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July/August 2022



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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*)

A SHOT FROM THE CANON

I'm frequently asked why I wanted to be a priest, as though I've fulfilled my ambition, or as if wanting is the whole story. Most questioners seem not to have considered the fact that I wasn't a priest when God called me: I was just like them. The prophet Elijah was wanting to hear the voice of the Lord in the wind, the earthquake, or the fire. Instead, the word of the Lord came in the silence that followed, asking, 'What are you doing here?' It's a question the Lord asks us all. Even when wanting isn't the whole story

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PRAYING WITH THE PREBEND

There was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of still, small voice. (1 Kings 19: 11–12)

Almighty God,
as your ears are open to our voice and prayer,
so open our ears to your voice and call,
open our hearts to feel your love for us,
open our minds to discern your will for us;
through him who calls us in the stillness,
your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

JULY PREACHERS

July 3	The Revd P. I. Arbuthnot	<i>Prebendary of Castleknock</i>
July 10	The Revd P. A. Harvey	<i>Prebendary of Stagonil</i>
July 17	The Very Revd N. J. Sloane	<i>Chancellor</i>
July 24	The Very Revd W.W. Morton	<i>Dean & Ordinary</i>
July 31	The Revd C. W. Mullen	<i>Resident Preacher</i>

AUGUST PREACHERS

August 7	The Revd I. Gallagher	<i>Prebendary of Tipperkevin</i>
August 14	The Revd J. D. M. Clarke	<i>Prebendary of Tipper</i>
August 21	The P. K. McDowell	<i>Prebendary of Clonmethan</i>
August 28	The Revd S. E. Doogan	<i>Prebendary of Wicklow</i>

CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences are expressed to the Manager of the Cathedral shop, Liz Lowrie, and to her family, on the death of her mother, Mrs Helen Inglis. Helen was a lady great in years, and great in faith, who bore her illness with fortitude and courage. It is a real privilege to have known Helen who was one of the kindest, most cheerful, positive, warm, friendly, welcoming and dignified persons one could ever hope to meet. May she rest in peace and be raised in glory.

WM

It was with deep sadness that we learned of the death of June Walsh, wife of Denis, Howth Road, County Dublin. June was a most welcoming, kind and friendly Christian lady. It was a joy to visit Denis and June in their lovely home.

The funeral service was held in All Saints' Church, Raheny, on Tuesday 5th July, where June was a regular worshipper, followed by cremation at Glasnevin Crematorium.

Sincere condolences are expressed to Denis, and to the family, from all at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and particularly from Denis's many friends at the 9.15 a.m. Sunday Eucharist at which Denis is a most regular and frequent worshipper.

WM

THE DEAN WRITES

The heartening return to normality is also to be gauged by an incredibly busy month of June in terms of services and events. On Sunday June 12th, a hundred years to the day after the event, The Royal Dublin Fusiliers Association arranged the commemoration of the disbandment of six Irish regiments of the British army: The Royal Dublin Fusiliers, the Royal Munster Fusiliers, the Leinster Regiment, the Connaught Rangers, the Royal Irish Regiment and the South Irish Horse, which were disbanded under the terms of the Anglo-Irish Treaty.

The Annual Evensong of The Friends of Saint Patrick's Cathedral was held on Sunday 19th June, at which the preacher was the Dean of Cork, the Very Reverend Nigel Dunne; this was followed by the Friends' Garden Party at the Deanery. The Royal Army Medical Corps Annual Commemoration took place at Choral Evensong on Sunday 26th June; the Dean's Vicar, and Resident Preacher, Canon Charles Mullen, delivered the sermon: a reception followed in the Deanery for those involved from RAMC. I am most grateful to Canon Charles Mullen for his tremendous help and support in arranging these special services, and particularly for liaising with the leaders of the organisations concerned.

At the time of writing, we are facing what promises to be a busy summer, which is a fantastic prospect. Long may that trend continue. Please keep an eye on Saint Patrick's website for details of services, and cultural events. I draw your attention to National Heritage Week in particular. On Monday 15 August, Mr Albert Fenton, Board member, and historian, will deliver an evening lecture in the Lady Chapel on the Monuments of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, while at 5.30 p.m. each evening, Monday-Friday, 15-19 August, there will be an organ recital. The series will commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of the French organist and composer, Cesar Franck. The recitalists will be Mr Stuart Nicholson, Mr David Leigh and Dr David Adams, to whom we express our sincere thanks and appreciation.

I thank all members of the Cathedral and Office staff for their tremendous help and support at all times, and I trust that you will be able to get some time off for rest and relaxation over the summer.

With all good wishes,

William

DEAN'S GIFT DAY

Funds raised this year will sponsor work on the windows in the south-west porch, to complete the restoration of the place where worshippers and visitors form their first impression of the Cathedral. The unsightly security bars and 20th-century secondary glazing will be removed, the windows will be conserved, and wire guards will be added. These will make welcome improvements to the external and internal appearance of the porch, which has two matching plain glazed windows on the west side, a blank internal east window which is glazed externally, and a further plain glass east window by the entrance. The possibility of turning the last into a specially commissioned memorial window will be explored as part of the Dean's Gift Day appeal.

Donations can be made in person on **Saturday 16 July, 11:30–13:00**, when the Dean will be present to receive them in the Cathedral.

You can donate on the Cathedral website: www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/deans-gift-day/. You can donate by cheque, made payable to Saint Patrick's Cathedral; please put it in a Dean's Gift Day envelope, and send it to Dean's Gift Day, c/o The Cathedral Office, Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Saint Patrick's Close, Dublin, D08 H6X3.

Donations can be made direct to the Cathedral's bank account by Electronic Funds Transfer: IBAN IE66 BOFI 9000 1710 0253 16. Please reference your donation 'Gift Day'.

We are grateful to you for your kindness and your support.



West side exterior



West side interior

THE ADMINISTRATOR WRITES

Following a slow start to the year, visitor numbers, as a percentage of 2019, are increasing rapidly. For June we achieved 77% of the 2019 figure, with our shop outperforming in terms of turnover. It would seem that visitors are willing to spend more than they were before the pandemic.

A particular challenge for us this year was the recruitment and retention of staff. Great credit goes to the Cathedral management and HR team who have done their utmost to ensure we have sufficient trained and vetted staff in place to allow us to operate the Cathedral safely and efficiently. Critical to our ability to retain staff is the excellent induction and training they receive when entering the organization. We were a little later in the season opening the north porch entrance this year due to a shortage of staff in the spring but for most of June we were in a position to do this which greatly eased the pressure on the main entrance and exit at the southwest porch.

Our visitors have embraced the use of the new audio guides, particularly those visitors for whom English is not their first language. Research has shown that this cohort make up over half of our visitors. Indeed our visitor profile roughly breaks down as follows; 45% from the United states, 45% from the European Union and the balance from all over the rest of the world. Our main Irish audience is reached through those who come for our events, concerts and education programs. This year has been one of trial and error, particularly when it comes to the audio guides. Their popularity has exceeded our expectations and the delivery of the guides to the visitors, together with the instructions necessary for them to be used correctly, takes up considerable time effort. I'm delighted to say that our volunteers and staff have made this a very

positive experience for our visitors.

Friday the 1st of July is our community officer, Kelley Birmingham's , last day working here in Saint Patrick's cathedral. Over the past five years Kelly has transformed our approach to community and outreach and she has singlehandedly repositioned the cathedral in the wider nonprofit sector here in Dublin and beyond. Often overlooked are her achievements in terms of safeguarding. She brought a fresh approach to the role of DLP and safeguarding officer which has been of great benefit to the wider cathedral community. We wish her all the very best in her new role with the Iveagh Trust which she commences shortly.

The well-known difficulties in relation to international travel pose potential difficulties to our business model. Though we are finding our feet again there are certainly challenges ahead. However being open and busy again is a wonderful experience for us here and to see the Cathedral thronged with visitors is a delight. We now have a good base upon which to rebuild a strong and successful operation for the future.

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THE DEAN MEETS AND GREET'S

The Dean was invited to attend the Garden Party at Glencairn, home of the British Ambassador to Ireland, in honour of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Among those he met were Mr Noel Cunningham, General Manager of Harvey's Point Hotel, Lough Eske, Donegal Town, and RTE television, and TV3, personality, and his friend, Sheila.



The Dean also caught up with Mr Marty Whelan and his wife Maria. Marty is the presenter of the morning show on Lyric FM, Marty in the Morning, from 7.00-10.00, and a well known personality on RTE television. He even gave Saint Patrick's a mention on his radio show the following morning!





Cathedral Architect

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is one of Ireland's most iconic and important buildings. As the National Cathedral of the Church of Ireland it has an all island remit. The Cathedral Board, under the leadership of the Dean, view the conservation of our ancient Cathedral and associated structures as core to the advancement of our charitable purposes which include the provision of choral worship and the service of the wider community through our education and outreach initiatives.

The Board wishes to appoint to the post of Cathedral Architect which will shortly become vacant. The Cathedral Architect is responsible for inspecting and supervising all work on the fabric of the building which may be approved by the Board. In addition to this the Cathedral architect is central to the development and delivery of improvements to our facilities and visitor services in partnership with the Cathedral staff and fabric committee. We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Grade 1 conservation architect or equivalent with a minimum of 10 years' experience of working with built heritage projects of scale.

It is intended that the appointment will be for an initial period of 5 years. There will be a requirement to attend 9 monthly meetings of the fabric committee per year in addition to supervision of ongoing projects as required.

Expressions of interest should be sent to:

Mr Gavan Woods Administrator (CEO)

Saint Patrick's Cathedral

Saint Patrick's Close

Dublin 8

administrator@stpatrickscathedral.ie

Closing date for applications: 31 July 2022

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@stpatrickscathedral.ie 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.

EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

Cathedral Volunteering

After an educational interregnum and two years of curbed socialising, on the evening of 17th June 2022, the Dean hosted a drinks reception in the Deanery for the Cathedral Volunteers. It was a marvellous opportunity for volunteers – old and new – to get to know each other and share stories, tips of the trade, and rekindle that vital sense of community.

Since the Cathedral reopened to visitors, our volunteers have worked brilliantly alongside the Cathedral staff to ensure a warm and safe welcome to all who walk through the doors. Guided tours have been reintroduced and the building is always alive with intrigue and curiosity. The reception served not only as a chance to welcome new recruits, but also as an opportunity to thank the volunteers for their commitment and hard work over the last number of years.

The Dean introduced the new Education Officer, Clark Brydon, who started this new role in May 2022, alongside his ongoing Cathedral Choir responsibilities. Clark addressed the volunteers and reiterated the importance of the role they play for tourists and worshippers.

Thanks to the warm hospitality of the Dean and Mrs Morton for hosting. Further events for the volunteers will take place towards the end of the summer season, as preparation and refresher training for the new academic year.

Our volunteers and work experience students are an essential part of our community. They undertake a variety of roles and play a vital part in the successful running of the building. There is a role for everyone at the Cathedral: tour guides, bell ringers, welcomers, stewards, and much more! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please visit the website or contact the Education Officer using the details below.

Volunteering Website: www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/volunteers

Educational Workshop Facilitator Vacancies

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is seeking to develop a panel of freelance Educational Workshop Facilitators for the purposes of delivering workshops to family and school audiences. Facilitators will be paid a fee on a per-session basis.

The frequency of sessions will depend on demand. Facilitators will be expected to design an age-appropriate workshop which can be delivered to a family audience. Sessions must be connected to the Cathedral's mission and/or heritage and be appropriate to the space. Basic craft supplies can be supplied to the facilitator.

For further details, please visit the Cathedral's website: www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/careers

In order to apply to join the panel of Educational Workshop Facilitators, please submit an up-to-date CV, covering letter, and an outline plan of a proposed workshop by email to the Education Officer, Clark Brydon: education@stpatrickscathedral.ie

Safeguarding Designated Liaison Person

Saint Patrick's Cathedral is committed to ensuring it provides a safe, caring, and supportive environment for all.

We want all our visitors to feel that their value and dignity is respected. We especially recognise that our work with children, young people, and vulnerable adults is the responsibility of the whole Cathedral community and the Dean and Chapter take seriously their responsibility to protect and safeguard the welfare of all those entrusted to the Cathedral's care.

Following Kelley Birmingham's departure as Community Officer, the Safeguarding Designated Liaison Person (DLP) position falls vacant until Kelley's replacement is recruited.

The new Assistant Designated Liaison Person (DDLDP) is the Education Officer, Clark Brydon, who is now Acting DLP.

For safeguarding matters, Clark can be contacted confidentially by email at safeguarding@stpatrickscathedral.ie or by phone on +353 (0) 86 103 0931. For more safeguarding information, visit the Cathedral's website: www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/safeguarding



THE ORDER OF SAINT JOHN OF JERUSALEM



Pictured following the Commemorative Evensong for the Order of Saint John of Jerusalem in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin on the Feast of the Birth of Saint John the Baptist, 24th June, are, left to right: Captain Ian Galloway, Mr Tom Ponsonby, Dr Barbrie Golden, and the Very Reverend Philip Bradley, Terenure. Mr Ponsonby and Fr Bradley received presentation certificates on their admission to the Order.



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29/06/2022

Dear Friend,

We received your wonderful donation of €15614.43 on 24/06/2022 and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you personally for such a kind and generous gift.

Like you, I'm deeply concerned by what's happening in Ukraine. Violence has forced tens of thousands of Ukrainians from their homes, and many are now desperately trying to reach safety.

Together with your support, Red Cross teams are working around the clock to get urgent, lifesaving aid to the most vulnerable. In these circumstances, your gift will be a lifeline.

Your generosity will enable us to scale our humanitarian response and continue to help protect children, women and men caught up in this crisis.

Your compassion and generosity inspire everything we do here at the Irish Cross. And we are so grateful for your support.

So, on behalf of everyone here at the Irish Red Cross – and on behalf of the many people whose lives you have helped to save – thank you for caring as much as you do.

Yours sincerely,

Grace Connor

Grace Connor,
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DONA NOBIS PACEM

The magnificent sum of €15,614.43 was raised as a result of the Good Friday performance, Dona Nobis Pacem, in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, featuring the Master of the Music, Mr Stuart Nicholson, the Cathedral Choir, the Organist & Assistant Master of the Music, Mr David Leigh, lay vicar choral, Mr Jeffrey Ledwidge, and the Ukrainian opera virtuoso, Olga Chubareva. The proceeds of the concert were presented by Dean Morton, Mr Nicholson, and one of the choristers to the Irish Red Cross.

(Picture on the front cover of this issue)

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 Assistant Designated Liaison Person is Clark Brydon. 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.

CHAPTER NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER CLERK

The Dean has appointed the Ven. David Pierpoint as Canon Treasurer. Canon-designate Pierpoint was a chorister here, a pupil of the schools, and subsequently a verger. He currently represents the Representative Church Body on the Cathedral Board. It's a case of a homecoming, and we wish him well.

We're sorry to report the resignation through retirement of Canon Rod Smyth, Prebendary of Taney, and we thank him for his contribution to our community. Now that the see of Tuam has been united to Limerick and Killaloe the Prebendal stall of Taney becomes one elected by the Chapter, with Kilmactalway representing the newly-united see.

CM

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL EVENSONG

The Annual Friends Festival Evensong took place on Sunday, 19th. June at 3.15pm. The preacher was the dean of Cork, Very Revd Nigel Dunne MA, B.Th., M.Phil. After the service, the Garden Party was held in the deanery garden (by kind permission), the first since the pandemic. A very sociable afternoon was had by all with new friendships made and old ones renewed.

In honour of National Heritage Week, Mr Albert Fenton, Cathedral Historian and Chairman of the Friends, will deliver a lecture on the subject, Lives Remembered: Memorials of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, on Monday 15 August at 6.30 pm in the Lady Chapel.



Pictured at the Passing Out Parade at the Garda Training College, Templemore, County Tipperary, are Garda Chaplain, the Venerable David Pierpoint, Canon Treasurer-designate of the Chapter of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and Dr Alice Leahy of The Alice Leahy Trust.



Our good friend and neighbour, Dr Alice Leahy, met the Garda Commissioner, Mr Drew Harris, at the AGM of the Council of Friends, in the Deanery recently. Mr Harris subsequently invited Alice to the Passing Out Parade at the Garda Training College, Templemore, County Tipperary.

CELEBRATING THE 1902 WILLIS ORGAN

For 120 years the Cathedral's mighty Willis organ has filled this ancient house of prayer with glorious sound. Come and hear it for yourself this Heritage Week in a series of free recitals given by current and former organists of the Cathedral.

Our first recital of this year's series is given by David Leigh whose programme includes music by the Belgian composer César Franck whose anniversary we commemorate this year.

RUSH HOUR RECITALS 2022

Heritage Weekdays 5.30-6.10pm

Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 August

DAVID LEIGH *Saint Patrick's Cathedral*

Thursday 18 August

STUART NICHOLSON *Saint Patrick's Cathedral*

Friday 19 August

DAVID ADAMS *Royal Academy of Music*

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