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The parish schools wished the Ven. Adrian Wilkinson, Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, Godspeed as he left to prepare for his episcopal ordination. See page 10.

News reports

Friends of Cathedral Music appreciate Irish visit



Following a long weekend spent in Dublin and Cork a spokesperson for Friends of Cathedral Music said, “We

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have enjoyed wonderful music and tremendous hospitality here in Dublin - at St Patrick's in the afternoon and at St Mary's in the evening.



“Some of St Patrick's choristers sang for us, displaying beautiful tone, then at St Mary's the Palestrina Choir provided an amazing Choral Vespers - what a professional and tuneful choir. Very many thanks to Stuart Nicholson, Dean William Morton, Blanaid Murphy, David Greal, Germaine Carlos, Fr Kieran and so many others.”



A wonderful Friends Gathering Dinner was held in Christ Church Crypt. Clergy and musicians from all three cathedrals came together to enjoy a lovely meal, great company and a fascinating and amusing after-dinner speech from musician and academic, David O'Shea.

The Friends said they were very privileged to attend an amazing evening organ recital given by the very talented David Leigh at St Patrick's Cathedral - provided exclusively for the Dublin and Cork Gathering attendees.

50th anniversary of the opening of Catholic Chaplaincy at Queen's

Students, staff, alumni and friends were welcomed to a Dedication of Studies Mass, which this year coincided with the 50th anniversary of the opening of Chaplaincy on 15 October 1972.



Bishop Treanor recalled with gratitude all those who'd contributed over decades to the growth of the Chaplaincy as a vibrant, Christ-centred community of faith and friendship at the heart of the University. He welcomed news of Chaplaincy's plans to redevelop its landmark building to include student accommodation and a much-needed upgrade of chaplaincy facilities.

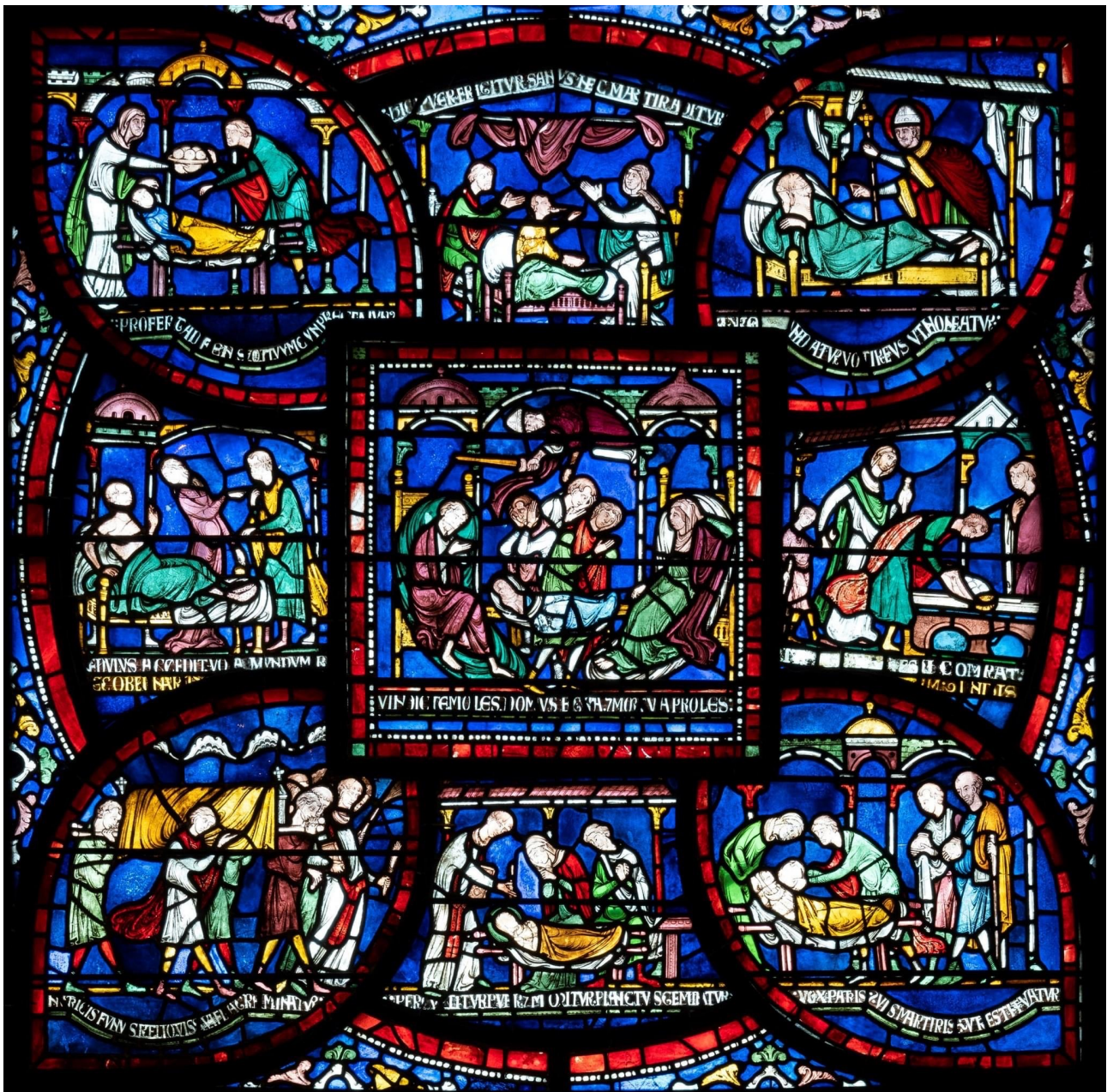
Describing these developments as contributing to ‘a new and exciting chapter in Chaplaincy’s distinguished record of service to Queen’s’ he also welcomed warmly its partnership with FOCUS - the Fellowship of Catholic University Students - which he said would contribute to the delivery of ‘world-class faith and pastoral supports to our young people.’

The Bishop concluded by making his own the prayer of Pope Francis when he met with Queen’s students earlier this year at the Vatican: ‘May you continue to contribute to a culture of encounter in the university setting, and thus contribute to building up Ireland’s noble traditions of hospitality, reconciliation, fidelity to the Gospel and steadfastness in the pursuit of holiness.’

Huge thanks was expressed to all who made the celebration so memorable, especially the Chaplaincy Choir, Canticle, for their wonderful music and song, and the team at Mosaic Cafe for the delicious 1970s-themed food. Here's to another 50 golden years!

Songs of Praise broadcast centres on Armagh this Sunday

BBC One TV’s favourite ‘Songs of Praise’ will broadcast from Armagh this Sunday. With its two Cathedrals and world-renowned Observatory, it will showcase Armagh's place as a centre of faith and science - with a well-deserved nod to the famous Bramley apple orchards!



The lunch-time BBC One favourite will be hosted by Northern Ireland presenter Claire McCollum.

The Carrickfergus native will learn much of what Armagh has to offer and delve into its history and its people. She will meet Christians in the city of Armagh and discover how faith has flourished there throughout the ages.

According to the BBC One pre-show heads-up, she will visit “the cathedral city of Armagh to find out how it became

known as the centre of the Christian faith in Ireland after St Patrick built his first stone church on a hill in the city”.

And it adds: “The city is now home to two major cathedrals, one for the Church of Ireland and the other for the Roman Catholic Church.

“Claire visits the foundations of St Patrick’s first stone church, where archaeologists have found evidence of pre-Christian worship on the same site, and meets the Very Rev Shane Forster, Dean of Armagh, to find out how faith has shaped the identity of the city and its people.”

Claire will also visit the Armagh Observatory, founded by Archbishop Richard Robinson in 1789, to make Armagh a centre of science as well as faith.

There she meets a PhD student at the Observatory – to learn about the research centre’s Christian ethos – and looks through the world’s oldest telescope to be still housed in its original dome.

To the good folk of Armagh, home will always be ‘the orchard county’, but viewers will see how the name is well-earned, as Claire goes apple picking with a Christian family during harvest to find out what role faith plays in farming.

This is not the first time Songs of Praise has come from Armagh; Eamonn Holmes has previously hosted the programme from the city of Saints and Scholars.

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With locally recorded music from Ballymena, Down Cathedral in Downpatrick and Orangefield Presbyterian, Belfast, and a special performance from Blessing Annatoria,

Songs of Praise from Armagh will be shown on BBC One this Sunday, October 23, at 1.15pm. and afterwards at bbc.in/3eMr8D9

From St Canices to Christchurch Oxford

Congratulations to Jim Parmeter, former Choral Scholar of St Canice's cathedral choir, who has commenced as an Academical Clerk with Christchurch Cathedral Oxford, following his richly deserved and well earned choral scholarship.



Here he is in his choir robes, alongside Bartosz Thiede (also formerly of St

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Canices), who encouraged and assisted him in securing this role, and Lisa Hennessy of Kilkenny College. We wish him well in his musical endeavours and his studies at Oxford, where he is reading Theology, and assure him of the warmest of welcomes on any visits to Kilkenny.

Thank you and farewell to the Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

On Sunday 16th October 2022, the Ven. Adrian Wilkinson, Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross, took his final service at St Luke's Church, Douglas where he was presented with his pectoral cross before he is leaving the Diocese to become Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory.

On the previous Sunday, a Diocesan Farewell Service was held at St Fin Barre's Cathedral during Evensong. Throughout his last week in Cork, Cloyne and Ross, the parish schools also wished the Archdeacon farewell and thanked him for his many years as their chaplain.

Adrian was ordained both Deacon (1994) and Priest (1995) at St Fin Barre's Cathedral in Cork, and has subsequently served as Curate in Douglas Union of Parishes with Frankfield for three years, before he moved to the Diocese of Meath and Kildare. Upon returning to Cork, Cloyne and Ross in 2002 he served as Incumbent of Douglas Union for twenty years, and as the Archdeacon of Cork, Cloyne and Ross for the past eight years.



Following his election as Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, Adrian said: I am humbled and honoured to have been elected Bishop of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory. While I will be sorry to leave Cork, a place where I have served very happily for over twenty years, I look forward to this new chapter in ministry. My childhood years were spent in Cashel, Ferns and Ossory and I look forward to working with the clergy and people there in the years ahead, as we proclaim our faith in word and action.

During Evensong at St Fin Barre's Cathedral on Sunday, 9th October, Ms Dorothy Verplancke thanked the Archdeacon on behalf of all the lay people in the diocese.

Adrian is a selfless giver who has never made anybody feel that their issues impact on his personal time. His kind, gentle, caring, and sensitive pastoral approach underscore his Ministry. He relates to people and he listens to people [...] He exercises a calm and measured approach. These skills and gifts will serve him well [...]. This Bishop Designate will be quickly recognised for his calm and



The Archdeacon and his family with the Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross after the service. “lead by example” leadership. A leadership, which will be enabling of others.

considered It would be remiss of me not to mention Jacqui, and Adrian and Jacqui’s family, and to thank them for the support and encouragement which has enabled Adrian to take on the role of Archdeacon, in the Dioceses.

Despite the fact that we are very sad that you are leaving us, we are all very proud of you, and we all wish you God’s richest blessings as you will soon embark on the next chapter of your Ministry.

The Dean of Cork, the Very Rev. Nigel Dunne spoke on behalf of all the clergy in the Diocese, and presented Adrian with an episcopal ring, a gift that is traditionally given by the

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clergy of the diocese where the new Bishop is coming from. The Dean of Cork explained:

The centrepiece of the episcopal ring is an amethyst. Medieval European soldiers wore amethyst amulets as protection in battle in the belief that they heal people and keep them cool-headed. We know that one of the hallmarks of our Archdeacon's ministry has always been faithful and calm service, a sense of getting on with the serving life of the priest without fuss – what he's often called 'doing the

A vertical poster for a Cathedral Choir Concert. The background is a gradient of blue and purple with large, overlapping circles and musical notes. The text is white and centered. At the bottom, there is a large, stylized treble clef on the left side.

**Cathedral Choir
Concert**
in St Macartin's Cathedral,
Enniskillen
on
Sunday 23rd October 2022
at 7.30pm

Everyone welcome
Proceeds in aid of the
Cathedral Organ Fund

plod'. It may not be obvious to those of us who are ordained that in a particular moment, by the simplest act or conversation, that we have brought peace and healing to people's lives. That is an important skill that the Archdeacon will bring into his new office, whether that be to individuals, the wider diocesan family of Cashel, Ferns and Ossory, or the wider Church of Ireland.

The Archdeacon's level-headedness and calm approach to things is well known and is no doubt not only his natural disposition but also rooted in much prayer. We thank Adrian for that and pray that he will continue to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in what will no doubt be a demanding role.

We, the clergy of the Diocese thank you for your service among us [...] and we all wish you every blessing in this new phase of ministry and assure you of our continued prayers for you too.

Garvagh man loses long-held record

George Canning FRS, with roots in Garvagh, near Coleraine, N Ireland, was a British Tory statesman. He held various senior cabinet positions under numerous prime ministers, including two important terms as Foreign Secretary, finally becoming Prime Minister of the United Kingdom for the last 118 days of his life, from April to August 1827.

Now, his record of having been prime minister for the shortest time has been overtaken by Liz Truss



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Fitzroy Sunday -Tearfund's peacebuilding and rehabilitation work

This Sunday at 7pm, Fitzroy Presbyterian will be hosting Tearfund's Country Director in DRC, Hebdavi Kyeye, as he shares how Tearfund's peacebuilding and rehabilitation work is transforming communities in one of the hardest places to live on Earth.

They hope you can join them

Rev Trevor Kelly and wife Aurelia now 'together eternally' after they died 11 months apart

A Cookstown teacher and cleric who died suddenly is now 'together for all eternity in the presence of God' with his wife who died 11 months before him, mourners heard yesterday.

Rev Trevor Kelly died on 15 October at Antrim Area Hospital, after a short illness. His wife Aurelia tragically died following a road accident in November last year.

His service of thanksgiving was held on Wednesday in St Colmanell's Parish Church, Ahoghill – however the church was unable to hold all the mourners.

The couple are survived by their two children, Andrew, 27 and Rebecca, a second year student at Ballymena Academy.

Mr Kelly was a member of the College Senior Leadership Team and college chaplain at Hazelwood Integrated College in Newtownabbey. He also worked as a part-time curate in Drummaul, Duneane and Ballyscullion (Ranalstown) in Co Antrim.

Rev Malcolm Ferry, rector of Agherton Parish, (Portstewart) who shared a flat with Trevor at Stranmillis, paid tribute.

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“He was industrious... he was a worker” he said, noting he only ever recalled him ever being “distracted” once; when his later-to-be wife arrived at a social gathering. “The rest as they say is history”.



Trevor was “very highly regarded” at Hazelwood, where he was dedicated to the development of the pupils. There, he pioneered the role of chaplaincy, looking after the mental health and “mind, body and soul” of students. “The school are mourning too today.”

However he suggested his “greatest career” was in the home with his children, to whom Trevor had drawn even closer since the loss of their mother. “The sudden and tragic loss of his soulmate was a test of all tests and I think Trevor came through it with an A star, he rose to that tragedy.

“Trevor Kelly’s life was to be lived out as a Christian in the way he attracted you to himself and the God he worshipped.” This later led to his ordination, he added.

He is now laid to rest with his wife. “The perfectness of that first meeting in that room in Stranmillis is now complete in the resting place here in this beautiful place, knowing with confidence the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead – that death has been conquered. They are together now in the presence of God – together for all eternity.”

Report by Philip Bradfield courtesy of The Newsletter.

Webinars, music, resources, broadcasts, and books

Flourish! Suicide Prevention Online Training

The Flourish! team are planning an online theological training module via Zoom for Thursday 10th November 2022 with the first session being from 10:30am-12noon and session two from 12:30pm-2pm.

Flourish! is a partnership between Lighthouse Ireland and clergy from Churches throughout Northern Ireland aimed at suicide prevention.

It is backed by the Public Health Agency and has the support of Ireland’s four main Church Leaders.



Claire Hogarth, Fundraising Lead at Flourish said, “The aim of these training modules is to explore the relationship between the theological understanding of suicide, mental health and how this translates into pastoral action.

“We invite all clergy, youth workers, church lay readers, lay pastoral workers and staff representatives from churches of all denominations to attend.”

To book your place, contact info@wewillflourish.com – discover more about Flourish! by logging on to www.wewillflourish.com.

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Poem for today

October by Patrick Kavanagh

O yellow leafiness you create for me
A world that was and now is poised above time,
I do not need to puzzle out Eternity
As I walk this arboreal street on the edge of a town.
The breeze too, even the temperature
And pattern of movement is precisely the same
as broke my heart for youth passing. Now I am sure
Of something. Something will be mine wherever I am.
I want to throw myself on the public street without caring
for anything but the praying that the earth offers.
It is October over all my life and the light is staring
as it caught me once in a plantation by the fox coverts.
A man is ploughing ground for winter wheat
And my nineteen years weigh heavily on my feet.

Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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