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PATRICK'S
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CLOSE NEWS

February 2023



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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*)
- 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*)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 5th February
Pioneer Ministry Evensong
15:15

Past Choristers' & Past
Pupils' Quiz in Saint
Patrick's Cathedral
Grammar School on
Wednesday 8 February at
7:30 pm

FEBRUARY PREACHERS

February 5	The Revd J. D. M. Clarke	<i>Prebendary of Tipper</i>
February 12	The Revd P. K. McDowell	<i>Prebendary of Clonmethan</i>
February 19	The Revd S. E. Doogan	<i>Prebendary of Wicklow</i>
February 26	The Very Revd N. J. Sloane	<i>Chancellor</i>



Following the Saint Patrick's Cathedral Choir School Carol Service on 21 December, a special reception was held in The Deanery. Joining the choristers, and their parents, were Santa (courtesy of Brown Thomas!) and two officers of An Garda Síochána from Kevin Street Station next door. Grateful thanks to all who supplied, and served, the lovely food.

A SHOT FROM THE CANON

When they presented Jesus in the temple, Mary and Joseph were filled with wonder at what was being said about their baby. Imagine being one of the bystanders, straining to catch a glimpse of this acclaimed baby, even perhaps holding the baby in your hands - if only for the briefest moment. A brief moment of holding Jesus in his hands was to be long enough for Simeon. Like him, we catch a glimpse of the light of Jesus so that we ourselves can feel the release. Having caught a glimpse, you and I must shine, longing for his promises.

CM

REFLECTING ON THE CANON-SHOT

Words of a translation of a ninth-century Latin hymn.

In God's high temple, Simeon the righteous
Takes to his loving arms with holy rapture
That One for whom his longing eyes had waited,
Jesus, Messiah.

Where now his Mother next her Son is seated,
In those fair mansions of the heavenly kingdom,
May Christ our Saviour grant to us his servants
Life everlasting.

CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences are expressed to Mrs Anne Dalby, a member of the Council of Friends, on the death of her son, Nicholas, aged 42 years, after a brief illness. Nicholas, a former pupil of Saint Patrick's Cathedral Grammar School, was a graduate in psychology from University College, Dublin, and was teaching in three universities in Japan where he, and his Japanese-born wife, had been living for some time. Nicholas had spent the month of March 2022 in Dublin visiting his mother and other members of the family.

Please remember also in your prayers, Adrienne Crowley, a member of our housekeeping staff, on the death of her father.

We assure all who are bereaved of our thoughts and prayers.

HAZEL BURLEIGH

It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Hazel Burleigh, a dear friend, greatly loved and respected, who touched the lives of countless others through her example, her friendship, her kindness, and her thoughtfulness. Despite being in failing health for some time, she always remained appreciative in the extreme, and most grateful for all that was being done for her.

Hazel was born, and reared, in Seafield Road, Clontarf, where, in the parish church, her father was Secretary of the large Sunday School there. Hazel, and her sister June, as children were encouraged by their father to walk, as a family, to and from church every Sunday. During her formative years she was very

involved in the Girls' Brigade, in which, she made, and maintained, many lasting friendships. Hazel and Stephen first met as employees of the Alliance Assurance Company. Friendship became romance, marriage followed, and they spent 62 very happy years together in their home at Templeogue. What a tremendous helpmeet Hazel was to Stephen, and what a marvellous couple they made.

For many years Stephen and Hazel worshipped in Rathfarnham Church, where they made many lasting friendships through involvement in the parish, not least through bowling. The latter was not the only sport Hazel pursued: she was also a great fan of the tennis at Wimbledon each year, and also of rugby, in which she took a terrific interest, particularly as it was a sport which their son Graham enjoyed playing.

Some time later, Stephen and Hazel were introduced to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, where Stephen had served as a boy chorister; there they became not only very regular attenders but were involved, as Stephen continues to be, in the life of Saint Patrick's. Among the ways in which Hazel offered assistance and support was taking her turn, with Stephen, on the Coffee Roster, and helping with events of The Friends of Saint Patrick's. We acknowledge, with thanksgiving, everything Hazel did so graciously in her love for God and in the service of his Church.

Hazel's funeral service, which was held in Rathfarnham Church, was conducted by the Rector, Canon Adrienne Galligan, who invited the Dean to preach the sermon. Dean Morton said that Hazel bore her illness with great fortitude, and that Stephen could not have done more in his brilliant and most attentive care of Hazel. He said that Hazel was a very endearing person, who greatly appreciated friendship, due in no small way, no doubt, from the fact that she

hailed from a very close family of her mother and father, and particularly her sister June, who predeceased her. Hazel was a lady who brought the best out in others, and that is true particularly of those who cared for her in recent times, not least Applewood Carers, from whose staff, a lady called Kate O'Reilly, described her as 'a true lady.' On behalf of Stephen and his family, we offer to them, and to the staff of Caritas, and the staff of both St Vincent's Hospital, and St James's Hospital, deepest gratitude for their tremendous care and attention.

"We will miss Hazel from our midst. We will miss her wonderful, empathetic and kind presence, we will miss her graciousness, friendship, and kindness. We thank God for her life, witness and example, as we pray for Stephen, their son Graham, daughter-in-law Nicola, and grandchildren Scott and Megan, all the wider family circle in the days, weeks, and months that lie ahead. May they know God's comfort, strength and peace, and the hope which he alone gives in the resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

"For Hazel, life has changed, not ended. We believe that she is now more alive than ever before, rejoicing in that happy reunion in those heavenly places, in the Nearer Presence of his Lord and Saviour. May she rest in peace, may light perpetual shine upon her, and may she be raised in glory."

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

WM

CHAPTER NEWS FROM THE CHAPTER CLERK

At a Chapter meeting on 14 November 2022, we re-elected Canon Fr Brian McKay, O.Carm., to the prebendal stall of Clondalkin for a second five-year term as ecumenical canon. His exemplary service has made him a well-regarded member of Chapter and we're very pleased that he will continue to serve amongst us. We bade farewell to Canon Dr Charles McMullen, a Minister and former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, and a faithful colleague on Chapter; we elected to succeed him as prebendary of Finglas the Revd Dr Sahr Yambasu, a Minister of the Methodist Church in Ireland, serving in Waterford.

On 4 December 2022 the Dean installed the Revd John Michael Godfrey as Prebendary of Kilmactalway to represent the newly-united dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe. Canon Godfrey is rector of Aughrim in the diocese of Clonfert.



Canon John Godfrey, The Dean, Very Revd Niall Sloane, The Dean's Vicar.

On 15 January 2023 the Dean installed Canon Jennifer McWhirter to the chapter stall of Taney. Canon McWhirter was Prebendary of Kilmactalway until she moved to the diocese of Clogher. She's a familiar face in the Cathedral and we're pleased that she remains on the Chapter. And, talking of familiar faces remaining on Chapter, on 22 January the Dean installed to the Chapter stall of Tipperkevin, Canon Craig McCauley, formerly the Prebend of Mulhuddart (the stall representing Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh), which he resigned having moved to Naas in the diocese of Kildare.

We wish our new colleagues well and we pray that they will find the Cathedral a convivial environment, and one in which their ministry is richly blessed.

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*L - R Canon Arbuthnot, The Dean's Vicar, Canon McWhirter,
The Dean, Ven. David Pierpoint (Treasurer)*

MUSIC AT SAINT PATRICK'S

LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Sundays during Lent | 3.15pm

Choral Evensong with Sermon in Music

Friday 17 March | 11.15am | *Saint Patrick's Day*

Patronal Eucharist

Sunday 2 April | 6.30pm | *Palm Sunday*

Bach *Saint John Passion*

The Passiontide drama unfolds in the unparalleled music of Bach, told through the compelling words of St John's gospel and performed here, as originally conceived, in a liturgical setting.

Thursday 6 April | 7.00pm | *Maundy Thursday*

Dupré *Le chemin de la croix*

Dupré's *Le chemin de la croix* 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 written.

Sunday 9 April | 11.15am & 3.15pm | *Easter Sunday*

Festal Eucharist & Evensong



SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL, DUBLIN

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT

in aid of the Cathedral Choral Foundation

ALLEGRI Miserere | **RUTTER** Requiem
HANDEL Easter Music from MESSIAH

Saint Patrick's Cathedral Choir | Judith Lyons, soprano

David Leigh, organ | directed by Stuart Nicholson

FRIDAY 7 APRIL at 7.30pm

TICKETS from €25.00 available from www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/goodfriday

FORTHCOMING CONCERTS

Friday 7 April | 7.30pm | *Tickets from €20.00*

GOOD FRIDAY CONCERT | *The Cathedral Choir*

In aid of the CATHEDRAL CHORAL FOUNDATION

ALLEGRI Miserere | RUTTER Requiem | HANDEL Easter Music *from Messiah*

Tickets from www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/goodfriday

Thursday 4 July | 7.30pm | *Tickets from €10.00*

THE WONDROUS MACHINE | *Stars & Stripes*

SPONSOR A CHORISTER

Following 2 very successful and enjoyable trips in 2022, the Cathedral Choir will be embarking on several trips both abroad and closer to home over the summer months.

Firstly, members of Schola Patricii (the Cathedral's senior girls' choir) and the Lay Vicars will be travelling to Exeter Cathedral to sing and the Choristers we hope will be also heading to the UK to sing in Hexham Abbey, a trip that was originally planned for the fateful summer of 2020. 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!



ST COLUMB'S SCHOOL OF MUSIC DERRY PRESENTS THE SWINGLES

The Swingles are one of the world's most admired and loved vocal groups. With a natural flair as entertainers, their stylish, classy shows take them to venues and festival stages across the world. They have earned 5 Grammy® Awards and are recipients of multiple prestigious international accolades. With generations of fans from their live performances and appearances on film and TV soundtracks, The Swingles' musical evolution and creative drive makes them as relevant today as when Ward Swingle started the group nearly six decades ago.

With their trademark vocal dexterity and innate musicality, The Swingles are reimagining jazz, classical, folk and pop from their ever-growing repertoire of arrangements alongside a rich vein of new original material. The group's secret ingredient is the ability of the seven singers, soloists, songwriters and storytellers to combine as one seamlessly blended and timeless sound. The Swingles have always made creative use of close-mic amplification, and in the last decade, they have added unique live audio looping techniques to their stage performances – an immersive layering up of vocals to mesmerise the audience.

The Swingles will be performing in Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 4 March at 8:00pm.



Tickets are available at www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/events

Please note that tickets are payable in (£) Sterling. Most banks will automatically convert this payment into your preferred currency.

Please contact music@stcolumbsschoolofmusic.com if you have any problems.

BELL RINGERS PAY FITTING TRIBUTE TO FORMER LORD CHIEF JUSTICE OF IRELAND

As Dr Kerry Houston makes clear in his chapter, *Restoration and Consolidation: Music, 1865-1977, in Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin: A History* (edited by John Crawford and Raymond Gillespie, pub. Four Courts Press, 2009), the condition of the bells in Saint Patrick's deteriorated during the 1880s and it seems that the ringing of the bells became irregular. In fact by 1890 the ringers considered that only five of the bells could be rung safely.

Dean Jellett responded to this and formed a committee in 1896 to 'consider the present condition and take steps to produce a new peal of bells.' Lord Iveagh offered to have the bells examined, which was quickly followed by an offer to provide a new peal of bells for the cathedral. The peal consisted of a ring of ten bells in C with an additional b flat bell for use in chiming. The contract for this new peal was placed with Taylor's of Loughborough the following year and the service of dedication of the new peal took place on 20 August 1897. Readers will recall that the 125th anniversary of the dedication was commemorated last August, as reported in Close News, when the Dean officiated at an act of thanksgiving in the Tower.

Richard Cherry was elected president of the society of amateur change ringers at that time. He had also been the instructor but had to step down from these duties due to increasing professional demands as a lawyer, and Gabriel Lindoff was appointed instructor, a post he held for the next forty years. Two additional treble bells were kindly and generously donated by Richard Cherry in 1909 which made twelve bell ringing possible at Saint Patrick's for the first

time.

It is interesting to learn that Richard Cherry, and his cousin John Henry Bernard, had both come from Waterford as fellow students in Trinity College, Dublin in the same year, and both had most illustrious careers. Richard, who studied law, was to become Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, while John Henry, a gold medallist in mathematics, logic, and ethics, was accepted for training for ordination and was to become Dean of Saint Patrick's 1902-1911, Bishop of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, Archbishop of Dublin, and then Provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

Richard Robert Cherry died on 10 February 1923. A memorial wall tablet, located in the Baptistry, honours his memory, and the memory of his wife, Mary, 'who for the whole of their long married life worshipped in this cathedral, all of whose children were baptized in this Baptistry.'

On the centenary, to the day, of the death of Lord Chief Justice Cherry, 10 February 2023, the members of The Society of Bell Ringers, led by Captain of the Tower, Mr Derek McEndoo, have kindly, generously and fittingly offered to ring the bells from 4.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m as a tribute to Judge Cherry, and to his labour of love, and contributions, to Saint Patrick's. Members of the various branches of the Cherry family look forward to attending. Dean Morton hopes to offer some prayers in the Tower in thanksgiving for Richard Cherry's life, and also in Choral Evensong at 5.30 p.m.

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TOP BRASS TUNE UP FOR EXTRAVAGANZA IN SAINT PATRICK'S

Thanks to the good offices of two retired hospital consultants from Derry, now retired and living in Dublin, plans are afoot to stage a concert in Saint Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 11 March featuring three award-winning brass bands. What is very interesting, and very unusual, is that each has a distinct significance in the world of brass.

The Britannia Brass Band from Derry/Londonderry is considered the longest established band of its kind in Northern Ireland, dating from 1866;

The Saint James's Brass and Reed Band, from Mount Brown, Dublin, is thought to be the oldest band in the Republic, being formed in the early 1700s;

The Communications Workers' Union Band, in which many An Post workers are members, is the only remaining 'union' band in Ireland.

All three are coming together in a cross-border initiative to provide a concert in Saint Patrick's – with proceeds for the Cathedral.

Dean Morton is delighted that this event is being planned and looks forward to it receiving a major attendance in support of the Cathedral.

Please follow the Cathedral website for more information about tickets, etc.

HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING



The annual Hospice Coffee Morning will be held in the Cathedral on Wednesday 15th March. Please do come and drop in for a cup of coffee

GATHER YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, NEIGHBOURS OR WORKMATES TO ENJOY A CUP OF BEWLEY'S COFFEE IN SUPPORT OF YOUR LOCAL HOSPICE AND HOMECARE SERVICE.

This year marks an incredible 30 years of Coffee Morning Socials, a milestone we reached because of the generosity of people in cities, towns and villages throughout Ireland. It is through the amazing support that we can raise money to continue delivering specialist palliative care across the country. Every euro that you raise goes to the hospice and homecare group of your choice. Monies raised will be donated to Cancer Research and The Giggle Fund in memory of Dermot Burke.

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 Friday 24th March 2023



SAFEGUARDING TRUST

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 (Acting) 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.

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