

'Father' Paul Symonds and Glengormley Presbyterian Church

Former **JESUIT** priest **PAUL SYMONDS** (he retired from that order in recent years, apparently for 'legacy pecuniary' reasons) has been the subject of several articles that I have written and these can be accessed on the following links –

<http://www.takeheed.info/news-from-the-front-june-2006/>

(Scroll to 'The ecumenical wizardry of Jesuit Paul Symonds')

http://www.takeheed.info/Assorted_Articles/Ecumenism/the-gospel-truth-according-to-father-paul-symonds.pdf

http://www.takeheed.info/Assorted_Articles/Ecumenism/appendix-to-the-the-gospel-truth-according-to-father-paul-symonds.pdf

On 24th December 2017 as I was driving in the car I had the radio on and it was tuned to Classic FM. They were taking phoned-in requests for Christmas Carols. A caller came on the line and I immediately recognised the voice, it was the voice of **Paul Symonds**. He made a request for '**his minister David, the members of Glengormley Presbyterian Church and the members of North Belfast Presbytery**' – he requested the carol, 'God rest ye merry gentlemen'.

On 2nd January 2018 I spoke to the minister of Glengormley Presbyterian Church, David Brice, and explained that I was intrigued by this incident – he said he had not heard the broadcast but some members of his congregation had mentioned it to him.

I explained my 'history' with **Paul Symonds**, how he had taken part in a public debate that I had organised and I asked Mr Brice if he would speak with **Paul Symonds** and ask him if he (Paul Symonds) was still trusting in the Roman Catholic beliefs and practices that he had eloquently and robustly defended in the debate or had he now renounced them. I gave Mr Brice details of my ministry web and you tube sites where he could read about and see the debate that **Paul Symonds** took part in. It was agreed that in due course Mr Brice would come back to me with the result of his chat with **Paul Symonds**.

Patiently I waited until 9th April but no phone call came from Mr Brice and so I decided to phone him. He told me that he had decided not to broach the matter with the 'now elderly' **Paul Symonds** so I asked Mr Brice for a telephone number for **Mr Symonds**. The best he offered was that he would speak to **Paul Symonds** and leave it with him as to whether or not he would then contact me – I really don't expect to hear from him.

I explained that I was surprised that Mr Brice would not want to check these matters out in order to ensure that his flock were not being 'beguiled' by **Paul Symonds** who is a 'past-master' at such ecumenical double-speak.

In addition, there is another matter that is public common-knowledge now and that should be of concern to Mr Brice and it concerns moral-safeguards for his flock at Glengormley following developments concerning the past conduct of **Paul Symonds**.

Why am I posting this article? I am very concerned that the ecumenically-minded minister at Glengormley, David Brice** (see links below) is not taking seriously enough the possible potential threat to the spiritual and moral well-being of the flock currently entrusted to him.

In conclusion, I would add that I emailed my draft article to Mr Brice on 9 April and asked him that if there were any factual errors in it, or if there was some action that he now proposed to take in the light of it I would be pleased to hear from him. I have had no response to that email and so shall be emailing him again to let him know that my article is being published on the ministry web site.

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