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A long-awaited report from the Independent Commission on Sexual Abuse in the Church, which is due to deliver its conclusions this morning at 9 am. The report has 45 proposals to fight against child crime in the Church. At least 2,900 to 3,200 priests have allegedly committed sexual violence against more than 100,000 children since 1950.

Facebook, Messenger, Instagram, and WhatsApp are now operational after an unprecedented outage. Several million users around the world were deprived of their social networks yesterday for nearly 6 hours. In a statement, Facebook explained that a faulty configuration could be the cause of this giant failure.

Employees are called to demonstrate today to protest against the reforms put in place by the government, in particular those of pensions and unemployment insurance. About 200 demonstrations will take place all over France. Significant disruptions on the bus and tram networks are expected in many cities. However, SNCF traffic should not be affected.

Motorists who do not have chains, snow, or all-season tires will "not be penalized this winter", said the Ministry of the Interior yesterday. A tolerance of one year will be applied for compulsory installation of winter equipment in mountainous areas. However, it will be compulsory to have it from November 1st in many mountain municipalities.

No more departments with weather warnings this morning, but the bad weather has caused great damage in recent days, especially in the South-East. More than 1,700 households have no electricity in the Var, and hundreds of people have been brought to safety in the Bouches-du-Rhône. In Marseille, a dozen schools will remain closed today, and the city has also requested recognition of the state of natural disaster.

And finally, the Nobel Prize for Physics will be awarded today in Stockholm, Sweden. Yesterday, the Nobel Prize for Medicine was awarded to Americans David Julius and Ardem Patapouchiène. The two researchers were rewarded for their work on sensory receptors.