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HRH The Duchess of Edinburgh presents shamrock for St Patrick's Day to Sergeant George Horner, who landed on Sword Beach on D-Day in 1944.

Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Edinburgh visited the 2nd Battalion, The Royal Irish Regiment (2 R IRISH) in Lisburn on Saturday, seeing them mark St Patrick's Day with a parade and presentation of shamrock.

This was Her Royal Highness' first visit to 2 Royal Irish as the Colonel-in-Chief of the Regiment since being handed the military role in August 2023.



The beloved Royal Irish mascot 'Brian Boru X', affectionately known as Conri, also had the honour of meeting Her Royal Highness who then went on to meet soldiers, their families and cadets. Conri was comforted by the Reverend Andrew Totten the Chaplain to the Regimental Association. Later this year the Regiment and the Association will participate in events marking the centenary of D-Day in 1944. The Royal Ulster Rifles was the only British regiment to have battalions on the beaches and airborne on D Day.

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Six Nations trophy appreciated



Joe McCarthy's brother Andrew with the Six Nations trophy after the Ireland v Scotland match at the Aviva Stadium on Saturday. ❤️



Lighting the Beacons in Down & Dromore

Light the Beacons was the theme for this year's annual St Patrick's Day festival which focussed on praying for a rekindling of the fire of faith that Patrick lit in Ireland almost 1600 years ago.

The diocesan celebrations took place in Downpatrick on Saturday and the festival continued yesterday with special prayer services in parishes.

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On Saturday, Bishop David McClay lit a symbolic fire at the end of the Festival Service and a representative from each church in the diocese took a torch and a container of concentrated paraffin oil back to their parish.


A photograph of a young girl with braided hair, wearing a blue top and a colorful patterned skirt, smiling and looking to the side. The background is dark purple with colorful vertical stripes on the left and right sides.

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On Sunday evening every church, large and small, held a special service of prayer for revival. “With beacons lit, we’ll be asking God to light the fire of the gospel in Ireland and in that local church context once again”. More tomorrow.



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No introduction of new rector and wife at Institution

All Saints' Church in Carnew was the venue for the institution of the Revd Canon David Bayne as incumbent of Tinahely and Carnew Union on Friday 15th March.

David had been priest in charge of the parish during the vacancy and so the tone of this institution service was a little different.

The Bishop in his sermon said that his role was not to introduce the newly arrived priest to the expectant and perhaps a little apprehensive congregation as they already knew their new rector and his wife Alison very well. David's previous stipendiary ministry had been entirely within the Scottish Episcopal Church and he still held an honorary canonry of St Mary's Cathedral in Glasgow.

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Following the service, a speech of welcome was made on behalf of the parish. Canon Bayne responded and thanked those who were there to support him, including a large number of his clerical colleagues. The fellowship continued over refreshments served in the nearby Scoil Bhríde.



University holocaust centre supports Jewish communities in Yorkshire

The University of Huddersfield’s “Holocaust Centre North”, a museum and archive of family possessions from survivors and refugees who found their way to Yorkshire, has become a place for connecting Jewish communities across the county.

Jewish News reports on how the Centre tells the story of around 150 families and individuals and has grown to become a hub for 350 Jewish people in the Huddersfield area and 30 students at the university, holding the first Shabbat service in the town for more than 60 years. The

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Jewish News reporter observes there were no protests nearby and the Centre was an accepted backdrop to everyday life at a multi-cultural university.

Rowan Williams: Church must face up to its racist history

The former Archbishop of Canterbury has suggested that Britain can draw valuable lessons from the Bible's candid approach to historical issues such as slavery.

Last year, the Church of England committed to a £100m fund to “address past wrongs of slavery”.

But the oversight group responsible for recommending how the fund will work has this week said it must be increased to £1bn to achieve its aims in good time.

According to Rowan Williams, entrenched "violently self-justifying national narratives" worldwide hinder a truthful reckoning with the less savoury aspects of respective countries' pasts.

Lord Williams, known for his theological expertise and authorship, has a history of addressing historical slavery issues.

In 2006, during his tenure as Archbishop, he urged the Church to acknowledge its involvement in transatlantic slavery, leading to a formal apology by the General Synod, the Church's legislative body.

Cathedral call

BBC Broadcast of St Patrick's Day Service from Ireland's National Cathedral

Radio listeners around Britain, Ireland and further afield joined in worship with the Choristers and Clergy of St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin, on St Patrick's Day (Sunday, 17th March).

The BBC's weekly Sunday from the Church of Ireland's National Cathedral – a place of worship for over eight hundred years – is available - contact below.

This Service of Matins, a traditional form of Anglican worship in mornings, was introduced by the Dean of St Patrick's, the Very Revd Dr William Morton, and led by the Dean's Vicar, Canon Charles Mullen. The preacher was Canon Simon Doogan, who is rector of Ballyholme parish in Bangor, County Down.

Music was led by Stuart Nicholson, as Master of the Music, and the organist was Dr Harry Meehan. The service included an anthem by the Dublin-born composer Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924), who had connections with St Patrick's in his early years while growing up in the city.

The programme is available to play back at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001xcgx>



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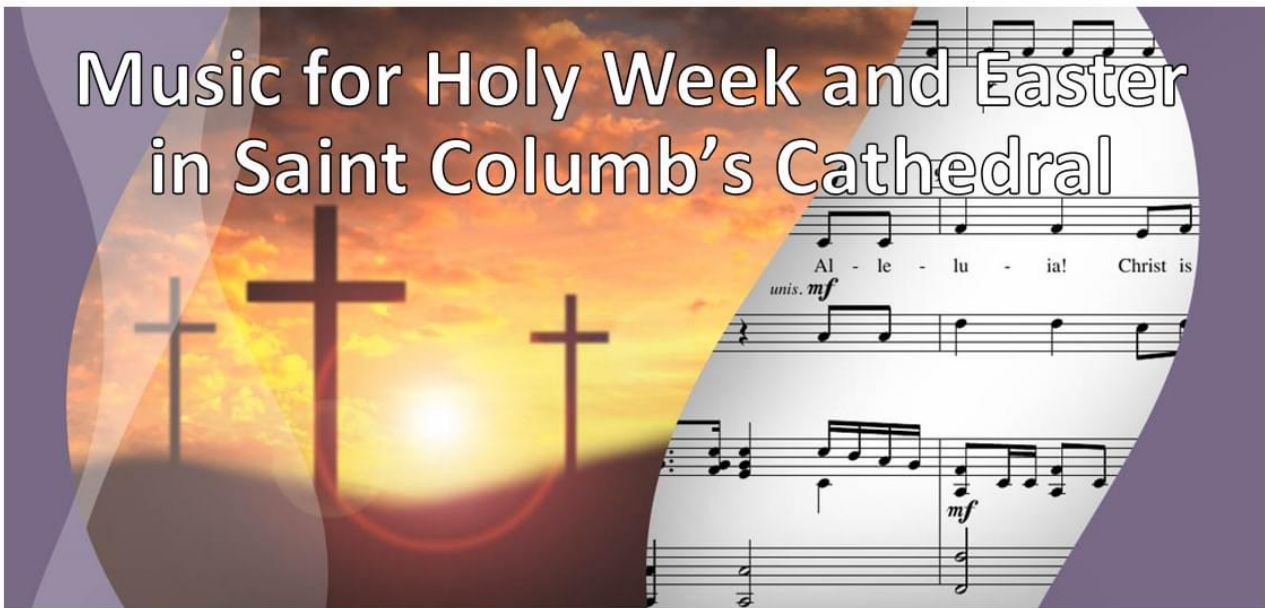
Richard Yarr comments - “Huge thanks to all the team at Christ Church Cathedral Dublin for today’s magnificent live edition of Choral Evensong for BBC Radio 3.”

“The choir’s performance was as fine as their hospitality. Huge thanks also to the Dean, Canon Paul Arbuthnot and Bishop Michael Jackson for their guiding hand and all who provided listeners with such a treat this St Patrick’s week.”

If you missed it, it’s well worth a listen!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001wyk>

Music for Holy Week and Easter in Saint Columb's Cathedral



Sunday 24 The Sixth Sunday in Lent - Palm Sunday / The Passion of our Lord

11am

Benedictus, *Harold Darke*
Steal away, arr. *John Barnard*
Were you there, arr. *Francis Westbrook*
God so loved the world, *John Stainer*

4pm

Choral Evensong
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in G by *Herbert Sumsion*
Anthem Thou knowest Lord by *Henry Purcell*.

Thursday 28 Maundy Thursday

7.30pm

Choral Eucharist of the Last Supper (Order Two)
Missa Brevis, *Palestrina*
Ave verum corpus, *William Byrd*

Friday 29 Good Friday / An Hour at the Cross

2pm

Pie Jesu, *Gabriel Faure*
Steal away to Jesus, arr. *John Barnard*

7.30pm

The Passion and Death of our Lord
Agnus Dei, *Charles Wood*
Reproaches, *John Sanders*
Nunc Dimittis in F major, *George Dyson*

Sunday 31 The First Sunday of Easter - Easter Day

11am

Festival Choral Eucharist (Order Two)
Easter Joy, *Andrew Carter*
Festival Eucharist, *Noel Rawsthorne*
Easter Song of Praise, *Richard Shephard*

4pm

Festival Choral Evensong with The Rite of Holy Baptism
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A major, *Henry Ley*
The Lord bless you and keep you, *John Rutter*

St Finbarre's Cork on Saint Patrick's Day

Festival and Civic Choral Eucharist for Saint Patrick's Day (09:15 17-03-2024). Scroll to Recordings here - [<https://www.corkcathedral.com/>]

History carved at St Columb's Cathedral

Al Richer writes - While doing a 10 day driving tour of Northern Ireland, I spent a couple of days in L.Derry, where we got a tour of St Columb's Cathedral from the Dean.

The reason being that my great great grandfather, Alfred Alford and his son hand carved the 250 pew heads in the church in the period 1855 to 1862. He even has a page in the brochure.

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Bookspot - The Jerusalem Scrolls

Two young Israeli boys discover an ancient red clay jar in a hidden cave tucked away in the Judean Desert near Qumran.

Inside the jar are several scrolls written by the Essenes two thousand years earlier, before the Great Jewish Revolt, including one legendary scroll engraved on silver that



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Perspective

George McLeod's re-wording of Patrick's Lorica (Breastplate) prayer.

George McLeod led the rebuilding of Iona Abbey and worked passionately for justice and peace, fuelled by



his vision of Christ in all things he invites you to take five minutes to ponder his poem of Saint Patrick.

Christ above us, Christ beneath us,
Christ beside us, Christ within us.
Invisible we see you, Christ above us.
With earthly eyes we see above us,
clouds or sunshine, grey or bright.
But with the eye of faith
we know you reign,

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instinct in the sun ray,
speaking in the storm,
warming and moving all creation,
Christ above us....

Invisible we see you, Christ beneath us.
With earthly eyes we see beneath us
stones and dust and dross....

But with the eyes of faith,
we know you uphold.

In you all things consist and hang together.

The very atom is light energy,
the grass is vibrant,
the rocks pulsate.

All is in flux;

turn but a stone and an angel moves.

Underneath are the everlasting arms.

Unknowable we know you, Christ beneath us.

Inapprehensible we know you, Christ beside us.

With earthly eyes we see men and women,
exuberant or dull, tall or small.

But with the eye of faith,
we know you dwell in each.

You are imprisoned in the ... dope fiend and the drunk,
dark in the dungeon, but you are there.

You are released, resplendent,
in the loving mother, . . . the passionate bride,
and in every sacrificial soul.

Inapprehensible we know you, Christ beside us.

Intangible, we touch you, Christ within us.

With earthly eyes we see ourselves,
dust of the dust, earth of the earth....

But with the eye of faith,
we know ourselves all girt about of eternal stuff,

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our minds capable of Divinity,
our bodies groaning, waiting for the revealing,
our souls redeemed, renewed.
Intangible we touch you, Christ within us.
Christ above us, beneath us,
beside us, within us,
what need have we for temples made with hands?

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