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CATHEDRAL  
DUBLIN

# CLOSE NEWS

NOVEMBER 2019



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## SERVICE TIMES

### ***Sunday***

- 09.15 Eucharist (*said in the Lady Chapel*)
- 11.15 Choral Eucharist / Choral Matins
- 15.15 Choral Evensong

### ***Monday to Friday***

- 09.00 Sung Matins (*during school term*)
- 11.05 Eucharist (*said in the Lady Chapel on  
Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saints' Days and Festivals*)
- 17.30 Choral Evensong / Evening Prayer

### ***Saturday***

- 11.05 Eucharist (*said in the Lady Chapel*)

## NOVEMBER PREACHERS

November 3	The Revd P.M. Willoughby	<i>Prebendary of Tymothan</i>
November 10	The Revd D.W. Oxley	<i>Prebendary of St Andoen's</i>
November 17	The Revd A.H.N. McKinley	<i>Treasurer</i>
November 24	The Most Revd M.G. St A. Jackson	<i>Prebendary of Cualaun; &amp; Visitor</i>

## THE NOVEMBER PRAYER

*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and there no torment can touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died; but they are at peace. (Wisdom 3: 1)*

Almighty God,

you have knit your chosen people together in one communion,

in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

Give to your whole Church in heaven and on earth

Your light and your peace.

Amen.

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## A SHOT FROM THE CANON

*My parents taught me not to pray for the dead, but I've just lit two candles for them all the same* said a visitor to me in the Cathedral, feeling guilty about her action. Against the Reformation odds, the practice of praying for the faithful departed has never completely vanished from Anglicanism. Praying takes us close to the subject of our prayer: we gain reassurance. I myself find it impossible to cease praying for my parents for I believe that they continue to pray for me. If it's a question of us and them, I benefit, even if they don't.

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## THE CATHEDRAL DIARY - NOVEMBER 2019

Saturday 2 November

DIT Graduation

Cathedral closed for visits

Saturday 9 November

DIT Graduation

Cathedral closed for visits

Sunday 10 November

Remembrance Sunday

10:55 Matins

15:15 Evensong

Sunday 10 November

Gaudete Singers concert  
in the Lady Chapel

20:00

Sunday 17 November

Actors' Memorial

Evensong

15:15

Saturday 23 November

Choral Evensong to  
commemorate the  
Disestablishment of  
Church of Ireland

15:00

### CHANCEL NEWS

We congratulate Jeff Ledwidge, cantoris bass Lay Vicar, and his wife Sarah, on the birth of Adam. Sarah sings frequently with The Close Chorale, so she's very much part of our choral family. For these three we sing, rejoice and give thanks.

### CHRISTMAS EVE TICKETS

Subscribers to the Cathedral and members of the Friends are reminded that applications for tickets for the Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons and Carols should be made to the Dean's Vicar at the Cathedral office by Friday 29 November. Applications MUST include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a subscription/membership renewal fee where applicable. Each Friend or subscriber is entitled to apply for a maximum of two tickets.

## CHRISTMAS IN THE DEANERY

The Dean and Mrs Morton are to open the Deanery to guests on Saturdays in Advent. They are very happy to open up their home to visitors to the Cathedral, or to other individuals or groups, on 30 November, 7 December, 14 December and 21 December, and provide them with mince pies and mulled wine. This



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thought behind this initiative is to create an additional social focus to Cathedral life in the period leading up to Christmas and is an extremely commendable and seasonable gesture for the enhancement of the social fabric of Saint Patrick's Cathedral by the Dean and Mrs Morton.

The visits will take place at 12.00 pm, 2.00 pm, and 4.00 pm on the four Saturdays concerned. The Dean will introduce and conclude each session. Booking should be made on the Cathedral website. There is no charge. Alternatively, to book your ticket, please telephone the Cathedral office; 01-4539472





## HUGUENOT COMMEMORATION

On Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October the Annual Huguenot Commemoration Evensong took place in the Cathedral where the community worshipped from 1665 until 1816.

The service was sung by the Dean's Vicar, the Schola and the Gentlemen and included the specially written Huguenot anthem, with words by the Dean's Vicar, Canon Mullen, and music by the Organist and Assistant Master of the Music, Mr David Leigh. The lessons were read by Dr Marie Léoutre of the Huguenot Society and (in French) by M Lionel Paradisi-Coulouma, Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of France. The occasional prayers were led as always by Revd Fr Conor Harpur, SJ, Chaplain to the Irish Section.

This year being the 300<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Élie Bouhéreau, Huguenot refugee and first Keeper of Marsh's Library (and buried in the Lady Chapel), it was fitting that the address was given by the present director of the Library, Dr Jason McElligott.

Following the service, with typical generosity, the Dean and Mrs Morton hosted a reception in the deanery for members of the Huguenot Society. At this, the acting chair of the Irish Section, Mr Martin Bernon, thanked the dean for his welcome and hospitality and spoke movingly about the late Dr John Maiben Gilmartin, former chair who died in July this year.

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*Mr Albert Fenton, Dr Jason McElligott, Dr Marie Léoutre,  
M. Lionel Paradisi-Coulouma & The Dean.*



*Acting Chairman of the Irish Huguenot Society Mr Martin Bernon (L) and Ms Vicky La Touche (R)  
present Mrs Rosemary Morton with a gift to thank her for her hospitality at the reception after the service.*

## SWIFT FESTIVAL



*“May you live in interesting times”*! Dean Swift lived much of his life between London and Dublin: the first and second cities of the British Empire. 150 years after the disestablishment of his beloved Church what would he think, against the backdrop of Brexit, the future holds for Ireland and Great Britain, or for Church/State relations? Expect lively debate from our Panel featuring The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Dr Mary McAleese, Lord Paul Bew and Billy Hutchinson, about the important questions of our times for Ireland and the United Kingdom. The panel will be moderated by Bryan Dobson and guests will have an opportunity to ask questions on the night.

This event is supported by the programme to mark the Disestablishment of the Church of Ireland. This event is Free but registration is essential. Book here: <https://jonathanswiftfestival.ie/event/second-city-300-150-today>





Georgian Dublin  
'behind the façade'

# Programme Highlights

## November 21-24

### Swift's Georgian Dublin, an Audio Drama

A free to download audio tour around Swift's Dublin.

### "Second City, 300, 150, Today"

A Panel Discussion, with The Most Reverend Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury;  
Dr Mary McAleese, and others.

### Georgian Afternoon Lunch

Sample food from the Georgian Period in the beautiful surrounds of George's Hall in  
the state apartments of Dublin Castle.

### Casual Choir, Handel's *Messiah*

Have you ever wanted to perform Handel's *Messiah*? Join us for a day of singing  
workshops followed by a live performance at Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

For further details and to see the full programme of events please visit:

[jonathanswiftfestival.ie](http://jonathanswiftfestival.ie)



## HANDEL BY CANDLE



There will be a special performance of the Christmas music from Handel's oratorio *Messiah*, along with other festive music, performed by the Cathedral Choir on Friday 20 December at 7:30pm. Whilst the Cathedral Choir has a long association with *Messiah*, having sung for the première in 1742, it is a work that is rarely performed by them these days. So don't miss this opportunity to hear the voices of the choristers and lay vicars sing this wonderful music in the beautiful candlelit surroundings of the Church of Ireland's National Cathedral. Limited Premium Tickets are available (offering Prime Seating in the Box Pews, Interval Hospitality and a Commemorative Concert Programme). Tickets for Seats in the Nave start from €30.

The concert is given in aid of the Cathedral Roof Fund: an additional €5 million is needed to complete major repairs.

Reserve your tickets for this Christmas extravaganza here :

<https://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/event/handel-by-candle/>

## GEORGIAN LUNCH IN DUBLIN CASTLE

Dine like a Georgian Lord or Lady in the sumptuous surroundings of Dublin Castle. Recalling the period when the State Apartments were the focus of fashionable and extravagant social life, guests will dine on an exquisite period accurate 3 course meal accompanied by classical Harp music. Following the sumptuous lunch, enjoy a self-guided Tour of the State Apartments and explore the Georgian exhibition of Lady Betty Cobbe's Porcelain. Immerse yourself in the life of Georgian Dublin. Tickets for this event are limited. Book here to reserve your seat.

<https://jonathanswiftfestival.ie/event/georgian-lunch-at-dublin-castle>



## THE ROOF PROJECT

The erection of scaffolding to facilitate the roof repairs continues through the autumn. Thanks to the detailed planning that has taken place over the last two years few problems have yet emerged. Almost all of the clerestory windows in the nave have now been removed. You will see from inside the Cathedral the bracing across the windowsills that tie the scaffold to the building and so facilitate the creation of the temporary roof which will become important once the old slates are stripped away and removed.

With the exception of that above the choir and crossing, the vaulted ceiling is constructed of lath and plaster and so is especially vulnerable to water damage. Significant water ingress would close the Cathedral.

Over the coming weeks we will increase the amount of messaging on the scaffolding in an effort to let worshippers and visitors know they continue to be welcome throughout the repairs and, in the case of visitors, that their visit will support the ongoing conservation of our Cathedral.

We continue to be humbled by the financial contribution that so many have made, and continue to make, towards this vital project. Hardly a day goes by without significant donations arriving, for which we are very grateful. It is easy for us working here to forget that this Cathedral church means so much to so many people. These contributions allow us to protect the Cathedral and remind us that we are privileged to have such an institution under our care.

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## **SAVE OUR ROOF**

The Cathedral's roof is in urgent need of repair. We need to raise €9 million to facilitate this work. Can you help us? You can become a part of the living history of Saint Patrick's Cathedral by sponsoring a slate for the roof.

### **BRONZE €50**

Sponsor quarter of a slate and receive:

A mention on social media on our weekly sponsors post.

### **SILVER €250**

Sponsor a slate for the roof and receive:

A mention on social media on our weekly sponsors post.

A name in our "book of thanks" (displayed in the Cathedral)

A certificate of thanks.

### **GOLD €1,000+**

Become a "keystone" of the roof works!

If you are interested in supporting this historic project then please make contact with the Cathedral's Administrator, Gavan Woods.

**To get involved or to donate today, visit  
[www.stpatrickscathedral.ie](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie)**

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### OVER 55's CABBAGE QUARTER CONVERSATIONS UNFOLDING STORIES OF DUBLIN 8

**11am to 2pm, 2nd Tuesday of every month, Sept 2019 - June 2020**

**Next Conversation... November 12th**  
***Kevin Street Garda Station Tour plus Lunch***  
***& Stories Workshop***

**For more details or to book your place**  
**call Anne Tannam on 087 781 2781**  
**Or email: [anne@creativecoaching.ie](mailto:anne@creativecoaching.ie)**



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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SOUGHT FROM CONGREGATION**  
**CASP**  
**CATHEDRAL ACCESS SUPPORT PROGRAMME**

Are you over 65 *or* experiencing mobility support needs in accessing the Cathedral?

Would you like support in accessing the Cathedral on 4 dates in the coming 2020 calendar?

*Easter Sunday 12 April 2020, Whitsun 31 May 2020, Friends' Festival Service 21 June 2020, Christmas Day 25 December 2020*

If you are interested, please contact Kelley Bermingham, Community Officer.

Telephone: 01 453 9472 Ext 210 OR Email [community@stppatrickscathedral.ie](mailto:community@stppatrickscathedral.ie)

OR Complete and return the following details:

<b>Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	
<b>Contact number:</b>	
<b>Support needs:</b> <i>e.g. mobility aid, wheelchair, etc</i>	
<b>Dietary needs:</b>	
<b>Emergency Contact</b> (Next of kin / friend / family / neighbour)	<i>Name:</i> <i>Number:</i> <i>Relationship:</i>

Dates you would like to have support to attend the Cathedral

Easter Sunday    Whitsun    Friends' Festival Service    Christmas Day

Your details will be held in compliance with GDPR and contact will be made with you in relation to travel arrangements through the Community Office and associated professionals for the efficient roll-out of the support programme.

Deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is 16 December 2019.

Kelley will be in touch with you in January with more information.

## NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The first half of the Autumn term at the Grammar School has been very busy. In terms of numbers the school is now bigger than ever with 220 pupils. Although it can get a bit crowded at times, the additional numbers have had a very positive impact on the school, particularly when it comes to extra-curricular activities. Basketball has become hugely popular this year and the girls' team recently won a number of competitive matches. The boys' rugby team has also played a number of matches this term with great success. A large number of students are now playing chess during lunch on Tuesday afternoons and we are very grateful to the PCPA for sponsoring both junior and senior chess trophies, which will be awarded at the end of the year.

The new Kevin Street Building was included in the IAF Open House event this year and even though we were only open to the public for 3 hours we had over 150 visitors during that time. Edwin Scally of Quilligan Scally architects gave a talk about the history of the project to each group before they were taken on a tour of the building. Quite a number of past pupils took the opportunity to visit, including several who were in the school when the project was first mooted in the last century!

This is our second year in the Kevin Street Building. We are all still enjoying it and very much looking forward to the installation of three stained glass windows in the western elevation of the building. The work will be completed by the artist James Earley. His design concept is based on the themes of past, present and future along with primary, secondary and tertiary education. The piece will also reflect the close relationship between the Grammar School and the Cathedral. The choice of colours and textures in the piece was strongly i



influenced by the stained glass windows in the Lady Chapel. We hope to have the windows installed before Christmas. In addition to the stained glass windows James will also paint a mural on the north facing wall of the Pakenham Hall which will really brighten up that area of the school.

The school orchestra now has over 30 members, 10 of whom are currently in first year. The orchestra rehearses every Thursday and were recently invited to perform at the Post Primary Music Teachers Association annual conference. A room full of music teachers can be a tough crowd for a school orchestra but our students received a standing ovation at the end of their performance!

Our Transition Year students are just back from their annual trip to Killary adventure centre and are now busy rehearsing for this years' musical, Aladdin, which takes place at the end of November after we return from the half-term break.



## THE GAUDETE SINGERS

The Gaudete Singers, directed by the Cathedral's Organist, David Leigh, will present a concert featuring German music of the Renaissance and baroque eras by Isaac, Praetorius, Schütz and Pachelbel, but focused primarily on four motets by Johann Sebastian Bach. This will be given in the Cathedral's Lady Chapel on Sunday 10 November, beginning at 8.00 pm. The continuo parts will be played by Tristan Russcher, one of the Cathedral's distinguished former organ scholars, who will also allow the singers some respite by playing appropriate solo pieces.

There will be a charge of €20 (concessions €15; students with valid student ID €5) for admission to help cover the concert's costs. Those present will be offered a glass of wine after the concert.

This is the eighteenth year in which the Gaudete Singers have given a concert of sacred music in the Cathedral, usually in late November or early December. Readers may recall, for instance, the 2004 programme consisting of sixteenth-century Scottish polyphony and featuring Robert Carver's *Missa L'Homme Armé*, or the 2005 one entitled "*From Tallis to Britten*", or the 2007 diet of "*Palestrina and Pärt Interleaved*". But these singers have a more varied repertoire: within the last few years, for instance, they have performed *Jaanilaulud* by the Estonian composer Veljo Tormis, Morten Lauridsen's *Madrigali: Six "Fire Songs"* on Italian Renaissance Poems, and the prize-winning *Mother Goose Rhymes* by Eoghan Desmond, a vicar choral in the Cathedral choir. The Gaudete Singers have appeared as guest artists at two Roaring Twenties festivals in Killarney, and have sung in many languages, including Irish, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Catalan, Portuguese, Czech, Hungarian, Russian,

Polish and Nahuatl. But English, Latin (in pronunciations varying with the provenance of the compositions) and sacred music composed between the fifteenth century and the twenty-first account for more than half of their energies.

If you would like to be considered for admission to the Gaudete Singers, please contact David Leigh, telephone 087–223.8449, or John Barnes, telephone 01– 4978341.



**Can your child sing?**

We have places in the Cathedral Choir School for children going into 3rd and 4th class this September.

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- first rate education in Ireland's only specialist choir school
- free instrumental tuition
- unrivaled performance opportunities including concerts, tours, recording and broadcasts.

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www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/learn

## LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

**Sunday 10 November** - Remembrance Sunday - Matins 10:55

- Evensong 15:15

**November 17** - Actors' Memorial Evensong

**November 21-24** - The Jonathan Swift Festival

**November 24** - Jonathan Swift Commemoration Evensong

**Sunday 1 December** - Advent Carol Service

**Sunday 15 December** - Carols For All

**Sunday 22 December** - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

**Tuesday 24 December** - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols (Ticket only)

**Wednesday 25 December** - Christmas Day Festival Choral Eucharist 11:15

**Sunday 5 January** - Epiphany Carol Service

**Sunday 6th January** - *La Nativité du Seigneur* - Messiaen

Organ recital - 18:30



## CHRISTMAS AT SAINT PATRICK'S



At Advent and Christmas the Church uses music to help worship soar: to express what we want to say to God for the birth of his Son, Jesus, in the stable at Bethlehem. The **Advent Procession** and the Service of **Nine Lessons and Carols** provides us with

rich and elaborate music performed by the Cathedral Choir who use their skills to catch us up in a resounding chorus of praise to God. The service of **Carols for All** is an opportunity to join in the Church of Ireland's rich musical tradition of congregational singing, led by the Choir and accompanied by the Cathedral's majestic organ. We invite you to attend these services to offer your thanks to God with heart and mind and voice.

Sunday 1st December at 18.00

ADVENT PROCESSION

Sunday 15th December at 15.15

CAROLS FOR ALL

Sunday 22nd December at 15.15

Tuesday 24th December at 16.00\* (Admission by ticket only)

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Wednesday 25th December at 11.15

FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 5th January at 15.15

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

[www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/worship](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/worship)

## HELLO AND GOODBYE



We congratulate Warwick Harte on his election as President of the Past Pupils' and Past Choristers' Association. We wish him well for the year ahead.

At Evensong on Sunday 6 October, we said goodbye to four choristers; Matthew, Andrew, Richard and Angelo. At the Valedictory Service they were presented with their certificates and various gifts. We thank the boys for their commitment to the choir and wish them well for the future.

# THE SNOWMAN

**Monday 23 December • 4.00pm • 5.00pm**

Our last concert of the year, and the most popular, the choristers give their seasonal concert performance of Blake's THE SNOWMAN.

*"It was a cold, cold winter's night. In a cottage in the country,  
hidden away beneath the hills, a little boy lay sleeping.  
Snow began to fall, lightly at first and then with giant flakes,  
which started to settle on the ground.*

*At first light of morning, the little boy turned over, yawned and sat up.  
He ran to the window and looked out.  
Everything was covered in snow...*

Admission free with a retiring collection in aid of LauraLynn Children's Hospice.



Further details of these, and all events are  
available from our website [www.stpatrickscathedral.ie](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie)



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## **EVENING PRAYER SAID IN IRISH**

Under the auspices of Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise, a service in Irish will be read in Saint Patrick's Cathedral in the Lady Chapel on the second Sunday of every month at 16.30. All are welcome.

## **WILL US WELL**

When making, or amending, your Will please consider including a legacy bequest to the Cathedral. If you are interested in supporting us in this way, let your solicitor or Will-writer know that you wish to make provision for the Cathedral in your Will. For more information please contact the Cathedral Administrator, Mr Gavan Woods.

## **TEA AND COFFEE ON SUNDAYS**

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served in the Cathedral after the Eucharist on the first, third and fifth Sundays of the month, September - June, thanks to our wonderful coffee-roster volunteers. Please join us for refreshments and fellowship.



## **MAYBE YOU CAN HELP?**

An art teacher from NCAD working in CBS James Street is looking for scraps of fabric and materials in Dublin 8 for a public-art weaving project. Do you have any lying around? "I thought it would be great for the students to get some local materials and learn about the Liberties rich weaving history. Any help would be greatly appreciated," she writes in. Got some? You can reach Kate Cunningham on [kate\\_cun@hotmail.com](mailto:kate_cun@hotmail.com) and 0873485190, or leave material in the Cathedral for the attention of Community Officer, Kelley Bermingham.



## HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

Under data protection regulations (GDPR) it is no longer possible to ascertain information about patients and so it would be helpful if you, or a relative, are admitted to hospital please let the Dean or Canon Mullen know if you would like to be visited in hospital.

## DATA PROTECTION POLICY

The Cathedral's Data Privacy policy has been updated to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations. The updated policy is available to view on the Cathedral's website at [www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/privacy-policy](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/privacy-policy).

To exercise all relevant rights, queries or complaints please, in the first instance, contact the Cathedral Office Manager by phone at 01 4539472, or by email at [officemanager@stpatrickscathedral.ie](mailto:officemanager@stpatrickscathedral.ie).

## THE CATHEDRAL'S CHILD PROTECTION POLICY

The Safeguarding Handbook, as well as Safeguarding Trust, may be viewed on the Cathedral website.

If you have a general enquiry or any concern relating to safeguarding at Saint Patrick's Cathedral contact Kelley Bermingham, Designated Liaison Person, on 01 453 9472. A deputy Designated Liaison Person will be appointed by the Cathedral Board in the near future.

If you recognise a safeguarding emergency in which a child or vulnerable adult is in danger, Tusla Child and Family Agency can be contacted on 01 856 6856.

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