

APRIL 2024

# CLOSE NEWS



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# SERVICE TIMES

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- 11:15 Choral Eucharist *or* 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, and Festivals*)
- 17:30 Choral Evensong *or* Evening Prayer

## Saturday

- 11:05 Eucharist (*said in the Lady Chapel*)

**G**od has been worshipped in this place through the prayers and praises of countless generations. Worship lies at the heart of our life as Christians and we express our theology and belief through our liturgy. It is through these liturgical patterns of words and actions that we are formed and transformed.

We invite you to join us for any of the services here this month. If you are unable to join us in person, you can tune in to the online live stream of all services: [spcd.ie/live](http://spcd.ie/live)

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**T**he publication of *Close News* is made possible only as a result of the dedication of a number of people within the Cathedral Community. The Editorial Committee wishes to thank all those who have submitted content for publication. If you would like an item to be featured in the next edition of *Close News*, please contact Mrs Elizabeth Lowrie before the middle of this month.





## THE DEAN WRITES...

THE VERY REV D DR WILLIAM MORTON

### Happy Easter!

The Dean & Rosemary wish all at Saint Patrick's Cathedral  
a happy and blessed Easter.

I am sure, like me, you are encouraged by the very good attendances at worship in the Cathedral. This has been particularly true of Choral Evensong in Holy Week, and also of the Eucharist on Maundy Thursday evening when the number of worshippers exceeded that of previous years, as did the number of communicants.

I am glad there was a goodly number present because the service

included the lovely and moving account from Saint John's Gospel about Jesus washing his Disciples' feet. In doing so, Jesus set them, and us, an example of how, as his followers, we should serve and care for each other. Jesus's actions remind us of his words, 'I have not come to be served, but to serve.'

I firmly believe that by putting our Lord's example into practice and serving one another is a great means of

strengthening the Church. It sends out a strong message that, as members of the Church, we do care and are willing to help those in need even though we may never know their identities or meet them in person.

How true is the belief that we encounter Christ in the other person. I recall a sermon preached some years ago in Saint Columb's Cathedral in Derry by Bishop Richard Chartres, then Bishop of London, who claimed there is major theological significance in the fact that in all his resurrection appearances Jesus came to his friends as a stranger: they had difficulty in recognising him and he had to open their eyes for them to be able to do so. He went on to say how important it is to note that Jesus' risen presence was found round a table, on the sea shore, in the locked room where his friends had gathered for fear of what might happen to them.

The Church community was brought into being, and sustained, by this Easter event from beyond ourselves, from beyond any imagining; it came about from God himself and the Church community was given life by the resurrection of Jesus. It is emphatic that members of Christ's Church serve as agents of peace and hope in the world, a world torn apart by war and violence.

Our hearts go out to those who experience the horrors of conflict and fighting. We think of the unquantifiable grief and agony of the thousands who have been bereaved and injured in the countries of our Lord's earthly home, and also in Ukraine, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan – the list continues.

That is why, as Easter approached, we were delighted to make a major donation of €20,000, as part of our charitable giving from money donated at the candlestands in the cathedral, to the Appeal of The Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough for the Diocese of Jerusalem: *Shine A Light for Al Ahli Hospital in Gaza* which strives to treat the wounded, and console the dying, at the heart of this humanitarian crisis on a world scale. Valuable links have been established over several years between The Diocese of Jerusalem and The Dioceses of Dublin & Glendalough, and it is the hope of the Archbishop of Dublin that the appeal will reach a target of €250,000.

It is our hope that in the power of our Lord's resurrection, and through our prayers, we may play our part in fulfilling the example of Jesus in caring for those whose need is greatest.

Yours, in the power of the Risen Lord.

*William*

## SUPPORT US

If you would like to support the Cathedral's mission and work, please consider donating securely online. You can scan the QR code or visit: [spcd.ie/support](https://spcd.ie/support)





## A SHOT FROM THE CANON

THE REVD CANON  
CHARLES MULLEN

**I**magine attending church on Good Friday and not attending on Easter Day. You'd get only half of the events. Good Friday is distressing and shocking, though tragically familiar in our world of pain and grief. Easter is a sequence of two halves where life and hope triumph over pain and grief. Getting only half - no matter which half - doesn't make sense. If you're uniquely untouched by pain and grief, Easter would make sense without Good Friday. But are you? Jesus saves you and me through his pain, grief and death so that we can triumph through his victory over them. CM

 **LIVE**  
**STREAM**

Can't make it in person to our services this month? Remember: you can tune in for free online.

### EASTER WITHOUT GOOD FRIDAY?

In life no house, no home  
My Lord on earth might have;  
In death no friendly tomb  
But what a stranger gave.  
What may I say?  
Heaven was his home;  
But mine the tomb  
Wherein he lay.

*From a Passiontide hymn  
by Samuel Crossman (1624–83)*

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
Of the holy harvest-field,  
Which will all its full abundance  
At his second coming yield;  
Then the golden ears of harvest  
Will their heads before him wave,  
Ripened by his glorious sunshine  
From the furrows of the grave.

*From an Easter hymn  
by Christopher Wordsworth (1807–85)*

# SERVICES & PREACHERS

## SUNDAY 7TH APRIL 2024

09:15 – Eucharist (*said*)  
11:15 – Choral Eucharist  
15:15 – Choral Evensong

*Canon in Residence:*

**THE REVD P. M. WILLOUGHBY**  
*Prebendary of Tymothan*

## SUNDAY 14TH APRIL 2024

09:15 – Eucharist (*said*)  
11:15 – Choral Matins  
15:15 – Choral Evensong

*Canon in Residence:*

**THE REVD G. V. WHARTON**  
*Prebendary of Dunlavin*

## SUNDAY 21ST APRIL 2024

09:15 – Eucharist (*said*)  
11:15 – Choral Eucharist  
15:15 – Choral Evensong

*Canon in Residence:*

**THE REVD D. W. T. CROOKS**  
*Prebendary of Howth*

## SUNDAY 28TH APRIL 2024

09:15 – Eucharist (*said*)  
11:15 – Choral Matins  
15:15 – Choral Evensong

*Canon in Residence:*

**THE REVD A. W. A. MAYES**  
*Prebendary of Newcastle*

## DAILY SERVICES

Please see Page 2 for our normal pattern of daily worship.

## VISITING CHOIRS

The Cathedral Choir is on holiday from Monday 1st April to Saturday 6th April 2024.

On Wednesday 3rd April and Thursday 4th April 2024, Choral Evensong will be sung by the Choir of Lichfield Cathedral (UK). They will also perform a concert on Thursday at 13:00. On Friday 5th April 2024, Choral Evensong will be sung by the Choir of Jesus College, Cambridge.

We thank the generosity and dedication of these visiting choirs during our own choir's well-deserved break. The Cathedral Choir is in residence again from Sunday 7th April 2024.

## FORTHCOMING FEAST DAYS

The Annunciation of Our Lord is celebrated on Monday 8th April 2024, and daily Sung Matins returns on this day.

## SERVICES & MUSIC LIST

For an up-to-date and comprehensive list of forthcoming services, please visit the monthly Services & Music List on the website.





## THE ADMINISTRATOR WRITES...

MR GAVAN WOODS

Saint Patrick's Cathedral often traces its origin as a church to the granting of a charter by Archbishop Henry de Loundres in 1219. This new establishment was later confirmed by Pope Honorius III in 1221. Of course, the tremendous dislocation in the historical record brought about by the English, or Norman, invasion, can blind us to the fact that the roots of our present Cathedral predate their arrival, and probably, predate the advent of the Norse too.

The world around us has changed over the centuries and so we have had to adapt too. For at least the first thousand years of our existence, it was land that underpinned the Cathedral's finances. In more recent times, the Cathedral has depended almost completely on the support of its congregation and, increasingly, on earned income from our visitor and events enterprise.

At different periods, therefore, our church has adopted a variety of organisational structures in response to these changes. We have moved from the original simple establishment associated with the very early church, through the period of the great Irish monasteries, to the urban and diocesan structures of the Norse and Hiberno-Norse, to that of a collegiate church, finally rising to the status of a cathedral.

Today, we operate in an open democracy, with new governance requirements springing from a variety of sources, including employment, charity, financial, and child safeguarding law. To create a modern structure that would best position the Cathedral to respond professionally and efficiently to these requirements, and to give our Board proper legal form and protection, the Cathedral decided to incorporate: to become a charitable company, limited by guarantee.



So, from 1st January 2024, we have become an incorporated entity, registered as such with the Company Registration Office, the Charities Regulator, and Revenue. We have successfully brought a bill to the General Synod of the Church of Ireland which acknowledges our new structure within the Church of Ireland Constitution. A great deal of administrative work has followed, placing a considerable burden on the accounts and administrative team here, and I am very grateful for all their hard work in this regard.

Following the precedent set over many centuries, we have once again adapted to ensure that we are in the best possible position to achieve our charitable purpose: the advancement of religion according to the rites and liturgy of the Church of Ireland. *GHW*

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## CAREERS AT THE CATHEDRAL

Would you – or someone you know – like to work at Saint Patrick's Cathedral?

There are a number of vacant positions being advertised.

### FEATURED JOB

Cathedral Assistant & Guide

Deadline: Friday 12th April 2024  
Find out more: [spcd.ie/careers](http://spcd.ie/careers)

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# EASTER LILIES



At Easter we display individual lilies in the Cathedral 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.

## **This Easter, lilies have been requested for:**

Revd Canon Bob Reed  
June Walsh  
Hazel Naomi Walsh (*age 10 months*)  
Thyra Meredith  
Arthur West  
June West  
Beatrice West  
Helen Marsden  
Richard Armstrong  
Rene Armstrong  
Hazel Burleigh  
Robert Burleigh  
Tommie & Irene F. Wilson  
Amador Hernandez  
Josie & Leo Power  
Revd Canon John Crawford  
Noel Miller  
Meaghan Miller

Annie Miller  
Terry O'Connor  
George & Mary Stephenson  
Peter Stephenson  
Betty Dalton  
June McDonald  
Maura O'Connor  
John & Anne O'Connor  
Ann Budd  
Cecil V Dean  
Cecil Gillan  
Lesley & Ina Good  
Edith Wilkinson  
Judith Wilkinson  
Arthur Moyses  
Len & Melbie Mills  
Mary and Harry Bruce  
David & Gillian Yeo  
Clive & Jane Penman  
Olive & Freddy Condell  
Rosemary Boothman  
Doreen & Reg Kerr

Kieran O'Kelly  
Baby Lily James  
Mrs Joyce Wynne  
Cyril & Mary Baker  
Frank & Mabel Aherne  
Joyce Dowd  
Ellen Cristin & William Morton  
Joe & Maureen Morton  
James Morton  
Maura Morton  
*For those who have passed in conflicts*  
Deborah Gregg  
Stephen Reardon  
David Reardon  
Evelyn Reardon  
John Reardon Senior  
Evelyn Reardon Senior  
Jean  
Osmar  
Osny  
Carlos

Fred Denton  
Revd Canon Bill Browne  
Colette Redmond  
Mary Osbourn  
John Osbourn  
Debbie Carr Mills  
Angela McGowan  
Imelda Tobin  
Joseph Tobin  
Christopher 'Christy'  
McGlue  
Brendan Burke  
Agnes Doris  
Anne Richardson  
Paddy Richardson  
Terry Richardson  
Bill Richardson  
Canon Bradley  
Barbara Whitley  
Bill Hegan  
Finian Canavan  
Anda-Ana  
Dermot Burke  
Cara Stokes

Rose Maher  
Charlie Reed  
Cecil Sparks  
Gladys Sparks  
Philip Jackson  
Ralph Murphy  
Cocoa Murphy  
Kitty Murphy  
Frederick Mullen  
Christine Mullen  
Richard Todd  
Patricia Woods  
Howard Woods  
Seamus Keogan  
Norman Williams  
Michelle Williams  
Neil Williams  
Larry O'Connell  
Alan Thompson  
Hugh Thompson (*infant*)  
James Hollowed  
Josie Hollowed  
Jimmy Hollowed  
Willie Bermingham

Mary & Bill Bermingham  
Bernie Bermingham  
Thomas Bermingham  
Tom & Maura  
Bermingham  
Joe Cooney  
Jimmy Cummins  
Brodie & Cecelia Kelly  
Elizabeth Anne Kelly-  
Carter  
Jimmy Kelly  
Adrienne Kelly  
Liam O'Cuanagh  
Kathleen Fitzpatrick  
Michael O'Neill  
Billy Johnson  
Ivan Carlyle  
Mabel Carlyle (*nee  
Goodwin*)  
David Arthur Carlyle  
Donald Carlyle  
Luca Gheta (*aged 17*)

*May the souls of all the faithful  
departed rest in peace. Amen.*

## CONDOLENCES

Sincere condolences are offered to those who have been bereaved: to Louis and Catherine Parminter, and their family, on three bereavements in as many weeks – the death of Catherine's uncle, William Richardson, the death of Louis' father, Louis (also known as James), and the death of Louis' uncle, Michael O'Neill; to Derek and Kathleen McEndoo, from our team of bell ringers, and their family, on the death of Kathleen's mother, Mrs Annie Croly, who was in her 103rd year; and also to Peter McBride, of the bell ringers, on the recent death of his father. All who mourn are assured of our thoughts and prayers.

# BECOME A CHORISTER

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 its friendliness. Small classes mean a 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.

In recent years, our choristers have performed regularly on live television and radio, in front of VIPs (including the President of Ireland and the Pope), and on the stage of the Gaiety Theatre and the National Concert Hall, with both the National Symphony and RTÉ Concert Orchestras. They have also toured extensively including most recently the US, and recorded six critically-acclaimed CDs, the most recent of which was released in 2023.

Saint Patrick's Cathedral Choir School, the oldest school in the country, is currently enrolling for the 2024/25 academic year. At Saint Patrick's, we believe in nurturing young talents. If your child enjoys singing then they will receive top-notch classical music training alongside a comprehensive primary education curriculum, allowing them to reach their full potential, academically and musically.







## DISCOVER CHORISTERSHIPS

Do you know a boy or a girl who can sing? Find out more about becoming a chorister online: [spcd.ie/sing](https://spcd.ie/sing) or scan the QR code.





The Education Officer is kneeling down to show the sheer size of the minibus.

# EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

MR CLARK BRYDON

**B**efore I was appointed the Education Officer, I worked as a teacher at a private boarding school in Co. Meath. During this time, I pestered the senior management continually, asking them to purchase a minibus for school trips. As finances were tight, I agreed to pay for my own bus driving lessons if they would consider the acquisition of a bus.

I am not sure whether it was my poor persuasive skills or the dampened

pandemic cash flow that put paid to this plan; however, I kept my end of the deal and passed first time! Here we are, four years later, and I'm pleased to report that the Finance Committee and the Administrator are finally (after a little persuasion...) letting me put that bus licence to good use.

Last month, I took delivery of this 2022 Ford Transit minibus, which seats seventeen people (including the driver) and has opened up a whole new



world of possibilities for the Cathedral, both in terms of bringing groups to us and also taking the Cathedral (and its people) out into the community and much further afield.

If you have tried to organise a group outing recently, you will be aware that the cost of coach hire is a significant burden, often a key limiting factor. For example, I received three quotations from reputable coach companies for a day trip from Dublin to Kilkenny in excess of €1,000. If we wanted to do this multiple times in a year – or even a month – then the cost immediately becomes a problem. Our minibus solution is much more economical and offers us the freedom and flexibility to choose where we go, and when.

Shorter trips are also much safer, cheaper, and easier to arrange now. The Choristers will be utilising the minibus later this month when they visit Dublin schools in an effort to entice young singers to join their ranks. First aid training taking place off-site over a number of days which, in the past would have warranted multiple taxi journeys, will now be using the minibus, thereby reducing emissions and cost. We have also been able to arrange a number of away days for our community (more overleaf); I would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us, if you are interested!

These are all excellent improvements on existing Cathedral activities; however, there are much more exciting avenues to pursue. Church, school, and community groups based outside the city now have a significant

obstacle removed to their visiting the National Cathedral. Before, I would have heard the cost of coach hire being the reason schools could not join us for educational visits; now, they have a free and easy way to bring their class to us. I have already written to dozens of Church of Ireland clergy from across the whole island, offering free transport for their confirmation classes and other church groups. Furthermore, the Schools Officer and I are considering taking aspects of the Cathedral into schools to encourage them to visit us in person. So far, I am in discussions with Saint Fachtna's Cathedral in Rosscarbery, Co. Cork, over 300km away, and a school near Enniskillen, nearly 200km away; as well as new arrivals and refugees into Ireland based in DP centres who would be unable to transit the city to the Cathedral for community initiatives.

As you can see, it is currently a blank silver canvas, onto which we will place our Cathedral branding, being a visible presence wherever we go. My thanks to the Liberties College for allowing us to park the minibus in their car park, and to everyone for coming up with excellent ways to use it.

Now, we just need to name it. My suggestion is Pax *Hominibus*...

*CDJB*



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Safeguarding Officer

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# COMMUNITY AWAY DAYS

One of the *many* perks of having a minibus available to us is the ability to take groups out to other institutions, as well as bring them to us. This is a marvellous opportunity to grow the connections and relationships within our own community of staff, volunteers, and congregation. Therefore, I am pleased to invite members of our community on the following free day trips in April. *CDJB*



## KILKENNY

4th April 2024 *or* 5th April 2024

Departing the Cathedral Close at 08:30 (both days); visiting Saint Canice's Cathedral in the morning, and the Medieval Mile and/or Kilkenny Castle in the afternoon; arriving back on the Close at 18:00. Bring or buy lunch.



## ARMAGH

12th April 2024

Departing the Cathedral Close at 08:30; visiting the Church of Ireland cathedral in the morning, and the R.C. cathedral and/or Armagh County Museum in the afternoon; arriving back on the Close at 18:00. Bring or buy lunch.



## BELFAST

23rd April 2024

Departing the Cathedral Close at 08:30; visiting the St Anne's Cathedral in the morning, and Stormont Castle (TBC) in the afternoon; arriving back on the Close at 19:30. Light lunch included; please provide any dietary requirements.

## BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW

If you would like to join us for any of these away days, please contact Clark Brydon at [clark@spcd.ie](mailto:clark@spcd.ie) and include any relevant information.



# FREE EASTER FAMILY WORKSHOP



## MUSIC IN THE CATHEDRAL

Monday 1st April 2024 | 12:00 & 14:00

Are you a music lover? Join us for this family fun workshop, exploring the music all around Saint Patrick's Cathedral. The workshop will start with a short tour of the choir, learning all about why music is so important to our Cathedral both in the past and in the present. Afterwards, children will get to partake in making some music themselves!



## KNIGHTS AND SYMBOLS

Tuesday 2nd April 2024 | 10:00, 12:00, & 14:00

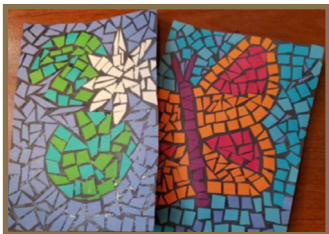
In this immersive and creative experience, participants will delve into the rich history of the Most Illustrious Order of the Knights of Saint Patrick. Explore the symbolism behind the knights' heraldic symbols and banners!



## MEDIEVAL CALLIGRAPHY

Thursday 4th April 2024 | 10:00, 12:00, & 14:00

In this workshop, children will explore the history of medieval writing. Learn all about how paper, ink, and quills were made in the past. Touch real materials like parchment and oak gall ink. Try your hand at medieval writing using an authentic quill!



## SPRING MOSAICS

Friday 5th April 2024 | 10:00, 12:00, & 14:00

Take inspiration from the sights of spring outside the Cathedral and the patterns of stained glass windows within the Cathedral. Children will make their own mosaic designs using a rainbow of coloured paper and their imaginations.

**BOOKING DETAILS ON OUR WEBSITE**

# EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP FACILITATOR RECRUITMENT

We are seeking to develop a panel of freelance Workshop Facilitators to deliver workshops to schools and family audiences. They may also work with the Education Department to develop other activities for young visitors.

Facilitators will be paid a fee on a per-session basis. The frequency of sessions will depend on demand.

Though music, art, and drama have been highlighted, if prospective candidates have ideas about other subjects which might work well in the Cathedral's Education Programme, please do get in touch.

Find out more on the Cathedral website: [spcd.ie/facilitators](http://spcd.ie/facilitators) or scan the QR code below.

## FIND OUT MORE

Visit the Cathedral website to learn more about the Workshop Facilitator panel positions within the Education Department.



## FRIENDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Friends come from all walks of life and all faiths and none but are united by their commitment to Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

Each Friend is entitled to free entry to the cathedral (on presentation of their membership card), the twice-yearly magazine, Saint Patrick's People, and to apply for tickets to the Christmas Eve Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The activities of the Friends include the annual Friends Festival Evensong and Garden Party in June, a

Christmas Evening in December, and visits to places of interest.

Become a Friend by scanning the QR code or visiting: [spcd.ie/friends](http://spcd.ie/friends)



Membership starts at only €25/year.

Five-year and life memberships are also available.

# PAST CHORISTERS' & PAST PUPILS' ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL REUNION DINNER

Friday 26th April 2024 | 19:00 | Royal Irish Yacht Club | €60 per ticket

The President and Committee extend a warm invitation to all Past Choristers, Pupils, and Friends of the Cathedral Schools to join us at the Annual Reunion Dinner at the Royal Irish Yacht Club in Dun Laoghaire (A96 RC84). Light musical entertainment will be provided during the evening. Fantastic raffle on the night for a VIP Roof & Tower Tour of Saint Patrick's Cathedral; raffle tickets are €10. In support of the bursary for the School Music Scholarship Programme.

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### BOOKING FORM

Submission Deadline: 22/04/2024

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Name of Guests (if any):

1: \_\_\_\_\_

2: \_\_\_\_\_

3: \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any queries,  
please do not hesitate to contact the  
Association Secretary:  
**Susan Ronan**  
susan.ronan1outlook.com  
086 199 5353

Special dietary requirements (if any): \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque for € \_\_\_\_ in respect of myself and \_\_\_\_ guests at €60 per person. Cheques payable to: 'St Patrick's Cathedral Past Choristers' and Pupils' Association', or directly to the Association Account at:

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For direct bank payments, please reference lead contact name (essential) x no. of tickets. Ideally: 'DINNER. JOE BLOGS x 2' (where text-limited, ensure lead name visible).

Return form to: **Louis Parminter**

c/o Saint Patrick's Cathedral, St Patrick's Close, Dublin D08 H6X3



**C**ulture Date with Dublin 8 will be taking place from Wednesday 8th – Sunday 12th May 2024.

This annual neighbourhood festival celebrates the culture, history, and heritage of Dublin 8 and encourages people who live in and visit the area to explore everything that it has to offer.

There will be over 100 exciting events on this year's programme, from walks, talks, tours, performances, exhibitions, and more there will be something for everyone to explore!



*Photo by Tristan Hutchinson*

## FIND OUT MORE

The full festival line up will be announced on 17th April 2024.  
Visit their website [culturedatewithdublin8.ie](http://culturedatewithdublin8.ie) for more information.







In a new social media series, we are meeting with professional tour guides that specialise in bringing tourists around Dublin. We find out a little about their job, what it means to them to bring groups to Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and what their favourite part of the cathedral is. The first episode was released last week with Geraldine Moran, who is also a long-standing volunteer with the Cathedral and continues to be a wonderful ambassador.

## LIKE & FOLLOW

Watch this video and much more by following our social media accounts. The details for each of them can be found on the back page of *Close News*.



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## SUNDAY TEA & COFFEE

There has been an overwhelming response to the provision of tea, coffee, and biscuits following the Sunday 11:15 Eucharist. At the moment, 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 and coffee. If you are interested in helping, please contact Ms Laura Coyle at [supervisors@stpatickscathedral.ie](mailto:supervisors@stpatickscathedral.ie)

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For more information, please contact the Cathedral Administrator, Mr Gavan Woods, at *adminstrator@stpatrikscathedral.ie*

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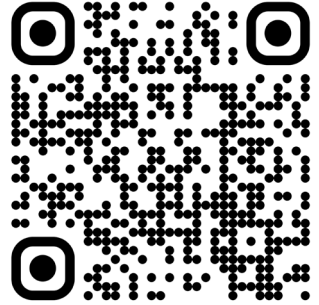
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