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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

Tuesday - Thursday

- 09.00 Sung Matins (*during school term*)

Monday - Friday

- 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*)

MARCH PREACHERS

March 6	The Revd P. A. Harvey	<i>Prebendary of Stagonil</i>
March 13	The Revd P. M. Willoughby	<i>Prebendary of Tymothan</i>
March 20	The Ven. C. W. L. McCauley	<i>Prebendary of Mulbuddart</i>
March 27	The Revd J. K. McWhirter	<i>Prebendary of Kilmactalway</i>

A Prayer for Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.
Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Archbishop Justin Welby
Archbishop Stephen Cottrell



CHORAL EVENSONG WITH A VIGIL: PRAY FOR PEACE

On Ash Wednesday, 2 March, Choral Evensong was followed by a Peace Vigil in support of those suffering as a result of the recent attacks on Ukraine. The Lord Mayor of Dublin was attendance, and signed the Book of Peace, together with Ambassadors from Bulgaria, Poland, The Netherlands, Brazil, Romania and Morocco. The Books of Peace will remain available for signing in the Cathedral for the coming weeks.



Caothaiorleach of Dun Laoghaire Rathdown Co. Council,, Lettie McCarthy



The procession



Louis Parminter, Dean's vergers; Canon Mullen, Dean's vicar; Derek Tobin, Verger



Pictured are dignitaries from Bulgaria, Poland, The Netherlands, Brazil, Romania, Morocco, and The United Kingdom of Great Britain & Northern Ireland, with The Dean.

THE CATHEDRAL DIARY - MARCH 2022

Sunday 13 March

Gaudete Concert

19:30

Thursday 17 March

Eucharist Said (In Irish)
in the Lady Chapel.

09:15

Thursday 17 March

Patronal Choral Eucharist

11:15

Thursday 17 March

Dublin Council of Churches

18:00

HOLY BAPTISM

On Sunday 6th February I had the honour of administering the sacrament of baptism to Iris Kathleen, daughter of Ernie and Lesley-Anne Dines, and sister of Robert and Brian. We value the contribution the Dines family makes to the Cathedral's worshipping community and we pray God's blessing on Iris Kathleen as she joins us on our pilgrim journey. CM

FESTAL EVENSONG

The Dean has proposed a Festal Evensong in thanksgiving for the completion of the roof project. This will take place on Sunday, 13 March at 3.15 p.m. Further details will be available on the Cathedral website, www.stpatrickscathedral.ie, closer to the time. All donors, anonymous and otherwise, are invited to attend. The service will also be available through live-stream.

EASTER LILIES

Remember a loved one with flowers

At Easter we are again planning a display in the Cathedral of individual lilies in memory of family members and friends. The names will be read during the Prayers on Easter Sunday; and again on All Souls' Day.

Cards with the name of the person remembered and the sponsor will be placed with the lilies.

If you would like to participate please send your name, and the name of the person you wish to remember, and €5 per lily to:

'Easter Flowers', c/o Saint Patrick's Cathedral Office, The Deanery Basement, Upper Kevin Street, Dublin 8.

I would like to remember a loved one with flowers this Easter.

My Name: _____

I enclose € _____ (€5 per lily) to sponsor a lily/lilies in memory of

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Please have the information and payment with us by 1 April 2022.



OBITUARY...

LAURENCE (LARRY) O'CONNELL

It is only now and again that one encounters in life a person of the calibre and qualities of Larry O'Connell, a good and dear friend, and member of the Cathedral congregation, who died on 25 January. Larry was a native of Cobh, County Cork, from where his parents moved to Dublin when he was aged three years. On completion of his national school, and secondary school education, Larry qualified in transport law from college in Rathmines, preparing him admirably for his life's work in CIE where he built up great friendships.

Larry was a person of great kindness, a quality which a young lady called Betty admired in him – and which was to lead to their marriage. Interestingly, Larry always said that it was kindness shown to him and Betty by the clergy, personnel and congregation at Saint Patrick's which led to them joining the congregation into which they were received by Dean Maurice Stewart as full members of the Church of Ireland on 29 November 1995.

Larry, with Betty, was most faithful in attendance at worship, right up until his deteriorating health prevented him from doing so. He greatly appreciated the magnificent musical and choral tradition of Saint Patrick's, and, with Betty, was a tremendous supporter of the Choir. Larry gave most faithful service to the Friends of the Cathedral, served on its Council, and enjoyed the Friends' events throughout the year, including the annual outing to a location of interest, culturally and historically.

Larry also served as a volunteer in the Cathedral on Wednesday afternoons, and often would give to visitors a tour of the cathedral. He also served faithfully as one of our stewards, and simply loved meeting people. When

Ireland, like the UK and Denmark, joined the European Economic Community in 1973, and when travel throughout Europe, and further afield opened up, Larry greatly enjoyed meeting visitors from a whole range of countries, coming into the cathedral to worship, or to learn about our history here. It is so fittingly said of Larry, that, in welcoming people to Saint Patrick's, it was as though he was welcoming them into his own home, such was the warmth and sincerity of his welcome and kindness.

Larry had a great interest in history. He loved to read, to ascertain information, not least from his wonderful collection of books in his home. And, in terms of Saint Patrick's, that interest focussed on many areas, and particularly upon the history of the monuments in the cathedral.

We will miss Larry from our midst. We will miss his wonderful, empathetic and kind presence, his graciousness, friendship, warmth, and words of encouragement. We thank God for his life, witness and example.

We extend our condolences to Larry's wife, Betty, to their daughters, Laura and Elizabeth, their grandson Brendan, Laura's partner Joe, and all who mourn his passing. The Dean officiated at Larry's funeral service in the Cathedral; tributes were delivered by Larry's cousin, Fr Donal O'Hanlon, and Larry's grandson, Brendan. Interment followed at Dardistown Cemetery.



WM

VISIT OF THE US AMBASSADOR TO IRELAND

We were greatly honoured that, within two days of taking up office, the US Ambassador to Ireland, Dr Claire D. Cronin, paid a visit to Saint Patrick's Cathedral where she, her husband, Ray, and their two adult daughters, Kara and Kerry, were met by the Dean.

The ambassador was nominated for the post by President Joseph Biden in June last year, and, following confirmation by the United States Senate, she was sworn in by Attorney William Bonaccorso in January, and presented her credentials to the President of Ireland, Michael D. Higgins, on February 10, 2022.

Dean Morton, accompanied by Mr John Reardan, one of our vergers, brought the ambassador and her family on a tour of the Cathedral. Dr Cronin was delighted to learn about Saint Patrick's as the National Cathedral of The Church of Ireland, and its tradition of excellence in worship, together with the fact that it is high priority on the 'must see' list of tourist attractions in Dublin, and a leading venue for cultural events. She is looking forward to worshipping in Saint Patrick's when attending in her official role as ambassador.

The ambassador was also interested in the numerous initiatives currently on the agenda of the Cathedral Board, particularly with regard to the search for funding. Following the visit to the Cathedral, the ambassador and her family enjoyed afternoon tea in the Deanery.



*US Ambassador to Ireland, Claire Cronin,
pictured with her husband, Ray, and daughters Cara and Kerry*

VISIT OF FRANCES FITZGERALD, MEP

Fine Gael MEP for Dublin City and County, Frances Fitzgerald, recently expressed interest in learning about community issues in the areas around Saint Patrick's Cathedral, not least with regard to housing problems. The visit was organised by Councillor Danny Boyle who is a member of the Stakeholder Group supporting the Cabbage Garden Interagency Initiative in which, through her role as Community Development Officer of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Ms Kelley Bermingham has been extensively involved.

Kelley, who was also present at the meeting, outlined to Mrs Fitzgerald the progress which has been made with this project – which is based at the top of Cathedral Lane, which is across Kevin Street Upper, directly opposite the Deanery – through her engagement with An Garda Siochana, The Iveagh Trust, and other agencies. The project has involved combating serious drug problems in this area thus making it much safer for residents of all ages but especially children, young people and the elderly.

The meeting was held in The Deanery, and in the course of a reception which was provided by the Dean and his wife, Rosemary, Dean Morton gave an appraisal to Mrs Fitzgerald of the roof project at Saint Patrick's, together with information about other initiatives with which the Cathedral Board is dealing, particularly the refurbishment of the Deanery Mews to the west of the Deanery, and the proposed extension planned for Saint Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School which will include a neuro-sensory unit to benefit children from local schools who are suffering from autism.

Mrs Fitzgerald, who was the State's first Minister for Children & Youth Affairs (2011-14) expressed a huge degree of interest in this initiative, particularly as she worked as a social worker and family therapist for ten years in Ballymun Child & Family Centre and in Saint Ultan's Children's Hospital, Saint James's Hospital and the Mater Hospital.

The Dean also enquired from Mrs Fitzgerald about the possibility of financial support for some of the initiatives outlined, particularly in light of the detrimental impact of the pandemic.



Photographs courtesy of K. Bermingham

THE ADMINISTRATOR WRITES

As we come towards the end of February, I'm delighted to report that visitor numbers are recovering strongly from the near cessation of international travel which resulted from the arrival of the omicron variant in December. It is our hope that we will reach 65% of 2019 figures by early March.

We are hiring staff for the welcome desk and the shop in order to ensure that we have people trained and ready to work in these key roles in anticipation of a busy Saint Patrick's Day Festival period. Our volunteers have returned to their duties and it has given us all a tremendous boost to have them back welcoming visitors and giving guided tours once again.

Of course, we are still just at the beginning of the recovery. We face fresh uncertainty because of the invasion by Russia of Ukraine. Apart from the terrible toll this war is likely to take in terms of human life and suffering, the full economic and political impact of this calamity is yet unknown. We are mindful that international leisure travel is particularly sensitive to shocks of this kind and that most of our visitors originate from within the EU with the rest coming mainly from the US.

However, in the medium term we need to focus on what we can do, particularly around delivering a really excellent experience to the thousands of tourists we expect to see in the coming weeks. I am especially grateful to the teams in the Cathedral and the office for the continued focus on this key aspect of their work, grounded as it is in extending a warm welcome to those who choose to come to enjoy our beloved Cathedral.

Live events have taken off too with the good work of the marketing, events and verger staff paying dividend here. Our music department have delivered some wonderful concerts since reopening, and we hope we can build on this success in the months ahead.

As spring begins so too will the ongoing work repairing and maintaining the Cathedral and Deanery. The Friends have very kindly agreed to fund the conservation of some of the more delicate and vulnerable items on display within the Cathedral, including Swift's Queen Anne patent and his freedom of the city scroll. We are very grateful to Dr Susan Hood for her help and advice here. Temporary toilets have been installed outside the west end of the Cathedral for our visitors and we will commence delivery of the Gift Day projects very soon, stalled as they have been by the pandemic.

Thanks are due as always to those who have donated so generously to the roof project and generally throughout the pandemic. Your continued support is very much appreciated

GHW

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER



Lent, Holy Week & Easter 2022

Lent is a period of self-examination, reconciliation, self-denial and prayer, culminating in Holy Week when we reflect on Christ's suffering and death, and Easter when we celebrate the gloriously risen Christ.

We invite you to join us for prayer and thanksgiving this holy season.

Sermons in Music

Sundays at Evensong at 15.15
sung by the Cathedral Choir

Sunday 6 March

Walmisley Remember, O Lord

Sunday 20 March

Gombert Media vita

Sunday 27 March

Blow Salvator mundi, salva nos

Sunday 3 April

Bairstow Lamentations of Jeremiah

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday 10 April

09.15 Said Eucharist
11.15 Choral Eucharist
15.15 Choral Evensong

Monday 11 April

17.30 Choral Evensong

Tuesday 12 April

17.30 Choral Evensong

Wednesday 13 April

11.15 Said Eucharist
17.30 Choral Evensong

Maundy Thursday 14 April

11.15 Said Eucharist
17.30 Choral Eucharist
19.00 Le Chemin de la Croix

Good Friday 15 April

11.15 Choral Matins
14.00 Liturgy of the Cross

Easter Day 17 April

09.15 Said Eucharist
11.15 Festal Eucharist
15.15 Festal Evensong



LE CHEMIN DE LA CROIX

Marcel Dupré

Christ's Passion has been depicted in countless works of art, music, literature and theatre. *Le Chemin de la Croix* offers a path through prayer and meditation to follow Christ's suffering, death and burial. Marcel Dupré's composition on the Stations is a symphonic poem that conveys through music the suffering and agony of Christ's Passion.

Come experience and reflect upon one of the most spiritual and powerful organ works ever composed here performed by David Leigh.

Thursday 14 April at 19.00

All are welcome

FAREWELL



Pictured is Samuel, one of our cathedral choristers who retired from the choir on Sunday 14th February. He, and his family, are emigrating to the United States of America. Samuel has been a chorister for a number of years and we wish both he and his family well with their move. We hope that they will keep in touch and come to visit the cathedral when they holiday in Ireland.

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INSTALLATION



Pictured is Mr Rory Lynch, who was installed recently as Lay Vicar of the Prebendary of Clonmethan, his installation delayed by the pandemic. We wish him well.

COME AND JOIN US



THE CHORISTERS OF SAINT PATRICK'S

have been singing for 600 years....

fancy joining them for an afternoon?

Come and sing with us and find out
for yourselves what life is like for
a Saint Patrick's Cathedral Chorister!

If you would like your child to take part,
drop us a line, it's free but places are limited
so pre-booking is essential.

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/sing

Wednesday 30 March · 3.00-6.00pm

Open to children in 2nd & 3rd class

TRADFEST



After a gap of two years owing to the pandemic, the Cathedral was again host to Tradfest which took place over four nights at the end of January. This is the sixth time we have been host to Tradfest and proved very popular owing to the number in the audience each night. The staff were happy to be rostered on each evening so that they could listen to the music!

SAINT PATRICK'S FESTIVAL



To mark Saint Patrick's festival, the Cathedral is to be externally flood-lit in green every night from 16th to 20th March. The Cathedral has been illuminated green for the past few years and we have received many favourable remarks about it. Many buildings around the world will be illuminated to honour Saint Patrick.

VISTORS FROM THE PRINT MUSEUM

Visits from other tourist sites by their staff are made welcome always at the Cathedral and we were delighted to welcome some from The Dublin Print Museum, based at Haddington street.

Derek, one of the Cathedral vergers, gave them a guided tour of the building, the Minot Tower, and the ringing chamber where they were able to ring one of the bells. We look forward to a reciprocal visit to the Print Museum during the year.



CAN YOUR CHILD SING?

Is your child starting 3rd or 4th class this September? Do they enjoy singing?

Would you like to open up a world of amazing opportunities and experiences for them?

A Choristership could be just the thing...

My experience at Saint Patrick's gave my life as a musician a positive sense of direction and purpose it could not otherwise have had. I'd do it all again in a flash!"

Peter McMahan, chorister (1979-82),

Theatre director, Hamburg, Germany.

Becoming a Cathedral Chorister opens a world of exciting performing opportunities including regular broadcasts, concerts, recordings & tours.

The choristers are educated at the Cathedral Choir School (a Co-educational National School) which is renowned for the excellence of its teaching staff, and for its friendliness: small classes mean a real focus and care for each child. It is also unique in being the only choir school in the country, as well as being the oldest school in Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Cathedral Choir School was founded in 1432 by Archbishop Richard Talbot to provide for the education of the choristers and was originally housed in what is now the robing room of the Cathedral.

The Cathedral Choir School has had an almost continuous history since its foundation, the two interruptions being the Reformation and Cromwell's Commonwealth. Nearly 600 years on, the choir school continues to educate the choristers and is now a two-teacher, co-educational school under the patronage of the Church of Ireland providing education to pupils from third to sixth class. Admission into the school is via a voice trial – for details, please email music@stpatrickscathedral.ie



Admission into the Choir School is via a voice trial/audition (a very simple one to determine vocal potential, we normally get them to sing something very simple like ‘Twinkle little star’) and an informal chat with the parents and Principal if they show the potential to be a Cathedral Chorister and these are open to boys & girls currently in the 2nd year. Whilst they would usually start in the Choir in the September of 3rd class, it is possible to start at other times depending on places available. Auditions are available throughout the year, and the staff are always happy to meet prospective parents informally, especially if they would like guidance about their child's potential for a Choristership.

Would you like to organise a voice trial? – Fill out a [REGISTER OF INTEREST FORM](#) and email it back to us at music@stpatrickscathedral.ie and we'll contact you to arrange an audition.



The Safeguarding Handbook, as well as Safeguarding Trust, can be viewed on the Cathedral website. If you have a general enquiry or any concern relating to safeguarding at Saint Patrick's Cathedral please telephone the office on 01-453 9472. The Dedicated Liaison Person is Kelley Bermingham. 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.

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.

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