

CLOSE NEWS

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- 09:15 — **Eucharist** (*said in the Lady Chapel*)
- 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 Feast Days*)
- 17:30 — **Choral Evensong** or **Evening Prayer**

Saturday

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

IN THIS CATHEDRAL, the worship of Almighty God has been offered without interruption for generations. In word and sacrament, psalm and canticle, the Church's liturgy orders our common life and gives voice to what we believe. Here, the Scriptures are read, the Sacraments faithfully celebrated, and the prayer of the Church is offered day by day according to the rhythm of the Christian year. All are welcome to join us in an act of worship. Further service information appears on *Page 6*. Those unable to be present in person may join the Cathedral's worship online at spcd.ie/live.

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Cover: The Society of Friends of Saint Patrick's Cathedral garden party took place on 21st June 2026, following the annual Friends Festival Evensong.

Left: The Cathedral and its former North Close in 1842.



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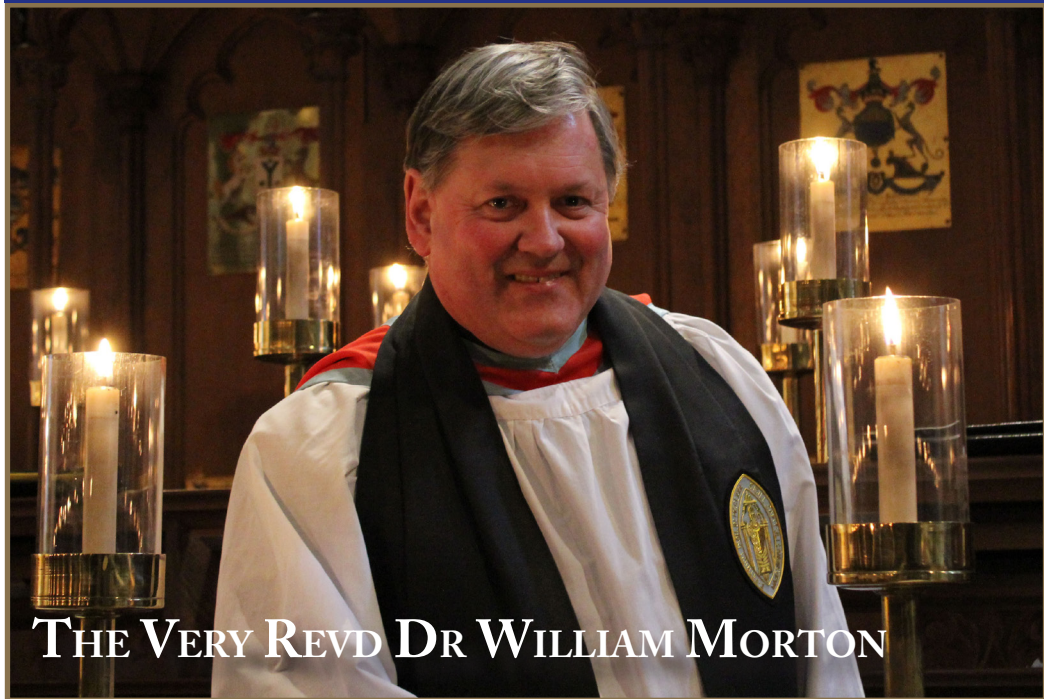
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The Dean Writes...



THE VERY REVD DR WILLIAM MORTON

THERE IS SOMETHING about summer that invites us to slow our pace. The longer days, the warmth of the season, and the opportunity for holidays or quieter routines offer many of us the chance to pause and reflect. In a world that rarely stops, such moments are precious.

Within the Christian tradition, and especially in the spiritual heritage of these islands, people sometimes speak of "thin places" – places where the distance between heaven and earth seems somehow less; where the presence of God is sensed a little more readily, and where hearts are opened to wonder, prayer and hope.

For many people, Saint Patrick's Cathedral is such a place.

Every day, worshippers, visitors and pilgrims pass through its ancient doors. They come for many different reasons. Some arrive full of thanksgiving; others carry grief, uncertainty or questions that have no easy answers. Many simply sit quietly, allowing the peace of this holy place to speak more eloquently than words.

Sometimes people come looking for the Cathedral; sometimes they leave having found something much deeper.

It is a privilege to witness people discovering, often unexpectedly, that God's presence is not confined to extraordinary moments, but may be encountered in the stillness of ordinary ones.

Perhaps the greatest gift of summer is that it allows us to notice those "thin places" in our own lives. They may be found in the beauty of creation, in the laughter of family and friends, in an act of kindness, in the silence of prayer, or in the simple rhythm of Sunday worship. Such moments remind us that God is never far away. More often than not, it is we who have become too busy to notice.

As our Cathedral community continues its life of worship, welcome, and witness throughout these summer months, my prayer is that each of us may discover afresh those places and moments where God's presence is quietly revealed. Whether you are travelling, enjoying time at home, or simply embracing a gentler rhythm of life, may this season bring you renewed hope, deep peace, and the quiet assurance that the God who meets us in life's great moments is just as present in its ordinary ones.

With every blessing,
William



Condolences

AS A CATHEDRAL community, we acknowledge with sadness recent bereavements. Your prayers would be appreciated for Mrs Gladys Gourley on the death of her sister, Kathleen Young, Templemore, County Tipperary. Your prayers would also be appreciated for Mrs Margaret Wynne, and her family, on the death of her husband, David. David and Margaret were often to be found in Saint Patrick's, for worship, and for other events.

In extending our sincere condolences to all who have been bereaved, we assure them of our thoughts and prayers.

Services & Preachers

Sunday Services

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

DAY	SERVICES	CANON IN RESIDENCE
THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 5 th July	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Choral Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	VERY REVD N. J. W. SLOANE <i>Canon Chancellor</i>
THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 12 th July	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Choral Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	REVD P. M. WILLOUGHBY <i>Prebendary of Tymothan</i>
THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 19 th July	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	REVD P. I. ARBUTHNOT <i>Prebendary of Castleknock</i>
THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 26 th July	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Choral Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	VERY REVD S. A. FARRELL <i>Prebendary of Monmohenock</i>
THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 2 nd August	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Choral Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	VEN J. M. GODFREY <i>Prebendary of Kilmactalway</i>
THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 9 th August	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	REVD C. W. L. McCAULEY <i>Prebendary of Tipperkevin</i>
THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 16 th August	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	REVD J. E. YENDALL <i>Prebendary of Mulhuddart</i>
THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 23 rd August	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	VEN P. THOMPSON <i>Prebendary of Donaghmore</i>
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY Sunday 30 th August	09:15 – Eucharist (<i>said</i>) 11:15 – Choral Eucharist 15:15 – Choral Evensong	REVD J. K. McWHIRTER <i>Prebendary of Taney</i>



Cathedral Choir Summer Recess

FROM THE END of June, the Cathedral Choir will take a well-deserved rest over the summer months. During that time, the Cathedral will welcome choirs from all over the world to sing for our services. The schedule for visiting choirs will be as follows:

Choir of Peterhouse College, Cambridge
Evensong on Friday 3rd July

Armagh Diocesan Singers
Evensong on Saturday 4th July
Eucharist & Evensong on Sunday 5th July

Choir of Selwyn College, Cambridge
Evensong on Saturday 11th July

Past Choristers of Saint Patrick's and Christ Church Cathedrals
Eucharist & Evensong on Sunday 12th July

Choir of Southwark Cathedral
Evensong on Saturday 25th July
Eucharist & Evensong on Sunday 26th July

Amici
Evening Prayer on Monday 27th July

Dublin Airport Singers
Evening Prayer on Tuesday 28th July

Choir of Holy Trinity Church, Southport
Evensong on Thursday 30th July
Evensong on Friday 31st July
Eucharist & Evensong on Sunday 2nd August

Charter Choir of Homerton College, Cambridge
Evensong on Monday 3rd August
Evensong on Tuesday 4th August

Choir of St Ann's Church, Manchester
Evensong on Friday 28th August
Eucharist & Evensong on Sunday 30th August

For all other statutory services throughout the summer, a said service will take place. There will be no Matins on weekdays until the Choir School's return in September. For further up-to-date details, please visit the Music List on the Cathedral website.

The Cathedral Choir will return on Tuesday 1st September.

Saints & Celebrations



THOMAS | 3rd July

The Apostle Thomas is remembered above all for his initial doubt concerning the Resurrection of Christ. When the risen Lord appeared and invited him to touch his wounds, Thomas responded with the profound confession, 'My Lord and my God'. Tradition associates him with missionary work as far as India, where ancient Christian communities continue to honour him as their founder.



MARY MAGDALENE | 22nd July

Mary Magdalene was a devoted follower of Jesus and stood near the cross at his crucifixion. According to the Gospels, she was the first witness of the Resurrection and was commissioned to announce the news to the disciples. For this reason, she is sometimes called the 'Apostle to the Apostles'.



JAMES THE APOSTLE | 25th July

James, the son of Zebedee and brother of John, was amongst Christ's closest disciples. Present at key moments such as the Transfiguration, he became the first of the Twelve Apostles to suffer martyrdom. Tradition links him with Santiago de Compostela, one of the great pilgrimage destinations of Christendom.



THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD | 6th August

This feast commemorates Christ's manifestation in glory on the mountain before Peter, James, and John. The disciples witnessed Jesus transformed in dazzling light and heard the Father's voice declaring him to be the beloved Son. The feast offers a glimpse of the resurrection glory to come.



BARTHOLOMEW | 24th August

Identified by many scholars with Nathanael in Saint John's Gospel, Bartholomew was one of the Twelve Apostles. Tradition records extensive missionary journeys in the East and his eventual martyrdom. He is remembered for his openness to Christ and faithful witness to the Gospel.

O God, who hast brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of just men and women made perfect: Grant us during our earthly pilgrimage to abide in their fellowship, and in our heavenly country to become partakers of their joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

from the *Church of Ireland Gazette* (July & August 2026)



A Shot from the Canon

THE REVD CANON
CHARLES MULLEN

SCOTLAND'S ICONIC 2.5 kilometre railway bridge across the Firth of Forth has a striking structure that's also an alluring artwork. Whilst famous for this, it's best known for the fact that when contractors have completed painting from one side to the other, they must return endlessly to begin all over again. The Church's year has an alluring structure, and it's one that also demands faithful and determined commitment. Perhaps it too should be best known for this, because when we're constant in faith we encounter the striking as well as the alluring through renewal of commitment to God's endless love.

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The steep and rugged pathway

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but thee;
Yet possessing every blessing,
If our God our Father be.

*From a hymn
by James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.

*From a hymn
by Maria Willis (1824-1908)*

Services & Music List

*For an up-to-date and comprehensive list of forthcoming services,
scan the QR code or visit the monthly Worship page on our website.*





A Year in Review: The Choir School

AS WE APPROACH the end of another academic year at the Choir School, we think about our Sixth Class who are beginning to look towards new horizons: secondary school. It can be an exciting time for students and families, but there is also the realisation that their time at the Choir School is coming to an end. On Wednesday 17th June, we marked this occasion with the annual Choir School Service in the Lady Chapel. This is an opportunity for us to share memories of years gone by that will no doubt last a lifetime. We wish our school leavers all the very best for the future. As many Sixth Class students move over to the Grammar School next door, we tell them that their friends and teachers at the Choir School are never too far away!

We were all very proud of our School Choir which gave excellent performances throughout the year. These events were certainly punctuated by a trip to Paris in February to showcase some of our school's amazing talent and dedication. On both occasions, students served as amazing ambassadors not only for the Choir School and the Cathedral community but also for Ireland!

In the classroom, we got to enjoy a variety of trips throughout the year, from our own locality, such as Marsh's Library, to further afield, such as The Book of Kells, The Europa Experience, The Ark Theatre, and, most anticipated of all, Clara Lara for our school tour in June.

We also had some very successful projects, including our first entry in the

All-Island History Competition. Our entry was based on the French Family window beside where the choristers rehearse every morning. We focused on commemoration, specifically the First World War, and were fortunate enough to earn an award for excellence. Our picture is from the Department of Education award ceremony, presented to us by Mr Bryan Dobson. We also had great success in the Write a Book Project with two students attending an award ceremony in Killiney Castle.

In June, we held the Choir School Sports Day in the Phoenix Park and were fortunate to enjoy a wonderful, sunny day with great participation. Events included relay races, obstacle courses, sack races, and balloon popping challenges. Well done to all and a big thank you to all the students

(and parents!) who took part.

Finally, a huge thank you to our parents who played such a fantastic role in the school this year. From events such as our pizza party day, Easter Egg Hunt, and Christmas Party, to workshops covering dance and drama, the parents have been such a wonderful presence in our school community this year. A huge thank you also to our Parent Association for all their help this year.

We all look forward to a restful and safe summer holiday. Well done to all the students and staff for a fantastic year!

Pearce Maloney
Principal of the Choir School



Senior Leadership Team Away Day

THE CATHEDRAL'S SENIOR Leadership Team recently visited Dublin City Hall for their annual away day, which included a leadership workshop and a tour of the building.

L-R: Kelley Bermingham, Kryzel Bonifacio, Aaron Hoey, Ken Hartnett, Liz Lowrie, Gavan Woods, Stacie Currath, Ed Coleman, Barbara Whelan, Rowena Janota, and Louis Parminter.



St. Patrick's Cathedral

The Long Way Home - The Gift that Travelled Far

A CATHEDRAL IS far more than stone and glass. It is also the repository of countless lives, memories and acts of faith, woven together across generations. When Elizabeth Rushton recently presented us with a beautifully embroidered picture of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, she also entrusted us with a remarkable family story—one that begins in Trim and Bective, in County Meath, travels through England and Canada, and now, quite unexpectedly, returns home to Saint Patrick's Cathedral. It is a privilege to share Elizabeth's story in her own words.

“My father, Canon Rowland Athey, was Rector of St Patrick's Cathedral, Trim, in the Diocese of Meath,

and also of the rural parish church in Bective, which has long since closed. In 1950 he devoted a great deal of time and energy to securing the designation of St Patrick's as a cathedral, but sadly he died of a sudden heart attack only a year or so later.

“His death left my mother without a home, although she was able to remain in the rectory for a time. I was eleven years younger than my four brothers, who were already scattered across various parts of the world. Having just graduated from Alexandra School and College (when it was still on Earlsfort Terrace), I stayed on to complete its year-long business course while living at GFS House nearby — which rather dates me!

“When I finished the course, my mother and I sailed to Canada. The plan was to stay for two years while she visited one of my brothers in Toronto and one of her own brothers, who had emigrated to Saskatchewan many years before and had never returned home. As so often happens, life took an unexpected turn. I married a priest, settled in Canada, and raised a family there, while my mother eventually returned to England to be nearer her own family. I began work

in the Synod Office of the Diocese of Toronto, which I still suspect was larger than the Representative Church Body offices for the whole of Ireland!

“Among the possessions my mother brought with her to Canada was this beautifully embroidered picture of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. It was very special to her, and when she returned to England she left it with me. It was embroidered by my father's sister, Betty Hamilton.

“I am now widowed and have reached the stage of trying to find suitable homes for some of the things that have meant so much to our family. I have already donated a small silver chalice and flagon, which had once belonged to my father, to the Church of Ireland archives in Dublin.

“The embroidered picture has survived remarkably well. The cloth remains clean and tightly stretched. One of my daughters and her husband will be visiting Ireland and would be delighted to bring it with them if you feel Saint Patrick's Cathedral would like to receive it. They also hope to visit Trim, where my parents are buried. It would give me great pleasure to know that this little reminder of my family's connection with the Church of Ireland had found a fitting home.”

The culmination of the story is that the Dean and Aaron met up with Elizabeth's daughter and her husband, and were delighted to receive the beautiful tapestry – which made its way from Trim to Toronto, and back to Dublin! Grateful thanks are extended to Elizabeth through whose intervention the tapestry has served as an illustration of how faith is handed on from one generation to another.



Photo (left): The embroidery in detail.

Photo (above): The Dean being presented with the embroidered picture by Elizabeth's daughter and her husband.

Bellringers – A Vibrant Community

AT HALFWAY THROUGH the summer, we have already experienced considerable diversity in the weather. There is also significant diversity in the community of bellringers. Our youngest ringer, Harry Collins, received his Bell Handling certificate from the Association of Ringing Teachers, pictured here in mid-May with our Ringing Master, Robert MacDonald, and his dedicated teacher, Derek McEndoo. On 14th June, our service ring celebrated the 80th birthday of one of our older ringers, Fergus McCullough. Spanning almost seven decades, Harry and Fergus exemplify the broad age range of the members of the Society of Bellringers of St Patrick's Cathedral (SBSPC).

In the past two months, we have rung bells to celebrate achievements and milestones such as these as well as in memory of deceased members of ringers' families. In early May, a group of visitors joined SBSPC member, Will Bosworth, to ring a peal of 5033 Erin Septuples on 16 bells in Christ Church. Around this challenging performance, Will organised a ringing festival in the two cathedrals and St Audoen's to hone the skills of ringers from these three churches. Later that month, five of our ringers joined Andrew Nolan from St Audoen's to ring a quarter peal 1260 Plain Bob Doubles in that tower. It was a first for our steeple-keeper, Adam Walsh, and a first 'inside' for Cormac O'Cuinn. Congratulations to both of them!

At the end of June, some of us joined Christ Church ringers to provide a joyful sound before the Pride Service there. In July, we look forward to our annual outing. This year, we will ring in Waterford's Blessed Trinity Cathedral and the Church of Immaculate Conception, Wexford.

Perhaps, as you read this, you might wonder if you could join our vibrant society! We are looking for prospective learners aged 14 to about 50. Why not send an email to bellringing@stpatrickscathedral.ie, to let us know your interest ...

Muiris O'Reilly
Secretary of SBSPC

Photo courtesy of Gennie Collins.



A Wonderful Afternoon at Áras an Uachtaráin



Photo: The Dean with President Catherine Connolly.

ON TUESDAY, 23 June 2026, President Catherine Connolly and her husband, Mr Brian McEnery, hosted the third of this year's summer garden parties at Áras an Uachtaráin. We were delighted that the Dean and Cathedral Administrator Mr Gavan Woods were among those in attendance, joining guests from across Ireland for this special occasion.

It was fantastic that Saint Patrick's Cathedral were represented at such a memorable gathering and could join in celebrating the community spirit, service, and friendship that these garden parties embody.

Birthday Congratulations



HARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS TO Mr Leslie Wilkinson who, on Monday 6th July, reached that most honourable milestone of his 100th birthday. We wish him every happiness on this very special day and assure him of our prayers and very best wishes.

Pictured here are Mr Albert Fenton, Mr Stephen Burleigh, Mr Nick West, Mr Victor Williams, and Mr Louis Parminter attending Leslie's birthday celebrations.

Farewell to Clark Brydon



THIS MONTH, we bid farewell to Clark Brydon as he concludes six years of service at Saint Patrick's Cathedral. Moving from the UK during the pandemic, Clark first joined the Cathedral Choir as the Vicar of the Prebendary of

Monmohenock in 2020. His role soon expanded beyond music when he was appointed Education and Safeguarding Officer, Assistant Keeper of the Library, and, more recently, Sustainability and Engagement Coordinator.

Clark made several significant contributions to many aspects of Cathedral life. He developed educational programmes for schools and visitors, strengthened relationships with community groups, and played a leading role in shaping new safeguarding policies. He was also instrumental in developing our digital communications, publications, and visitor engagement.

We wish Clark every blessing for the future and assure him of our prayers. We will still be able to keep up with Clark's work through his role as Editor of the *Church of Ireland Gazette*.



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Alice Leahy Trust Reception

IT WAS A privilege to see Alice Leahy honoured at a reception in Leinster House celebrating fifty years of the Alice Leahy Trust.

For half a century, Alice and her colleagues have offered friendship, dignity and practical support to some of the most vulnerable members of our society. We congratulate her on this well-deserved recognition and thank God for her inspiring witness.

The Dean was honoured to have been invited to the event which was organised by Senator Victor Boyhan, County Wicklow.

Photo L-R: Former Attorney General, Senator Michael McDowell, Alice Leahy, and the Dean.



Cathedral Visitors

FIONA GUINNESS, COUSIN of the Honourable Rory Guinness, and Evan Hamilton, who are Liberal Arts graduates from St. John's College, Maryland, USA, paid a visit to Saint Patrick's recently. During her studies, Fiona wrote her thesis on 'reason and virtue in Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels'.

Fiona said: "We are so grateful to be welcomed to Saint Patrick's Cathedral and have the opportunity to learn more about Swift, witness the beauty of the cathedral, and enjoy the company of its wonderful community."

Photo courtesy of Cathedral verger team.





NATIONAL HERITAGE WEEK, an initiative by the Heritage Council, celebrates all things heritage. It brings together communities, families, organisations, cultural institutions, academics and enthusiasts, to build awareness about the value of heritage and support its conservation. National Heritage Week 2026 will take place from 15th until 23rd August. Here are a selection of highlights from this year's programme.

All events are free, but booking is essential.



Evening Recital: David Leigh (organ)

David Leigh is the Organist and Assistant Master of the Music at Saint Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, where, in addition to presiding at the Willis organ, he directs the Schola (senior girls' choir) and the Lay Vicars Choral.

**Saturday 15th August 2026
18:30**

Sketching Workshop

In this relaxed workshop, explore the Cathedral's interior through the art of charcoal sketching. An experienced artist will guide you through the basics of architectural drawing as you wander the space and choose your favourite viewpoint to sketch. All materials will be provided.

**Tuesday 18th August 2026
18:30**



Evening Recital: Jeffrey Ledwidge (bass)

Since studying singing with Philip O'Reilly, Jeffrey Ledwidge has established himself as one of Ireland's foremost bass soloists with an extensive professional repertoire. Jeffrey is a Vicar Choral at the Cathedral, and a member of Chamber Choir Ireland. He performs regularly with Coro Casa da Musica, Porto, and the Theatre of Voices.

Wednesday 19th August 2026

18:30



Music of the Night

Join us for an evening of songs from the shows performed by Morgan Crowley (tenor), Victoria Green (saxophone, flute) and Stuart Nicholson (piano). Programme includes songs from *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *A little Light Music*, *West Side Story*, *Cabaret* and much more.

Friday 21st August 2026

18:30

Peter and the Wolf

Our last concert is a bit of a beast, *or several in fact*. The concert includes a performance of Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, arranged for narrator and organ. Prokofiev uses various instruments from the orchestra to represent the characters in this delightful tale: strings for Peter, horns for the menacing wolf, flute for the bird, oboe for the ill-fated duck, and clarinet for the cat.

Saturday 22nd August 2026

18:30





Family Workshops

Throughout Heritage Week, there are a variety of family workshops taking place. Children can create cathedral-inspired accordion cards, design Celtic knot art, pop-up books, letter illumination and much more. Visit the website for more information about each workshop.

Saturday 15th August

11:00 & 14:00

Monday 17th August & Thursday 17th August

11:00

Wednesday 19th August

11:00 & 13:00

Creative Studios (for adults)

Join us in our brand-new creative space at Saint Patrick's Cathedral as part of Heritage Week! Whether you'd like to share your favourite art hobby with others, finally make time to try something new, or simply enjoy a calm space to spend two hours immersed in your latest creative obsession, Creative Studio is the place for you. Creative Studio is a new initiative where anyone can bring along the craft they're working on and enjoy a relaxed session of presence, creativity, and community. All creative hobbies are welcome. Simply bring along any materials you need for your own craft project! Our studio will be set up with a variety of stations and basic supplies (pencils, markers, scissors, glue sticks, and card). Plus tea, coffee, and biscuits will be provided.

Friday 21st August

11:00 & 14:00

Medieval Walk

An hour's circuit, beginning in the Cathedral, takes in surviving and lost churches, sections of the city wall, the site of city gates and River Poddle, which has long shaped the urban landscape and impacted on the Cathedral. Guided by Adrian Le Harivel, a Dublin walks specialist, with background as a Curator and architectural historian.

Saturday 15th August

12:00 & 14:00

Urnaí na Nóna | Evening Prayer (in Irish)

The Revd Canon David Oxley will lead Evening Prayer in the Irish Language, said in the Lady Chapel. All are welcome to attend. Translations are provided in the Order of Service.

Sunday 16th August & Sunday 23rd August

17:30

Guided Tours of the Cathedral

Join us for a free guided tour of the Cathedral for Heritage Week! The Cathedral has been witness to over 800 years of Dublin history and remains an iconic cultural and religious landmark to this day. Led by one of our expert guides, listen to some of our favourite stories from the Cathedral's past and present.

Monday 17th – Friday 21st August

15:00

Evening Lecture: Col Women in Revolutionary Period

A surprising number of women members of the Church of Ireland took part in various ways in the Easter Rising and subsequent conflicts. Albert Fenton, historian and Saint Patrick's Cathedral board member talks about some of them.

Monday 17th August

18:30

Lunchtime Recital

Rory Lynch (tenor) and Will Bosworth (piano), both Vicars Choral in the Cathedral Choir, will perform a lunchtime concert in the crossing in the Nave.

Tuesday 18th August

13:00

Heritage Week Events

For an up-to-date and comprehensive list of forthcoming events for Heritage Week, scan the QR code or visit the events page on our website.



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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

Safeguarding

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