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November 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*)

NOVEMBER PREACHERS

November 5	The Revd M. T. Kingston	<i>Prebendary of Yagoe</i>
November 12	The Revd P. I. Arbuthnot	<i>Prebendary of Castleknock</i>
November 19	The Revd K. M. Poulton	<i>Prebendary of Swords</i>
November 26	The Very Revd K. R. J. Hall	<i>Prebendary of Tassagard</i>

A SHOT FROM THE CANON

I want to be there in that number, when the saints go marching in... Saints are the recognised heroes among the people of God, a recognition won by their deeds which inspire us to depict them in art, and to give their names to our churches. They were small before God, and God made them great; they went to God in their pains and sorrows, and God wiped away their tears; they brought peace to those around them, and God brought peace to them. We're called to find ourselves marching with them: their number, with one voice, urges us onwards.

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WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia!

Bishop William How (1823–97)

God of God, the One-begotten,
Light of light, Emmanuel,
In whose Body joined together
All the saints for ever dwell;
Pour upon us of thy fullness,
That we may for evermore
God the Father, God the Son, and
God the Holy Ghost adore.

Bishop Christopher Wordsworth (1807–85)

A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

Exciting News!

Saint Patrick's Cathedral has been officially certified as a 'Great Place to Work'.

We are delighted to announce that our beloved Cathedral is not only a beacon of faith but also a fantastic workplace where creativity, dedication, and passion thrive.



This achievement is testament to the incredible team spirit and unwavering commitment of everyone involved - from our devoted management and staff to the supportive community and visitors that surround us. We cherish the values of unity, respect, and continuous growth that have earned us this prestigious certification.



Thank you to each and every one who contributes to making Saint Patrick's Cathedral an exceptional place to work. Together, we create an environment where talents are nurtured and friendships are forged.

CHRISTMAS EVE TICKETS

Subscribers to the Cathedral and members of the Friends are reminded that applications for tickets for the Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons and Carols should be made to the Dean's Vicar at the Cathedral office by Friday 1 December. Applications MUST include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and a subscription/membership renewal fee where applicable. Each Friend or subscriber is entitled to apply for a maximum of two tickets.

THE CATHEDRAL DIARY - NOVEMBER 2023

Sunday 12th November

Remembrance Sunday

10:55 Matins

15:15 Evensong

Sunday 19th November

Actors' Memorial Service

15:15 Evensong

Jonathan Swift Festival

Friday 24th - Thursday 30th November

GRADUATION

Heartiest congratulations to Louis Parminter Dean's Verger, and Cathedral Manager, on his graduation as Bachelor of Business Studies (Hons) on Thursday 2 November.

Well done, Louis!



LOOKING FURTHER AHEAD

Sunday 12th November - Remembrance Sunday

10:55- Choral Matins

15:15 Choral Evensong

Sunday 19th November - 15:15 - Actors' Memorial Evensong

Sunday 3rd December - 18:00 - Advent Carols by candlelight

Sunday 10th December - 15:15 - Carols For All

Sunday 17th December - 15:15 - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

(No ticket required)

Saturday 23rd December - 16:00 - The Snowman

Sunday 24th December - 16:00 - Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

(Ticket holders only)

Monday 25th December - 11:15 - Christmas Day Festival Eucharist

Sunday 7th January - 15:15 - Epiphany Carol Service

Sunday 28th January - 15:15 - A Ceremony of Carols

300TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST. ANN'S DAWSON STREET



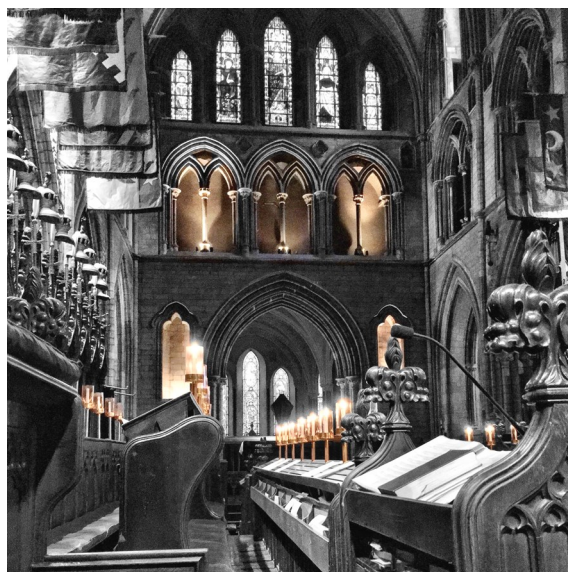
The Dean represented Saint Patrick's Cathedral at the Choral Office of Matins on Sunday 29th October to mark the 300th anniversary of Saint Ann's, Dawson Street.

The preacher was Archbishop Michael Jackson. The Scripture Lessons were read by Mr Arthur Vincent and the Very Reverend Dr Gareth Byrne, Vicar General of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Dublin, who represented Archbishop Dermot Farrell.

We congratulate the Vicar of St Ann's, Canon Paul Arbuthnot, and his parishioners on this significant milestone. Canon Arbuthnot is Prebendary of Castleknock on the Chapter of the National Cathedral.



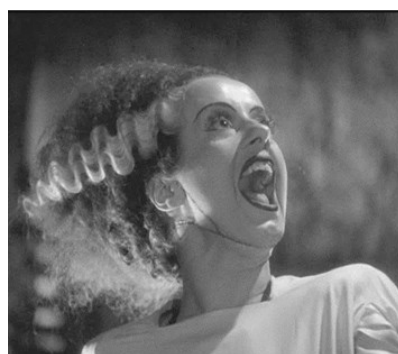
AFTER DARK!



There was no spare seat in the Cathedral on Tuesday 31st October for the After Dark concert in aid of BUMBLEance, the children's ambulance service. The audience was treated to a candlelit recital by Stuart Nicholson (organ), Victoria Green (guitar), David Leigh (organ), and Morgan Crowley (Narrator).



Stuart Nicholson



Victoria Green



David Leigh



Morgan Crowley

Suitably chilling music included Saint-Saens' *Danse Macabre*, Bach's immortal *Tocatta and Fugue in D minor*, Jerry Goldsmith, Elmer Bernstein & Ray Parker Jnr- *A Ghostly Medley* and Charles Gounod's *Marche funèbre d'une marionnette*. Morgan Crowley thoroughly entertained the crowd with his narration and singing.

As the world's first ambulance service specifically designed and tailored for children, BUMBLEance is the children's ambulance service of Ireland. Operating nearly 2,000 trips per year across our 14 ambulances, we

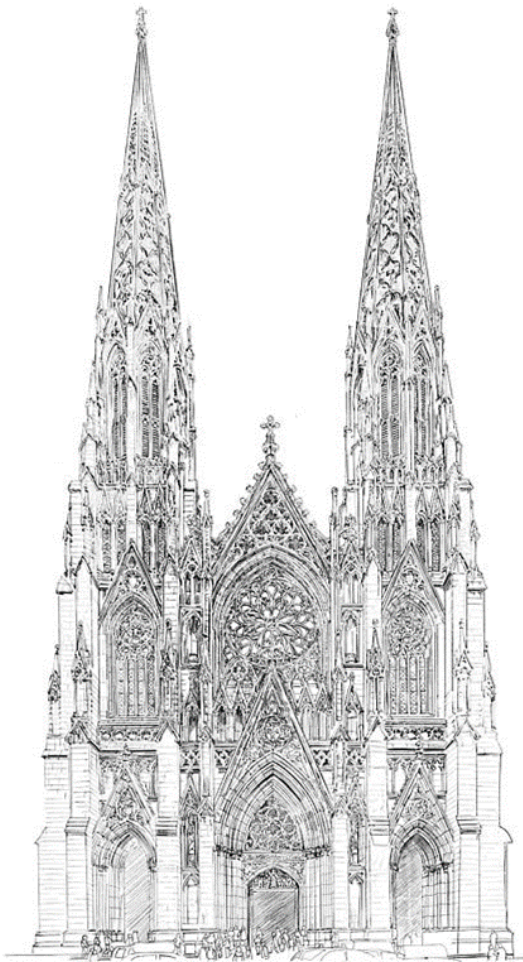


provide safe and comfortable transportation for Ireland's youngest patients as they travel between their homes and hospitals, hospices, treatment centres and respite centres nationwide. It has all the amenities of a regular ambulance, but includes the all-important extras to make a sick child's journey as safe, comfortable and as entertaining as possible.



We are most grateful to Stuart, Victoria, David, and Morgan for this most entertaining evening in aid of such an important cause.

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NEW YORK 2024

Next February, the Cathedral Choristers are travelling to New York to perform at our namesake's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue and the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine which has the distinction of being the largest cathedral in the world.

These tours are always a fabulous experience for the Choristers, and this trip, given our destination will certainly be no exception. However, they can only happen with your support, so if you are able to please give generously.

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JONATHAN SWIFT FESTIVAL

The Jonathan Swift Festival promises a captivating celebration of literature, wit, and culture inspired by the renowned Irish priest-author. Expect a diverse range of activities and experiences that such as thought-provoking discussions, lively debates, captivating performances, and immersive tours. The festival will offer opportunities to explore Swift's multifaceted legacy, engage with contemporary interpretations of his work, and enjoy various forms of entertainment that pay homage to his enduring influence. Stay tuned for the exciting details as the festival's program takes shape, promising something for everyone who appreciates the enduring brilliance of Jonathan Swift.

***Gulliver's Travels* Family Storytelling**

Saturday 25th November at 10:30

Led by theatre maker Alice Coghlan in the character of a sailor onboard Lemuel Gulliver's ship, this family workshop, uses theatre, song and storytelling to bring children and their families into the world of Gulliver's Travels. First we are ship wrecked in the land of the tiny Lilliputians where Gulliver is twelve times taller than they. After Gulliver escapes with his eyes we set sail to Brobdingnag the land of the giants, where Gulliver survives being abducted by giant monkeys, dogs and eagles. Developed by Alice Coghlan for the Swift and Vanessa Festival at Celbridge, this interactive family workshop will entrance children with Swift's fantasy and make their grown-ups laugh at his wit.

Suitable for ages 6+

Tickets €9 per child and 1 adult.

JONATHAN SWIFT FESTIVAL

From the Mouth of Swift

Saturday 25 November at 14:30 and 16:00

Jonathan Swift (1667-1745) was the writer of *Gulliver's Travels* and Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, where he is buried. Wonderland's theatrical tour will explore Swift's satirical legacy in stone, in the environs of his cathedral. Our tour will feature readings of works such as *Directions to Servants* at his memorial to his Butler, *To Stella on her Birthday* and *On sleeping in Church* from the pulpit. Led by theatre maker Alice Coghlan with actor Damien Devaney, who played Swift for *Wonderland's The Jonathan Swift Audio Walk*, this tour will explore the cathedral in the company of its famous Dean.

Tickets €9 per person

Sounds of Swift

Thursday 30 November at 19:00

Prepare for an enchanting experience as we invite you to join us on a captivating tour of the monumental treasures that grace Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. Immerse yourself in the rich history and beauty of the extraordinary monuments, whilst hearing the Lay Vicars Choral performing a mix of the music of the era of Jonathan Swift and from the time in which the monuments were installed.

As you embark on this unique journey, our expert guides will lead you through the hallowed halls of the Cathedral, unveiling the stories and significance

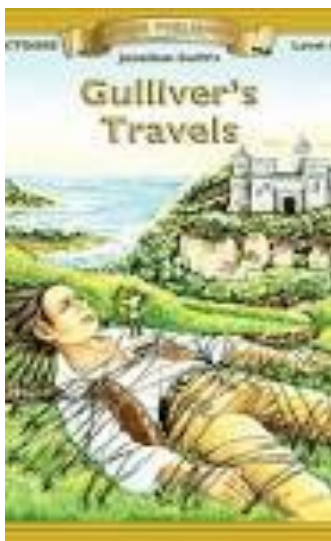
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behind each awe-inspiring monument in the context of the legacy left in the cathedral by Swift. From the intricately carved tombs to the sculptures, witness the art and craftsmanship that have stood the test of time.

But the magic doesn't stop there. As you explore the Cathedral, the air will come alive with the voices of the Lay Vicars Choral, singing music from the era of Swift, evoking the spirit of the past and enhancing your connection with the remarkable history of the Cathedral.

Whether you are a lover of Swift's work, music, art, history, or are simply seeking a moment of sublime serenity, this tour, enhanced by music of the Lay Vicars Choral promises an unforgettable experience. Immerse yourself in the grandeur of the past, let the melodies of bygone eras stir your soul, and forge a deeper connection with the profound legacy of the Cathedral where Jonathan Swift was once Dean.

Tickets €18 per person.



CHORISTER AWARDS

Chorister awards were distributed at Evensong on Sunday 22nd October. The following medals were awarded:

Boy Choristers:

Nathan - Gordon Medal presented to the boy who has the most progress since entering the choir.

Adam - The Roger Medal presented for punctuality, good attendance and reliability.

Torin - The Saint Peter's Medal presented to an all-round musician, combining good singing and instrumental playing.

Sam - The Marchant Medal for good enunciation.

Lenny - Winstanley Medal for the Senior Solo Chorister.

Manus - Mullen Medal awarded for deputy head boy.

David - Reed Medal for Head Chorister.



CHORISTER AWARDS

Girl Choristers:

Head Chorister - Ella

Deputy Head Choristers - Mimi and Nour



Due to commitments in The Holy Land, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who was to have attended Choral Matins in Saint Patrick's on Friday 20th October in connection with the Mind Matters Conference of The Church of Ireland, was unable to be present. As a taken of appreciation, the archbishop sent a gift to the choristers for their singing - a beautiful candle on a ceramic stand. At the presentation of chorister medals on Sunday 22nd October, the candle was lighted by Mrs Ida Reed to commemorate all donors of the medals, including Ida's late husband, Canon Bob Reed, who had served as Precentor.

HANDEL BY CANDLE

Friday 15 December at 7.30pm

You're invited to join us in the Cathedral for a special performance of the Christmas music from Handel's great oratorio MESSIAH along with other festive music all performed by the stunning voices of the Cathedral Choir.

Tickets are available from www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/handel23

Sunday 17th December at 3.15pm

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Sunday 24th December at 4.00pm (*by ticket only*)

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS

Monday 25th December at 11.15am

FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST

Sunday 7th January at 3.15pm

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE

Sunday 28th January at 3.15pm

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/christmas23

WELCOME! YULE

CD Launch • Tuesday 5 December at 6.00pm

This year the choristers are releasing a new CD of Christmas music for upper voices with a lively mix of harp, piano duet and percussion accompaniment, as well as the mighty Willis organ.

To mark the launch of this new festive disc, they will be giving a short concert performance of selected highlights after which the CDs will be available for purchase at a special launch discounted price.

Admission to the performance is free but prebooking is advised:

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/launch23

THE SNOWMAN

Saturday 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.
www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/snowman22

Further details of these, and all events
are available from our website

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie

SHARED IRELAND



At the invitation from The Office of An Taoiseach, Dean Morton was invited to participate as a panelist in one of the recent discussions of The Shared Island Initiative. The event was held in The Abbey Theatre and the Principal Speaker was An Tanaiste, Mr Micheal Martin. The facilitator was Miriam O'Callaghan from RTE.

The Dean and other members of the panel presided over a question and answer session on a wide range of current topics.

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LIVE STREAM SERVICES

A reminder that if you are unable to attend worship, we invite you to tune in to our live stream online. The system has recently undergone some major upgrades and it is much improved.

All choral services are streamed online and can be accessed from wherever you are in the world.

Link: <http://stpatrickscathedral.ie/livestream>

If you have any questions about, or problems with, the live stream please contact Clark Brydon: education@stpatrickscathedral.ie

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VISIT OF THE LORD MAYOR OF DUBLIN



The Lord Mayor of Dublin, Councillor Daithi de Roiste, kindly paid a visit to Saint Patrick's Cathedral recently. He was welcomed warmly by the Dean, accompanied by the Dean's Verger, Mr Louis Parminter, the Cathedral Administrator, Mr Gavan Woods, and one of the Vergers, Mr John Reardan.

During a guided tour by Mr Woods, the Lord Mayor expressed tremendous interest in the history of Saint Patrick's and in our many projects and initiatives.

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 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.

TEA/COFFEE ON EUCHARIST SUNDAYS

There has been an overwhelming response to the provision of tea/coffee and biscuits in the south transept following the Eucharist. At present we are appealing for volunteers to administer the refreshments. All that is required is for you to be there to assist with handing out the tea/coffee.

If you are interested in helping, please e-mail Ms Laura Coyle at the Welcome Desk, Supervisors@stpatrickscathedral.ie so that a rota can be drawn up. With grateful thanks.

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David, pictured with Mrs Ida Reed

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