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SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

09.15	Eucharist (<i>said in the Lady Chapel</i>)
11.15	Choral Eucharist / Choral Matins
15.15	Choral Evensong

Monday - Friday

09.00	Sung Matins (<i>during school term</i>)
11.05	Eucharist (<i>said in the Lady Chapel on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saints' Days and Festivals</i>)
17.30	Choral Evensong / Evening Prayer

Saturday

11.05	Eucharist (<i>said in the Lady Chapel</i>)
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OCTOBER PREACHERS

October 1	The Revd B. M. McKay	<i>Prebendary of Clondalkin</i>
October 8	The Revd G. V. Wharton	<i>Prebendary of</i>
October 15	The Revd D. W. T. Crooks	<i>Prebendary of Howth</i>
October 22	The Revd P. M. Willoughby	<i>Prebendary of Tymothan</i>
October 29	The Revd D. W. Oxley	<i>Prebendary of St. Audoen's</i>

WHISPERS OF TIME: UNVEILING THE SOUL OF SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

In the heart of Saint Patrick's Cathedral a symphony of history, faith, and human connection reverberates through the corridors. This month on our social media channels we invite followers to step behind the scenes and meet the extraordinary individuals who breathe life into the very essence of our beloved cathedral.



Andrew: The Harmony of Love and Song

For Andrew, the chancel is not just a place; it's imbued with sacredness and reverence. His heart resonates with the voices of the choir, and the grand organ that craft an awe-inspiring experience. What makes the chancel even more special is the love story he found amidst the Cathedral's grandeur, a story that continues to bloom, echoing the enduring love held within these hallowed walls.

Gavan: Guardian of Centuries



Gavan, our dedicated Cathedral Administrator since 2010, finds solace in the awe-inspiring Irish grave slabs. These ancient artifacts, dating back over 1,100 years, tell a tale of continuity and change. They stand as silent witnesses to the Cathedral's enduring spirit, steadfast in faith and community, yet evolving alongside the ever-changing world.

As you wander through the Cathedral, pause and reflect upon these ancient slabs, embracing the timeless essence they embody.

Barbara: Bridging History and Hearts



Barbara's heart is intertwined with the Door of Reconciliation, a symbol of unity amidst historical feuds. This door, where families once reconciled, signifies the Cathedral's role as a peacemaker. Barbara's childhood tales link the Cathedral with literary masterpieces, weaving a tapestry of stories that echo through time.

Noel: Stories Etched in Leaves



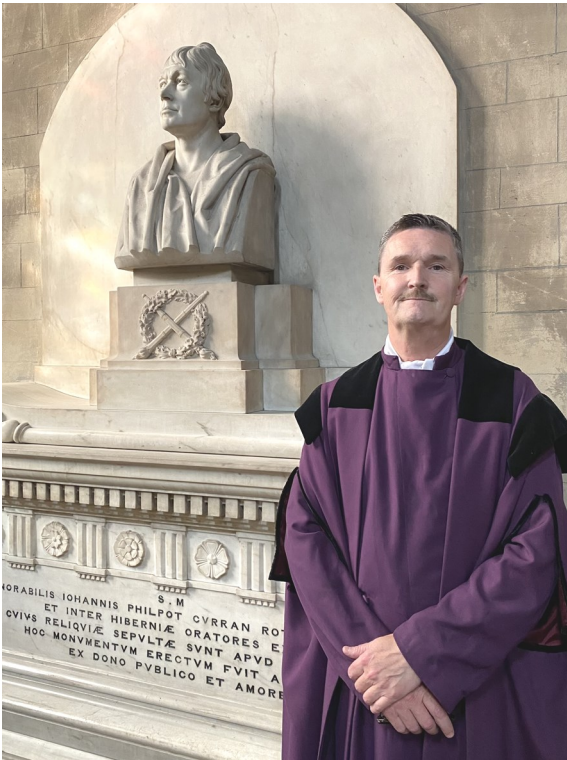
Noel stands guard by the Tree of Remembrance, a living memorial honouring those affected by war. This tree, adorned with heartfelt notes, embodies the intimate connections of visitors. As Noel protects these stories, he preserves the Cathedral's role as a place of holiness where personal narratives find a voice.

Violeta: Tranquillity in Reflection



Violeta finds tranquillity in the Lady Chapel, a haven of peace where she reflects and prays. Fluent in multiple languages, she becomes a bridge, connecting the Cathedral with visitors from around the globe. Her presence enriches the Cathedral's atmosphere, making it a place where hearts from different cultures and backgrounds converge.

John R: Courage etched in Stone



John's heart is moved by the memorial of John Philpot Curran, a testament to courage and compassion. In the Cathedral's embrace, he found strength during his darkest days, a testament to the Cathedral's role as a healer and a source of unwavering support.

Kryzel: A Stained-Glass Heart



Kryzel's passion resides in the west-end Saint Patrick's Window, a stained-glass masterpiece narrating the saint's story. Her dedication to heritage conservation enriches the Cathedral's legacy, making it a place where history is not just observed but cherished and preserved for generations.

Laoise: Stitching Memories into Stone



Laoise, a Cathedral Assistant, brings her love for history and culture into every corner of the Cathedral. Her eyes light up when she talks about the intricate tiled floor, a masterpiece restored by Benjamin Lee Guinness's sons in 1880. As she walks on the floor adorned with shamrocks, dragons, and fleurs-de-lis, she's reminded of her mother's quilting expertise, weaving cherished memories of cozy quilts and

shared moments into the very fabric of the Cathedral.

In the amalgamation of these diverse souls, Saint Patrick's Cathedral stands not just as a physical structure but as a living testament to the shared human experience. As you explore it, remember the stories etched in its stones, the love woven into its tiles, and the peace found within its chapels. These are the whispers of time that make Saint Patrick's Cathedral not just a place of worship, but a sanctuary of the soul.

CUMMANN GAELACH NA hEAGLAISE

The Dean appreciates the encouragement and support of Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise, the Irish Guild of the Church, in restoring a regular service in Irish in Saint Patrick's Cathedral. We are very grateful to Canon David Oxley for kindly agreeing to celebrate Eucharist *as Gaelige* on the first Saturday of the month at 11.05 am.

Under a previous regime the office in Irish followed Evensong on a certain Sunday of the month in the Lady Chapel, but on a few occasions, when this part of the Cathedral was required for a post-service reception, the Irish office was deferred to another time. The benefit of the revised day and time is that Eucharist is normally said on Saturdays at 11.05am.

The first celebration of Eucharist *as Gaelige* will be on Saturday 4 November at 11.05am. Worshippers will be welcome to attend this Eucharist regardless of their knowledge of Irish.

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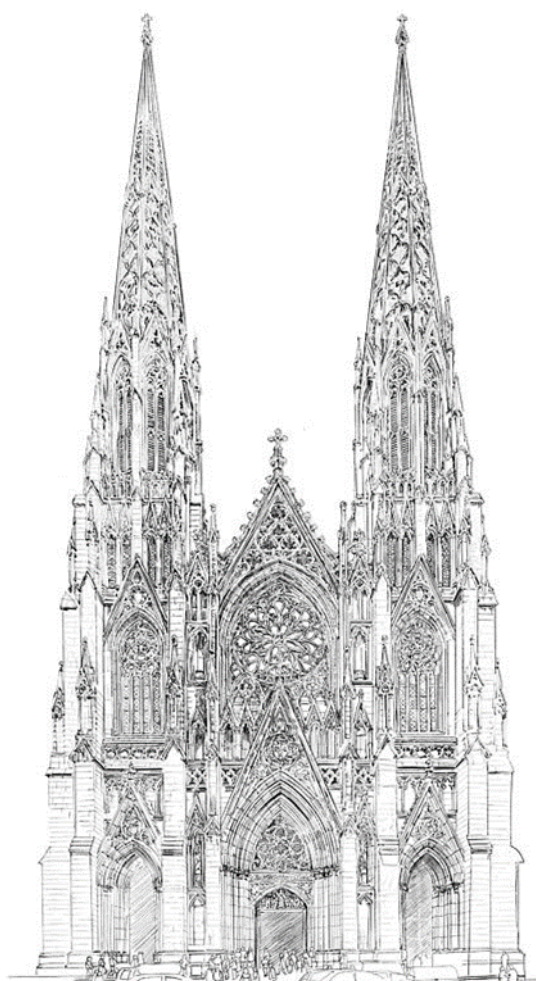
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ADVENT PROCESSION by CANDLELIGHT
Sunday 3rd December at 18.00

CAROLS FOR ALL
Sunday 10th December at 15.15

HANDEL BY CANDLE
Friday 15th December at 19.30

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

Tickets are available from www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/handel23

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
Sunday 17th December at 15.15
Sunday 24th December at 16.00 (*by ticket only*)

FESTIVAL CHORAL EUCHARIST
Monday 25th December at 11.15

EPIPHANY CAROL SERVICE
Sunday 7th January at 15.15

A CEREMONY OF CAROLS
Sunday 28th January at 15.15

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/christmas23

WELCOME! YULE

CD Launch · Tuesday 5 December at 18.00

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



LIVE STREAM SERVICES

A reminder that, if you are unable to attend worship in person, we invite you to tune in to our live stream online. The system has recently undergone some major upgrades and it looks better than ever.

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

CDJB

SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL: AFTER DARK

Tuesday 31 October at 7.30pm

Join us, if you dare, for a candlelit recital of suitably chilling music including Saint-Saens *Danse Macabre*, Prokofiev's *March of the Montagues and Capulets* and Bach's immortal *Toccata and Fugue in D minor* – all of which should send a terrifying shiver up your spines!

Suitable for all ages – but not the faint hearted!

Tickets from €5.00 available now from www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/afterdark23

THE DEAN'S GIFT DAY

The Dean's Gift Day 2023 was launched in the Cathedral on the morning of Saturday 17 June. Entitled 'Eternal Light', the focus of this year's appeal is to provide a Covid pandemic memorial stained glass window of remembrance and hope on the west side of the south-west porch to mark the impact of the pandemic on humanity, a memorial to those who lived through the global pandemic. The Dean is extremely grateful to all who have contributed to the Appeal. The current total is over €30,000.



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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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