alternative obituary. This piece was [originally published](#) on Conatus News. It... [Read More »](#)

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