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The Advent Wreath decorated by Freda Doyle

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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

09.15	Eucharist (<i>said in the Lady Chapel</i>)
11.15	Choral Eucharist / Choral Matins
15.15	Choral Evensong

Monday - Friday

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

Saturday

11.05	Eucharist (<i>said in the Lady Chapel</i>)
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CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences are expressed to the family of the late Dermot Burke, a member of Frontline Security in Saint Patrick's, who died recently after a time of illness. Dermot was an extremely popular and loyal colleague and friend. He is greatly missed by everyone.

Condolences are also expressed to Susan Barrett, a member of our office staff, on the death of her aunt.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 11 December

Carols For All

15:15

Friday 16

Grammar School Carol Service

11:00

Friday 16

Handel By Candle Concert

19:30 (Ticket only)

Sunday 18 December

Nine Lessons & Carols

15:15

Friday 23 December

The Snowman

16:00

Saturday 24 December

Nine Lessons & Carols

16:00 (Ticket Only)

Sunday 25 December

Festal Choral Eucharist

11:15

DECEMBER PREACHERS

December 4	The Revd A. W. A. Mayes	<i>Prebendary of Newcastle</i>
December 11	The Revd K. M. Poulton	<i>Prebendary of Swords</i>
December 18	The Revd C. W. Mullen	<i>Prebendary of Rathmichael</i>
December 25	The Very Revd W. W. Morton	<i>Dean & Ordinary</i>

A SHOT FROM THE CANON

Unexpected pregnancy and shocked fathers make us feel more than a little uncomfortable. Joseph was shocked by the news that Mary would be giving birth; Mary was confused by how she could be the mother of God's Son. Yet they allowed God to take a hand in resolving their confusion and shock. In this, they set an example that's always relevant; one that can be applied by us if we courageously trust in God. We too must invite and welcome Jesus into our lives even when, like Mary and Joseph, our confusion or shock could lead us to give up.

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JANUARY PREACHERS

January 1	The Revd B. M. McKay	<i>Prebendary of Clondalkin</i>
January 8	The Very Revd N. J. Sloane	<i>Chancellor</i>
January 15	The Ven. D. A. Pierpoint	<i>Treasurer</i>
January 22	The Most Revd M. G. St. A. Jackson	<i>Prebendary of Cualaun</i>
January 29	The Revd C. W. Mullen	<i>Prebendary of Rathmichael</i>

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

From a carol by Henry Bramley (1833–1917)

The great God of heaven is come down to earth,
His mother a Virgin, and sinless his birth;
The Father eternal his Father alone:
He sleeps in the manger; he reigns on the throne.

From a carol by Cælius Sedulius (c. 450)

And while the angels in the sky
Sang praise above the silent field,
The shepherds poor, the Lord most high,
The one great Shepherd was revealed.

From a carol by Phillips Brooks (1835–93)

We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

CANON MULLEN'S ADVENT RESCUE KIT

Dear, struggling Advent, the season that offers much inspiration but is so easily overwhelmed by our preparations for Christmas. To try to rescue Advent, here are some old and new prayer suggestions that can be used when Christmas preparations get the better of Advent - and us. We remember those less fortunate than we are, and those who can't enjoy the angels' song of peace to God's people.

THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT: CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Light out of darkness is the Advent theme as we prepare for the coming light of Christ at Christmas. On dark, wintry nights, we cheer ourselves by decorating a tree with lights, so:

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT: CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas cards serve many purposes, from giving us an opportunity for an annual exchange, to communicating our heartfelt greetings to our closest family and friends, so:

Almighty God, through our exchange of greetings we thank you for the friendships we share with one another; help us to see in them the love you share with us - the love so deep that you sent us your Son to bring us to eternal

you; bless us and those to whom we send greetings, that in giving and receiving them we may eagerly await and desire that message which calls us into friendship with you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT: CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

The exchange of gifts at Christmas is a tangible way of communicating the value we put on friendship between ourselves and those who receive our gifts, so:

Almighty God, your servant John the Baptist proclaimed the message of the Advent of your Son; through the delight of the gifts we exchange help us to listen and hear that joyous herald voice which calls over the noise of our busy lives, inviting us to find in your Son a gift that far exceeds all we can desire and which we are not worthy to receive, save through your grace, made known in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT: CHRISTMAS DINNER

Having sent our Christmas cards and delivered our presents, we greet the personal visit of our nearest and dearest, those who will join and dine with us on Christmas Day, so:

Heavenly Father we praise you for the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which brought us the personal visit of your Son through whom we know you, and in whom we find the way to everlasting life with you; bless us and all with whom we share our joyfulness and celebrations, and grant our souls ever to magnify your holy name in humble obedience, and an expectant faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ADMINISTRATOR WRITES

2022 has been a year of recovery and renewal. After a shaky start visitor numbers have rebounded month on month and we will finish the year exceeding 80% of the total for 2019. A number of factors are driving this trend but the strength of the dollar is greatly encouraging visitation from the US, our key market, whilst the efforts of the low cost carriers in the EU to regain, and even increase, seat numbers on popular routes has led to a significant rebound in capacity. Such is the current popularity for weekend city breaks that we have had our second busiest ever October and November in 2022 with a marked increase in visitors at weekends.

There has been a shift in the profile of visitors with over half now under the age of 35 and a significant reduction amongst the cohort of 65 and over. It is too early to say if this trend will continue but it does have implications for our future marketing strategy as we seek ways to engage younger ‘digital natives’.

As we regroup post (hopefully) the pandemic there has been considerable movement of staff both in and out of the organisation. Recruitment for guides, retail and welcome desk operatives in the Cathedral took a lot of time and focus at the start of the year whereas now we are busy recruiting for marketing and other roles as we enter the Christmas period. Full details of these positions are available on our website and we hope to have the majority filled by January.

The Chair of the fabric committee, the Dean, Lisa Mullen from Arup and I have just completed a recruitment process to find another Cathedral architect to replace John Beauchamp, who held the post for 20 years. We shortlisted and interviewed 6 really excellent individuals and hope to make an appointment in very near future.

There was considerable planning undertaken during the pandemic when we had the time to focus on the future and what we would like to achieve as a Cathedral in the 21st century. The culmination of our efforts can be viewed in the Cathedral's strategic plan. This plan is available to download from the Governance section of our website and if you do read it you will see that one of our ambitions is to develop the Deanery Mews as a multiuse community space. I am delighted to report that we hope to bring this project to planning stage just after Christmas and perhaps begin the actual development in the autumn of 2023.

It is important to remember that though challenges abound we are in a vastly better position than we were 12 months ago. We may face great uncertainties but the familiar pattern of life has largely returned for most of us and so we look forward to 2023 with hope and faith. I would like to thank everyone in our community for the tremendous help and support over the past year and wish you all a peaceful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

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THE DEAN WRITES

As I intimated in the November edition of Close News our visit to New York City far exceeded our expectations – in the warmth of welcome, the hospitality extended, and the desire on the part of all those whom we met to support Saint Patrick’s Cathedral both in promoting awareness of it in the US, and also helping identify sources of funding for several projects.

Rosemary and I greatly acknowledge the generosity of the Finance Committee, and Cathedral Board, in making our visit possible. We are grateful as well to Henry and Michael, members of our congregation, who have much experience of life in NYC, for their help in setting up meetings with key people. They were assisted by the Rector of Saint Thomas’s Church, Fifth Avenue, the Reverend Canon Carl Turner, who invited me to preach there, and who helped arrange the various meetings, and information sessions. We were certainly afforded the ‘red carpet’, and our hosts geared events to the advantage of Saint Patrick’s. Canon Turner kindly arranged transport for us, from, and to, JFK Airport.

Saturday 29 October was spent ‘doing a recce’ of all the places we needed to visit the next day, particularly Saint Thomas’s where I was preaching! We had a chance to visit Saint Patrick’s Cathedral, and many other landmarks in 5th Avenue, including a visit to the world-renowned Macey’s Department Store in W 34th Street – all nine floors of it!

Canon Turner kindly invited me to give a presentation at 10.00 a.m. on Sunday (which was also on live stream) about the history of Saint Patrick's, our rationale of worship, and the various initiatives for which we are seeking support. It was a joy and delight to participate in the Choral Eucharist at 11.00 – and thanks to all who joined in on live stream from Saint Patrick's. Among those whom we met after the service was Margaret Holmes, whose mother worships often in Saint Patrick's, and who is hoping to be in Dublin for Christmas.



On the Sunday evening, the Rector and his wife Alison, who is also ordained, kindly hosted a dinner party, and among their guests were the retired Auxiliary Bishop of New York, John O'Hara, and Bishop Mary Glasspool, an assistant bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Then on Tuesday evening, in the Rectory at 135 W 52nd Street (39th floor!), around forty people attended a drinks reception which provided a tremendous opportunity to network!

The Cathedral Administrator, Mr Gavan Woods, joined us from Tuesday 1 November, and we were there until Thursday evening. We certainly availed of all the working hours in the three days to have conversations with as many people as possible. Gavan and I draw immense hope and encouragement from the fact that many good and lasting friendships have been formed, bonds were made between key contacts both in New York and in Ireland, and strategies were formulated which will provide, hopefully, a positive and fruitful outcome for Saint Patrick's.

Among those whom we met were Mr Charles O'Byrne, former Secretary to a Governor of New York, and the highest unelected post in administration in New York. I had met him here twice pre-Covid when he attended services in Saint Patrick's. He considered that promoting Saint Patrick's can be achieved not least through social media, and he is interested in helping to establish a small group of people to highlight our need of support and who could be invited to Dublin perhaps next year.

We met Caitriona Fottrell, President & Chief Exec of The Ireland Funds. This was among the visits which were hugely facilitated by one of the members of our Board, Sandra Ruttle, contacting Geraldine Byrne Nason, Irish Ambassador to the US, who used to worship in Carrickmines. We also met Nik Quaife, Head of Cultural Affairs at the Consulate General of Ireland, New York and Culture Ireland, who worked here for some years, and would be keen to assist with reciprocal visits.

We had the pleasure of meeting Mr Willem Brans, a former church administrator, a representative of a publication circulated among Irish Americans, and we paid a very interesting visit to the NY Irish Centre, Long

Island City, where Gavan and I were both invited to speak, and where we were entertained to lunch.

It was good to meet with Mr Bruce Smith, Chief Advancement Officer, at Saint Thomas's, and also to meet clergy and staff from Saint Patrick's Cathedral, 5th Avenue.

It was an amazing trip all round. We came back inspired and enthused, and we are eager to keep in contact with those whom we met, and invite them to Saint Patrick's, as we look forward to our plans evolving.

It requires time, much effort, and a desire to make it work. I'm prepared to do my best to tick the box for all three! WWM



*Gavan Woods, The Dean & Nik Quaije,
Head of Cultural Affairs at Consulate General of Ireland, New York & Culture Ireland*

THE SNOWMAN

Friday 23 December · 4.00pm ·

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.



This event is free of charge and registration is required.

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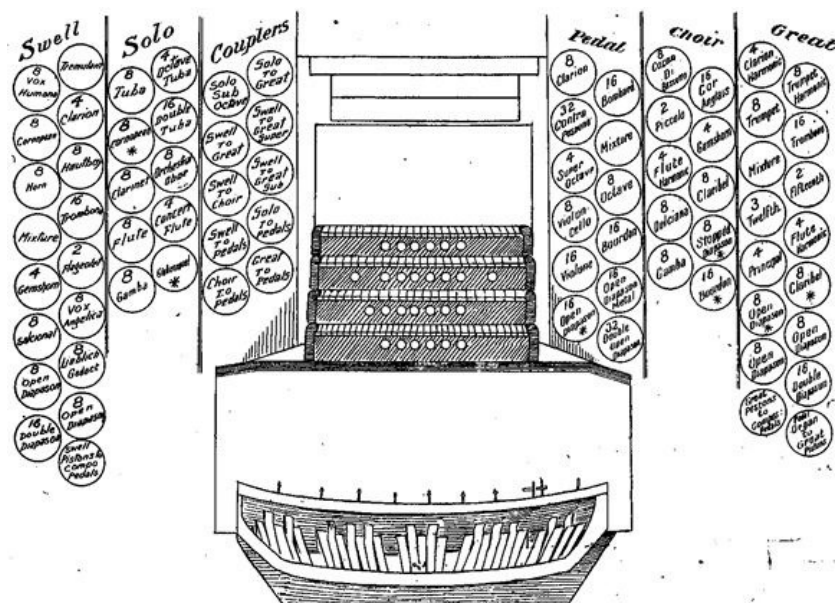
Further details of these, and all events are
available from our website www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

HEWSON MEMORIAL RECITAL

The 2022 George Hewson Memorial Recital was performed by the Organist & Assistant Master of the Music, Mr David Leigh, on Saturday 26 November.

In introducing the recital, Dean Morton said that, about three years ago, before the Covid pandemic, two worshippers at Evensong, who were from the United States, remarked as they left the Cathedral that never before in worship had they experienced ‘such a heavenly sound.’ ‘How can you explain it?’ ‘What makes it so special here?’ they asked.

The Dean said that it was due to a number of factors – the world-class organ, played by a highly trained and accomplished organist, a skilled and experienced choir director with a professional choir, in the glorious and unique acoustic which is Saint Patrick’s.



Dean Morton explained that in the recital these blessings were being extolled by acknowledging with thanksgiving three distinct anniversaries:

“First of all, the 120th anniversary of the acquisition, and installation, of this mighty Willis organ, the Wondrous Machine, built by Henry Willis and completed in 1902 at a cost of £6000. Like so much else in the Cathedral this happened due to the unfailing generosity of the Guinness family, and in the case of the organ, to the benevolence of Edward Cecil Guinness, First Earl of Iveagh – so we acknowledge with extreme gratitude the magnificent contribution of the Guinness family to Saint Patrick’s through the years.”

“ ‘Father’ Willis planned the new organ in consultation with Sir George Martin, organist of Saint Paul’s Cathedral, London, where there is an earlier ‘Father’ Willis instrument. Willis’s son Henry completed the job, distinguishing himself in his treatment of the powerful reed stops. The organ was restored in 1963 by the organ building firm of J. Walker & Sons, and again in 1995 by Harrisons of Durham. Since the late 1990s the organ has been in the excellent care of organ builder from County Kildare, Trevor Crowe, who has been responsible for maintaining the instrument, and for many improvements in enhancing sound quality, rendering the organ ‘the most important romantic instrument in Ireland, and attracting international attention.’ ”

“It cannot be emphasised too much that this is a world-class instrument; after all, Priory records deeded the organ of Saint Patrick’s worth of inclusion in the 100 Great European Organ Series of CDs.”

“Secondly, this recital is commemorating the 50th anniversary of the death of Dr George Hewson, who was Organist & Master of the Choristers from 1920-1960, and who left an unbelievable legacy of achievement of a fine musical and choral tradition in Saint Patrick’s and in Ireland and beyond. We give thanks for Dr Hewson’s life and magnificent contribution to the world of music.”

“Thirdly, and finally, we are marking as well this evening the 25th anniversary of the appointment of Mr David Leigh to Saint Patrick’s. This is an opportunity to thank Mr Leigh, Mr Nicholson, and the members of the Choirs and Music Department for their superb work, and to acknowledge in particular David’s contribution of excellence and accomplishment through what he has done, and continues to do, for Saint Patrick’s to the joy, admiration, and appreciation of us all.”

The programme consisted of works by Felix Mendelssohn, Edward Bairstow, Walter Alcock, Harold Darke, Matthew Martin, and Max Reger.

Invited guests attended a reception in the Deanery following the recital.

NEWS FROM THE CATHEDRAL

2022 was a very positive year for the Cathedral and its community. Following two very difficult years for all, it was wonderful to see worship, visitation to the cathedral, and events held here, all return to relative normality. As well as seeing the return of much missed colleagues, congregants and volunteers, we welcomed many new additions to all of these cohorts too and were all the better for doing so.

Our Audio Guides, introduced in summer 2021, have proved a remarkable success and are a valuable means of interpretation for our visitors, especially for those whom English is not their first language. We do continue to offer guided tours to visitors also with volunteers in particular leading these. I am delighted to have the opportunity to thank the volunteers for all that they do here. Cathedral staff and Heritage Course trainees from our partnership with Dublinia also provide guided tours, and we are grateful to all for continuing to offer the personal touch that these tours afford.

We have increased our Sunday Stewarding levels back to pre-pandemic levels of two, and are seeking to increase the number of people available to volunteer in this capacity. We are also restarting the Cathedral Guild Of Servers who lead the Choir and Clergy processions on Sundays and other important dates in the Church calendar, and would welcome any expressions of interest in this also!

As always, there is a long list of work to be carried out on the building. At the time of writing we have just received Final Certification of the Roof Works Project. This is the final chapter in a mammoth project! We continue to plan for new projects and carry out essential maintenance works. Some of these unfortunately take longer than we would wish due to supply issues, delays with the planning process or increased costs, but we hope that a number of longstanding issues will be resolved in the first half of 2023. The Dean's Gift Day projects for recent years are being progressed as are repairs to the Nave floor and Lady Chapel floors, while much needed improvements to the staff and visitor facilities at the West End of the Cathedral will see improved access to the external WCs along with a new canteen for staff and volunteers in Q1 of 2023.

Sunday Volunteer appeal:

As mentioned above, we are keen to recruit additional volunteers from the Cathedral Community for both Sunday Stewarding and the Guild of Servers. If you are interested in volunteering in either of these roles, please contact Louis Parminster by email at manager@stpatrickscathedral.ie or on WhatsApp at 087-9799556.

Please note that all staff and voluntary roles in the Cathedral are subject to candidates over the age of 16 completing the Garda Vetting process.

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98FM

Brendan McLoughlin, of 98FM, interviewed Louis Parminter for his programme, *Brendan Investigates*, from the Ringing Room in the Minot Tower. The programme was broadcast on 23 November. We have a radio star in our sight!



Louis & Brendan

ROOF SYMPOSIUM

What a great day of celebration at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, celebrating **800 Years in the Making** with a symposium with the RIAI. Speakers included key players in the roof restoration, including architect John Beauchamp, Clancy Construction director Chris Chambers and project manager Niall Meagher. The day was chaired by the Cathedral Manager and Dean's Verger Louis Parminter. The Dean welcomed all to the gathering and the meeting was opened officially by Minister Malcolm Noonan, who secured vital funds in the restoration project. Symposium attendees got up close to the finer details of the epic project with special behind-the-scenes tours led by John Beauchamp and his right-hand man at B2 Architects Tom Griffin. Pictured here are Niall Meagher, Dean Morton, Louis Parminter, Malcolm Noonan, Chris Chambers, RIAI CEO Kathryn Meghan and Tom Griffin.



THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

CHRISTMAS at SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Celebrate the birth of Jesus at Saint Patrick's this Advent and Christmas. Hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, go to Bethlehem and discover the peace of the Christ Child through the pages of scripture and the carols of the choir. Whoever you are, and whatever you believe, you are welcome to come to Saint Patrick's and experience Advent and Christmas through words, silence, and music. All of our Advent and Christmas services, along with our regular pattern of services, are free of charge and you do not need to book tickets to attend these with the exception of the Christmas Eve Service. All are welcome to join us whether in person, online, in worship, in concert or even just tuning in to the TV or radio.

WORSHIP

Sunday 11 December · 15.15

CAROLS FOR ALL

The service of *Carols for All* is an opportunity to join in the Church's rich musical tradition of congregational singing, led by the Choir and accompanied by the Cathedral's majestic organ. Early arrival is advised – suitable for all ages, children especially welcome!

Sunday 18 December · 15.15 | Saturday 24 December · 16.00

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

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. (NB entry to the Christmas Eve service by ticket only, service is also broadcast live on RTÉ Radio 1)

Christmas Day · 11.15

CHORAL FESTAL EUCHARIST WITH CAROLS

Join us this Christmas Day for a *Festal Choral Eucharist* with readings from Holy Scripture, congregational carols & anthems led by the Cathedral Choir.

All of our Choral Services are streamed live via our website, so you can join us online even if you can't in person!

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/worship/video-stream

CONCERTS

Friday 16 December · 19.30

HANDEL BY CANDLE

You're invited to join us in the Cathedral for a special performance of the Christmas music from Handel's great oratorio MESSIAH with other festive music, performed by the stunning voices of The Cathedral Choir. The Choir has a long association with MESSIAH, having sung for the premiere in 1742, so don't miss this opportunity to hear the choristers and lay vicars sing this wonderful music in the candlelit surroundings of the Cathedral.

Friday 23rd December · 16.00

THE SNOWMAN

Take a break from your last-minute Christmas shopping and other such seasonal stresses and come join us with the whole family in Saint Patrick's Cathedral to hear the timeless tale of James and the Snowman as told by narrator Morgan Crowley with a little help from the Choristers of Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Retiring collection in aid of LauraLynn Children's Hospice.

This event is free of charge and registration is required.

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/snowman22



BROADCASTS

Christmas Eve · 16.00 · RTÉ Radio 1

A FESTIVAL OF NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Traditional and modern carols and anthems, sung by the Choir, directed by Stuart Nicholson. Built around Bible readings to celebrate the birth of Our Lord. Led by the Dean of St Patrick's, The Very Revd William Morton.

Christmas Eve on RTÉ 1

CAROLS FROM THE CASTLE

In one of the most loved RTÉ shows of the year, Mary Kennedy brings Christmas magic into every home with a special evening of festive music, old and new, from the magnificently decked halls & Chapel of Dublin Castle. This year's show features musicians and singers of every age and from every corner of Ireland, who will have you singing along, loud and proud, from the comfort of your sitting room. Mary Kennedy and the RTÉ Concert Orchestra are joined by a wide range of performers including the Choristers and Schola of The Cathedral Choir.

Nollaig shona dhuit!



THE SOCIETY OF FRIENDS OF SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The Society of Friends of Saint Patrick's Cathedral was founded in 1945

To assist the Dean and Chapter in furthering and maintaining the spirit of devotion in divine worship.

To bind together in loyal co-operation all who love Saint Patrick's Cathedral as a centre for divine worship.

To support the general maintenance of the cathedral and its services and, in particular to maintain the high tradition of sacred music in divine worship for which Saint Patrick's is far famed.

Membership of the Society is open to all.

Membership application forms are available in the cathedral. Membership can also be made through the cathedral website or by emailing the membership

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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.

Members of the editorial committee of Close News
wish you a happy and peaceful Christmas
and best wishes for the New Year.



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 16 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.

Tickets are available now from our website

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/handel22

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY



To mark Remembrance Sunday, His Excellency Mr Michael D. Higgins, President of Ireland, and Councillor Caroline Conroy, Lord Mayor of Dublin, attended Choral Evensong at 3.15pm. They were joined by representatives of Dáil Éireann and the diplomatic corps, along with representatives of the judiciary and the defence forces, and re welcomed by Dr William Morton, Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Mrs Gerasko Larysa, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine, read a Bible reading. The preacher was Canon David Oxley with the Cathedral Choir directed by David Leigh.

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The Dean and Rosemary wish everyone associated with Saint Patrick's Cathedral every blessing for Christmas, and all good wishes for 2023.



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