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The Dean, Albert Fenton and Drew Harris, The Garda Commissioner

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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 - Friday

- 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*)

JUNE PREACHERS

June 5	The Revd K. M. Poulton	<i>Prebendary of Swords</i>
June 12	The Very Revd K. R. J. Hall	<i>Prebendary of Tassagard</i>
June 19	The Revd I. Gallagher	<i>Prebendary of Tipperkevin</i>
June 26	Vacant	<i>Prebendary of Donaghmore</i>

A SHOT FROM THE CANON

June heralds the coming of the summer holidays. I relish the prospect of spending time on the home farm where the countryside's peaceful solitude is perfect for reading, reflecting and relaxing. When the disciples were being pressed on every side by the crowds of people eager to hear and see Jesus, he urged the disciples to 'come away and rest awhile'. Life lived at a constantly hurried pace offers very little opportunity to rest and re-charge. When the responsibility of setting aside time for this bears heavily upon us, we do well to recall what Jesus said to his disciples.

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PRAYING WITH THE PREBEND

When the disciples found Jesus in a deserted place, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' He answered, 'Let us go on to another place.' Mark 1: 37

Almighty God,

of whose gifts come sunshine, friendship, and the glory of a summer's day;

give us the will to come away and rest awhile,

that we may seek you eagerly,

find you surely,

and serve you thankfully;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIENDS

At last we were able to resume our social events after two long years and fittingly our first was a visit to our neighbours, the Gardai, in their splendid new Kevin Street station. On 20th. April twenty-seven Friends were given a most enjoyable and convivial tour of this wonderful building and shown how this most important Garda station works. From the interview rooms to the cells our friendly garda guides with great knowledge and humour gave us a unique insight into the everyday workings of those public servants who help keep our community safe. We were then joined by Chief Superintendent Michael McElgunn, Superintendent Mark Murphy and Sergeant Rob Smithers for a wonderful repast of tea and savouries. The sun shone on a most memorable event and our sincere thanks to those members of An Garda Siochana who welcomed us so hospitably. Thanks also to Kelley Bermingham, Irene Wilson power and Iris Thompson for their work in arranging the visit.

The 74th AGM of the Friends was held in the deanery, the first time for two years, on 25th. May. The meeting was followed by a most stimulating talk by the Garda Commissioner, Mr Drew Harris, and a lively Q & A session enjoyed by the largest attendance at an AGM for many years. Proof, one hopes, of something like normality returning.

Our next occasion will be the Annual Festival Evensong and Garden Party at which the preacher will be the dean of Cork, Very Rev Nigel Dunne. The garden party in the deanery garden (by kind permission) will be the first since 2019 and we hope that many Friends will attend to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. Then all we need is for the sun to shine!

Looking further ahead, on Saturday 3rd September we will have our annual Friends outing, again, the first since 2019. This one promises to be most interesting, visiting the model Quaker village at Bessbrook and Derrymore House where the Act of Union of 1801 was signed. We will then have lunch at the well-known Canal Court Hotel, Newry. The cost is €55 per person and further information can be had by emailing **FriendsStPDublin@gmail.com**



DUBLIN PUBLIN PARTICIPATION NETWORK

The members of The Dublin City Public Participation Network recently held a special event in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. In his welcome, Dean Morton said:

“It is an absolute pleasure and delight to welcome you to Saint Patrick's Cathedral for your special meeting.

Among the many fascinating aspects of life here in the National Cathedral is the amazing diversity of worshippers and visitors alike who come through our doors on a daily basis. The purpose of their visit – whether for a religious service, to learn of the history of Saint Patrick's, or to attend a concert, some other cultural event or lecture, or a meeting like this, is a shared one: it is to connect, to relate in a social and edifying way, to augment community.

So, by your visit this evening, I have not the slightest doubt but that you will find this ancient cathedral much more than a place of interest, or a viable venue. By its very nature, it is a place in which, over many centuries – indeed over the last 800 years in this current building – those who constituted its life, clergy and lay, reached out in God's Name to the world outside, and so often to a suffering humanity.

This is seen in a very special way by my illustrious predecessor, Dr Jonathan Swift, who chose some of the more unconventional means of exercising his ministry, of practising the social Gospel, through his tireless actions for the needy, championing their cause, in pronouncements, and through satire, never lost his sense of purpose.

I'm delighted that the thrust of his objectives has never waned, and none more so than in our present day through the tremendous good efforts of Dublin

City Council connects with community and voluntary, social inclusion and environmental groups. With all others here, I greatly admire your tremendous work in providing groups with:

Opportunities to influence decision making

- Access to information – on finance, consultations, developments
- Training
- Opportunities to network with other groups
- Community representation and organised engagement with Dublin City Council.

I wish you well with your meeting, may you find inspiration from this wonderful setting, and from the record of achievement of those who have striven similarly for the good of all, and who are now at rest.

Go raibh mile maith agaibh go leir.”



PAST CHORISTERS' & PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

For the first time in over two years, due to the pandemic, the officers and some members of the Past Choristers' and Past Pupils' Association gathered in the Deanery garden on Saturday 14th May for a social event. All present had a most enjoyable afternoon. The President, Mr. Warwick Harte, welcomed all present and said how extra special it was to be able to meet again in person.





NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

The choristers were invited out to Westport to sing for Canon McWhirter's parish celebrations at the end of May.: a report of which can be read later in this edition. Towards the end of the summer holidays, members of Schola and the Senior Girl Choristers have been invited to travel to Roskilde in Denmark to join with their girls and celebrate their Cathedral's Jubilee in the presence of the Queen. This trip was scheduled to take place at the end of January but with rising case numbers the celebrations were postponed until August at which point we very much hope to be jetting off, second time lucky.

For both of these trips we would very much appreciate any help and support that members of the Cathedral Community can give, they are wonderful experiences and offer great boosts of confidence, especially given the last couple of years.

Please make your cheques payable to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, marking the reverse "Sponsor a Chorister". Thank you for all your generosity both now and over the years, it is always very much appreciated!

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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...

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

NEWS FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

MONDAY JULY 4 at 19:30.

The Wondrous Machine: Stars and Stripes Forever

Join us for the welcome return of our annual American Independence Day celebration concert performed on the mighty Willis Organ of Saint Patrick's Cathedral this year given in aid of The Irish Cancer Society. This year's programme includes music from stage, screen & concert halls by Leonard Bernstein, Samuel Barber, George Gershwin, Elmer Bernstein, Dave Arnold, James Horner & John Williams.

Tickets available from our [website www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/stars22](http://www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/stars22)

With restrictions lifting at the start of the year, it was good to finally be on the road again with the Choristers albeit for a quick dash and back to Westport over in County Mayo. We took off with 23 choristers, boys and girls, most of whom had never been away from their parents before along with accompanying staff and one Dean's Vicar for good luck. Following a brief stop at the Mayo Leisure Point for some Laser tag, 10 pin bowling and burgers of varying sorts, we headed on to Holy Trinity Church to give a recital as part of their 150th anniversary celebrations. The welcome was warm, the food more than plentiful and the audience very appreciative. Following an overnight stay in nearby Valley Lodge Farm (in dorms rather than stables) we headed back to the church for a service of Eucharist before heading back to Dublin. We're hugely grateful to Canon McWhirter for the invitation and hospitality too and to those from the Cathedral community who supported this and our forthcoming trip to Denmark with members of Schola by sponsoring choristers this year. SN



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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