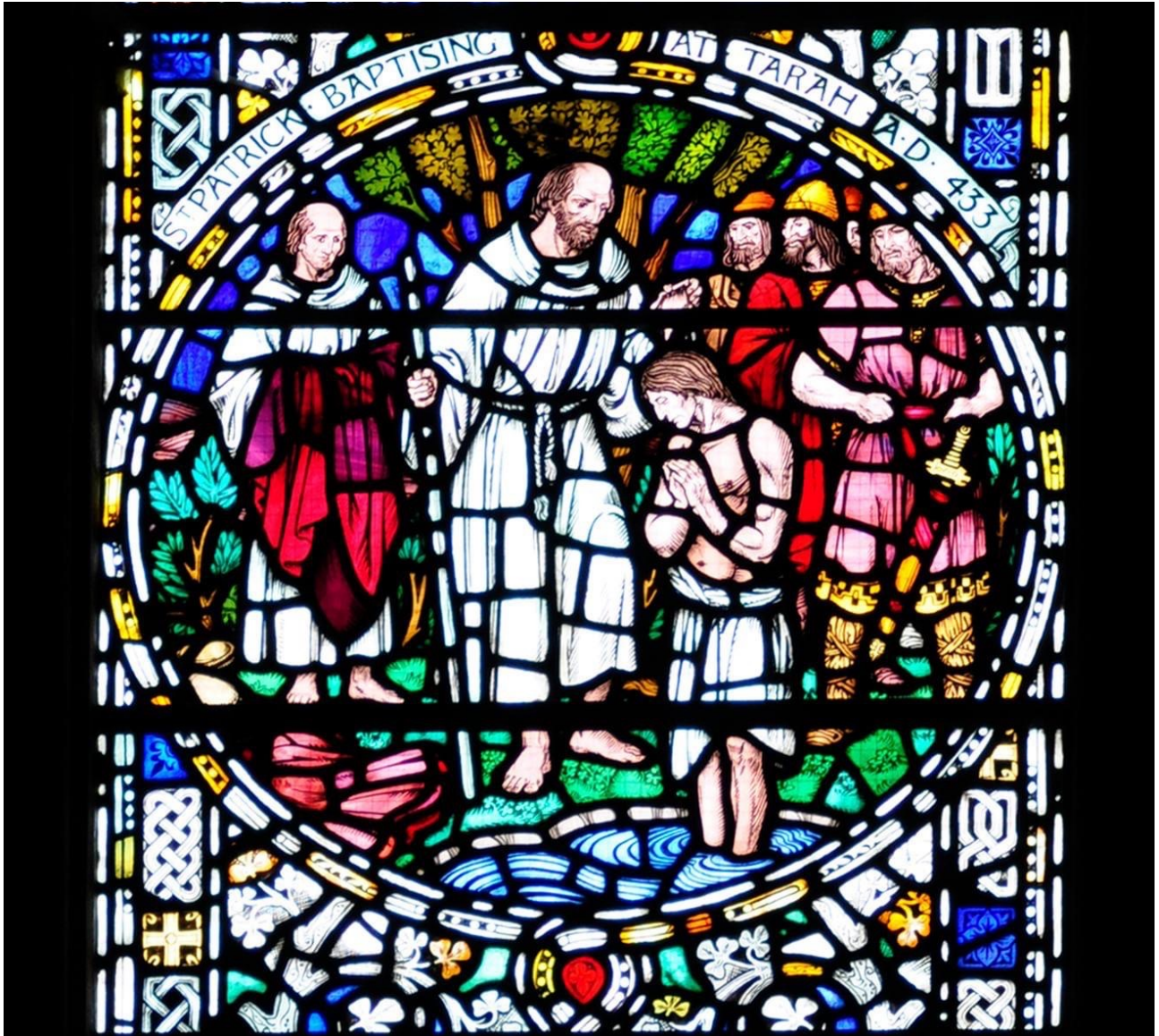


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**Image of the day – Belfast's Baptism at Tara**

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## Image of the day

### Belfast's Baptism at Tara

One of the windows in the baptistry at St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast shows St Patrick baptising at the Hill of Tara on 433 AD.

## People and places

### St. Patrick's Breastplate

**This prayer of Ireland's patron saint has come down through the centuries and remains popular today. Perhaps because it's more relevant than ever.**

St. Patrick's Breastplate is a Christian hymn whose original old Irish lyrics were traditionally attributed to Saint Patrick and his Irish ministry in the 5th century.

Some authorities state it is a hymn of protection on a journey. It is written in the style of a druidic incantation for protection on a journey. It is part of the Liber Hymnorum, a collection of hymns found in two manuscripts kept in Dublin.

The prayer is known as "Faeth Fiada" or the "Lorica of St. Patrick" (St. Patrick's Breast-Plate) and was first edited by Petrie in his "History of Tara."

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The words were translated into English verse by Cecil Frances Alexander in 1889 and set to two traditional Irish tunes, "St. Patrick" and "Deirdre."

The hymn, also known by some by its opening line "I bind unto myself today", is currently included in the Lutheran Service Book, Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, The Church of England Hymnal, the Irish Church Hymnal and The Hymnal (1982) of the U.S. Episcopal Church.

It is often sung during the celebration of the Feast of Saint Patrick on or near March 17, as well as on Trinity Sunday. In many churches, it is unique among standard hymns

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because the variations in length and meter of verses mean that at least three different tunes must be used.

Below, hear a BBC recording of "a broadcast from St Patrick's Cathedral Dublin on St Patrick's Day 17 March 1982, with the cathedral choir under the direction of John Dexter. Organ Scholar: David Adams:"  
[<https://music.youtube.com/tasteprofile>]



## **Saint Patrick in Saint Patrick's Cathedral**

In the Cathedral, you will find a statue of Saint Patrick. It was made by Irish artist, Melanie Le Brocqy.

The retired Bishop of Limerick, Bishop Edwin Owen,



donated it to the Cathedral and it was unveiled by the Earl of Rosse and dedicated by the Dean, Very Rev Dr Robert MacCarthy in 2001.

## **St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen Thanksgiving for 400 years of worship**

**The Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, the Most Revd John McDowell, will be the preacher at a major milestone in the history of St. Macartin's Cathedral, Enniskillen on Friday, 24 March at 7.30pm.**

The Cathedral will be hosting a Thanksgiving Service to mark 400 years of worship on this site.





## St Macartin's Cathedral

The parish of Enniskillen was formed in 1622 and St Macartin's Cathedral, formerly St Anne's Church has stood for 400 years at one of the highest spots in Enniskillen and has been a spiritual beacon and home for many generations of Christians.

Today, St Macartin's is still committed to providing a welcoming home to all who are seeking to deepen and develop their spiritual lives and their relationship with God.

The Rowan tree leaves and berries are symbolic with the name Macartin, which means, "Son of the Rowan Tree."



## Youth Fellowship members prepare for India and the Ireland Under 18 Rugby Squad

**Three of the amazing young people from Loughgall & Grange Youth Fellowship are heading to India in October as part of the Royal School Armagh trip with ASHA to work in the slums.**

The Parish said - We wish them every blessing as their fundraising is now under way and look forward to supporting them in every way we can.



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A special mention for Lucy as she has also been picked for the Ireland Under 18 Rugby Squad for the upcoming Six Nations!! A wonderful achievement!



**Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg, Donaghmore & Scarva**  
***Service of Royal Hymns for the Coronation***  
**In the presence of the Lord Lieutenant for Co. Down**  
**& the Lord Mayor of ABC Council**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.00 pm**  
**In Aghaderg Parish Church,**  
**Loughbrickland**  
**Preacher: Revd Rodney Magennis M.th.**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

## Invitation to service marking Coronation

You are welcome to a service being hosted by the Grouped Parishes of Aghaderg (Loughbrickland), Donaghmore and Scarva on Sunday 30th April 2023 at 7.00pm to mark the Coronation of King Charles III, in the presence of the Lord Lieutenant for Co. Down and the Lord Mayor of Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon District Council.

## 28,000 attend Galway Novena

28,000 in attendance, 40 hours of prayer and reflection, 200 volunteers, 9 faith filled speakers, 9 days that was the



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inspirational Galway Novena 2023! Míle buíochas to Msgr Peter and Fr John Gerard and all who made it possible.

## Eglantine Hog Roast

A Hog Roast organised by Eglantine Bowling club was a huge success with a packed hall. Wonderful food and entertainment was enjoyed by all! The Lisburn parish



expresses a big thank you to all who organised the event and to all those who came along and supported it.



The 2023 RBAI Spring Concert will take place on Wed 22nd and Thurs 23rd March. The Music Department promises a lively and colourful performance with music ranging from Mozart to The Police. Tickets (£7/£5) may be purchased in advance from the School Office, or at the door on each evening.

**The Charles Wood Singers is a unique choral course which takes place during the Charles Wood Festival of**



## **Music and Summer School in Armagh. (20 - 27 August 2023).**

Participants will have the opportunity to develop their vocal technique, musicianship and ensemble skills under the expert direction of our Artistic Director David Hill (Conductor, The Bach Choir), our Associate Conductor Philip Scriven (Organist-in-Residence, Cranleigh School) and our Specialist Vocal Coach Paul Farrington.

Applications are welcome from all those:

- +aged 18 or above on 20th August 2023
- +who are grade 8 standard or above
- +with previous experience of choral singing
- +who can demonstrate sufficient levels of enthusiasm and skill, including sight-reading, to meet the challenge of an intensive week of musical study

New applicants are asked to send a video recording of themselves singing one art song and one aria from an oratorio. This can be recorded on a mobile phone or other device, and an accompaniment track can be used. Please send your video recording to [charleswoodfestival@gmail.com](mailto:charleswoodfestival@gmail.com). Your application is only complete once you have submitted your video.

Shortlisted applicants will be invited for a remote audition which will include a short sight-singing excerpt. The excerpt will be emailed during the audition and will be unaccompanied.

In order to apply, please fill out the application form at -

<https://www.charleswoodsummerschool.org/charles-wood-singers>

The deadline for applications is Monday 1st May. If you have any queries, please contact [charleswoodfestival@gmail.com](mailto:charleswoodfestival@gmail.com)

## News reports

### Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, delivers a loyalty speech to the new King of Great Britain.

**Last Thursday Charles III, King of the United Kingdom, received the so-called Privileged Bodies.**

The Privileged Bodies are culturally significant organisations and institutions that reflect the United Kingdom's diverse society, drawn from the education sector, as well as incorporating science, arts, and religious institutions. Traditionally, the Privileged Bodies are given the opportunity to present Loyal Addresses to the Monarch, representing the key role they play in British society.

Here is the address of Cardinal Vincent Nichols, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster.

Your Majesty, On behalf of the Catholic community in England and Wales, I thank you for the privilege of offering you this expression of our highest esteem for Your Majesty



St Columba's Parish Church, Knock  
27 King's Road, Belfast BT5 6JG

# The CRUCIFIXION



*by John Stainer*

Fr Martin O'Hagan *tenor*  
Adam Reaney *bass*

St Columba's Cantors & Choir  
Alfred Casement *organ*  
Joe McKee *director*

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7.30pm**

Voluntary Donations to Church Funds

*Tea & coffee will be available after the performance.*

and our  
assurance of  
loyalty to you  
in your service  
of our nations.

In doing so I  
assure you  
that there  
remains in our  
hearts a most  
special place  
for our late  
Queen  
Elizabeth. She  
is  
remembered  
in our prayers,  
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thanksgiving  
to God for the  
remarkable  
and unique  
role she  
played not  
only in the  
great events  
of the last 95  
years but also  
in the lives of  
so many  
individuals  
and

communities. We pray that she now has an everlasting place in heaven, embraced by the splendour and glory of God, to whom she was so devoted.

Your Majesty, we rejoice in your Accession. For so many years we have observed your desire and unstinting efforts to explore and enhance the well-being of the entire human family, through your commitment to religious faith, to the protection of the environment, to the relief of poverty, to the promotion of beauty in architecture and living conditions, and your steadfast opposition to religious persecution.

**“God’s grace is held out to us  
in the cross and resurrection  
of Jesus Christ alone, and not  
through anything we do  
ourselves. That’s good news  
for failures.”**

***Failure* by Emma Ineson**  
**Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book**



Your Majesty, at this solemn moment I wish to assure you that the Catholic community is profoundly supportive of these fundamental concerns. We strive to offer to our society, Your Kingdom, an education to young people that is rooted in faith and its consequent commitment to human dignity, expressive of service to those most in need and inspired by a vocational call to contribute to the common good and a shared prosperity.

Our faith demands that we have a particular concern for the fate and future of those fleeing violence and poverty, for those trapped in human trafficking and modern slavery, for those dedicated by their profession to the service of the sick and poor, among whom are many Catholics from numerous countries of the world. The Catholic community in our nations today draws together and holds together in a common faith people from different nationalities, languages, cultures and customs, helping them to find a settled way of life here and to be generous contributors to the common good. Our parishes and communities are places of rich human diversity, outreach and profound communion.

When you addressed faith leaders in September last year, you told us that ‘the beliefs that flourish in, and contribute to, our richly diverse society differ. They, and our society, can only thrive through a clear collective commitment to those vital principles of freedom of conscience, generosity of spirit and care for others which are, to me, the essence of our nationhood.’ These are values that the Catholic Church holds dear indeed.

Your Majesty, as you approach the solemn moment of your Coronation, and in all the kingly service that you will

continue to give in the years to come, I assure you, with great confidence, of the support and prayers of the Catholic community in England and Wales. May God bless Your Majesty and your Queen Consort, preserve you both in health of mind and body and grant you every grace and blessing now and for the years to come. ✠ Cardinal Vincent Nichols

## **Praise for PSNI on Moderator's pastoral visit**

**The Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland (PCI), Right Reverend Dr John Kirkpatrick, has praised the work of the Police Service of Northern Ireland on a visit to Ardmore Police Station in Newry.**

During his visit he met police officers on duty and was briefed by senior PSNI personnel.

Dr Kirkpatrick was on the final leg of his weeklong pastoral tour of one of PCI's 19 regional presbyteries, the Presbytery of Newry, which takes in part of, but not all of, the PSNI's Newry Mourne and Down District. During his tour Dr Kirkpatrick has met with local ministers, preached in local congregations, visited farmers and members of the local fishing community, senior healthcare staff and chaplains at Daisy Hill Hospital and the Southern Area Hospice.

The Moderator was welcomed by Chief Superintendent Muir Clark, South Area Commander and Superintendent Norman Haslett, District Commander of Newry Mourne and Down District, who also briefed the Moderator and his colleagues from the Presbytery.





Thanking the senior officers for their welcome, briefing and hospitality, Dr Kirkpatrick said, “First and foremost I wanted to come today with my colleagues to encourage those whose responsibility it is to keep everyone safe. It was also important for us to listen and to learn and to offer to pray. While today’s meeting was arranged before the attack on Detective Chief Inspector John Caldwell in Omagh two weeks ago, together with the recent threat to family members of police officers, are terrible and unacceptable reminders of the dangers that still exist.

“We owe a great debt of gratitude to those in the Police Service who are not only drawn from all sections of the community, but motivated by a strong sense of public duty to serve the whole community. My colleagues and I assured

Chief Superintendent Clark and Superintendent Haslett of the prayers and the support of our churches locally and across Northern Ireland.

Dr Kirkpatrick concluded by saying, “The PSNI is very much part of building the peace across society, not simply keeping it. We very much appreciated the briefing on the policing district, the challenges faced and the initiatives that are being undertaken. We were very impressed with the innovative ways the Neighbourhood Policing Team are working to normalise relationships in the community, especially harnessing new and fun technology to engage young people.”

The Moderator, was joined on the visit by his wife Joan, Rev David McCullagh, minister of Annalong Presbyterian Church, and newly appointed Clerk to the Newry Presbytery and Karen Jardine, PCI’s Public Affairs Officer.

South Area Commander, Chief Superintendent Muir Clark said: “We were delighted to welcome the Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland, Rev Dr John Kirkpatrick, along with other members of the church to Ardmore Police Station today.

“The group were introduced to officers who provided details on local policing within Newry, Mourne and Down and how our neighbourhood and local policing teams continue to work to make the community a safer place for the people who live and work here,” he said.

“Churches play an influential part in giving us a sense of community and over the years - and especially through

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some of the worst times - they have been a force for stability. It was our pleasure to welcome Dr Kirkpatrick and I wish him well for the future.”

## Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

### Organ recital series from Trinity, Wall Street, New York

**On Tuesday we were thrilled at the restart of the Pipes at One weekly Tuesday organ recital series as part of a wider Concerts at One with a rousing program by the talented Amelie Held.**

In preparation for Thomas Gaynor’s recital next Tuesday on the celebrated three-manual Noack organ, they are diving into “How Pipe Organs Work.” Learn more about Trinity's pipe organs at [trinitywallstreet.org/pipeorgans](https://trinitywallstreet.org/pipeorgans) and see you at 1pm ( NY time) sharp up at St. Paul's Chapel!

## Poem for today

### Remembering Carrigskeewaun by Michael Longley

A wintry night, the hearth inhales  
And the chimney becomes a windpipe  
Fluffy with soot and thistledown,



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A voice-box recalling animals:  
The leveret come of age, snipe  
At an angle, then the porpoises'  
Demonstration of meaningless smiles.  
Home is a hollow between the waves,  
A clump of nettles, feathery winds,  
And memory no longer than a day  
When the animals come back to me  
From the townland of Carrigskeewaun,  
From a page lit by the Milky Way.

## Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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