

# Church News Ireland



*Nina Yelenchuk performs a traditional Ukrainian welcome dance.*

**Image of the day**  
**Ukrainian students showcase their culture to thank Irish school**



*The students and Nina Yelenchuk perform in Temple Carrig School.*

## **Ukrainian students at Greystones school share their culture, history and food**

**Ukrainian students at Temple Carrig School in Greystones gave their fellow students and visitors a wonderful taste of their country's vibrant culture, history and food (Thursday November 17).**

A total of 18 Ukrainian students attend Temple Carrig across various year groups and they, with the help of their parents, organised the event to show their appreciation for the welcome they have received.





*Ukrainian students at Temple Carrig School with the invited guests.*

Their celebration of Ukraine featured songs, including their National Anthem and a traditional carol as well as a performance on guitar. A traditional welcome dance (Pryvit) was performed by Nina Yelenchuk who travelled from Portlaoise for the event and she also performed a new dance with the students. The audience was given a visual tour of Ukraine's major cities, the names of which have become so familiar since February, and they were also treated to a presentation on the cultural contributions made by Ukrainians. This was all followed by delicious homemade borscht and dumplings. They thanked the school community for their kindness.

Speaking in Ukrainian, the school's principal Alan Cox, welcomed everyone. His words were translated into English by Ukrainian student, Eva Trachuk. "When we knew we



*Among the invited guests was the school's patron, Archbishop Michael Jackson, local clergy Canon David Mungavin and the Revd Nigel Waugh, Aubrey McCarthy of Tiglin in whose Greystones centre the students live, and local TD Jennifer Whitemore.*

needed to welcome people from Ukraine to our small town, we didn't know what to do. But we already 100% knew that we wanted to help," Mr Cox stated through his interpreter.

"All our thoughts were with your souls. We were glad to welcome you and gave us a lot in your spirit, culture and kindness. It is a big privilege that you came to us. Parents, your children have really strong spirits. They are kind and funny. You came here like neighbours but now you are



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friends,” he said.



*Students, teachers and guests enjoying the celebration of Ukraine.*

After the performance Archbishop Jackson thanked the students for their performance. “You have welcomed us into your hearts and your culture. You have enriched our understanding of Ukraine. We pray for peace for your people and in your country,” he commented.





## Jubilee Pollinator Garden opens in Magheralin

**Having been awarded the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Pollinator Garden Award, a grant of £100,000, in May of this year, Magheralin Parish has created a beautiful garden in the church grounds.**

The Garden of Reflection which officially opened on Friday 18 November, is a space to be shared and enjoyed by pollinators and people alike. It is a garden for the whole community, a place of beauty to be still and enjoy creation.

At the ribbon-cutting ceremony Judith Kinnen, Outreach Operations Manager, spoke on behalf of the parish and thanked all those who have been involved in the project; the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs for providing the grant and Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful for the administration and continued advice and support throughout the project. Judith also thanked the designers, Waddington-McClure, the garden contractors, New Landscapes, and the children from Maralin Village Primary

School and St Patrick's, Magheralin, who helped to plant bulbs.

Secretary to the Select Vestry, Mildred Dawson, cut the ribbon with help from a pupil from Maralin Village Primary School.

Revd Simon Genoe, Rector of Magheralin, said:

“The piece of land beside us was something of a wasteland in the middle of our lovely village, but I hope it now becomes a place that the whole community can be proud of. This is a place for everyone, and we hope that it encourages a buzz of both wildlife and of people to spend time here.

“Given the occasion for this garden was the Jubilee, we found it fitting that the Queen's favourite psalm, included in both her wedding and her funeral would be a part of the Garden. Psalm 23 is one of the most familiar of all scriptures, known by Christians and non-Christians alike. It describes an experience of being guided, cared for and refreshed by the presence of God through the ups and downs of life's journey, including lying down in green pastures.

“We want this garden to be a place that is good for nature where life flourishes, and we also want it to be good for people, where their physical, social, mental, emotional and spiritual wellbeing flourishes too.”

Also present at the official opening were Bishop David McClay, the local MP Carla Lockhart, representatives of the church select vestry, the garden committee and Magheralin Community Association.



## Newcastle Monday Lunch Club offering a warm welcome to all

From 21st November the Parish Centre, at 14 Main Street, Newcastle will be open every Monday 10am-2pm, when a group of volunteers will serve complimentary scones and tea/coffee from 10am-11am and a free lunch 12-1pm. Newspapers will be available.

The organisers say that the lunch club will provide the opportunity to get out of the house, meet old friends and make new ones in a warm, friendly setting over a nice hot

# Going Deeper

*Time aside with the Lord*

**10am - 4pm Saturday 26th November**  
at CCN  
**468 Shore Road, Whiteabbey  
Newtownabbey  
BT37 0AB**

**Worship - Teaching - Loughshore Emmaus Walk  
Fellowship - Listening to the Lord  
Prayer Ministry - Activation**

***Bring packed lunch and notebook***

**To register interest:  
email: [fergus@divinehealingministries.org](mailto:fergus@divinehealingministries.org)**





meal.....there may be opportunities to play chess, cards and sing songs, but there's no obligation to join in! Wifi is available in the centre.

There will be a volunteer-led befriending service, offering support and companionship to people who feel or are at risk of becoming lonely and/or socially isolated.

The lunch club may be able to arrange transport to and from the Parish Centre for you. Contact Brenda  
[brenda@parishofmaghera.com](mailto:brenda@parishofmaghera.com) 07840028461

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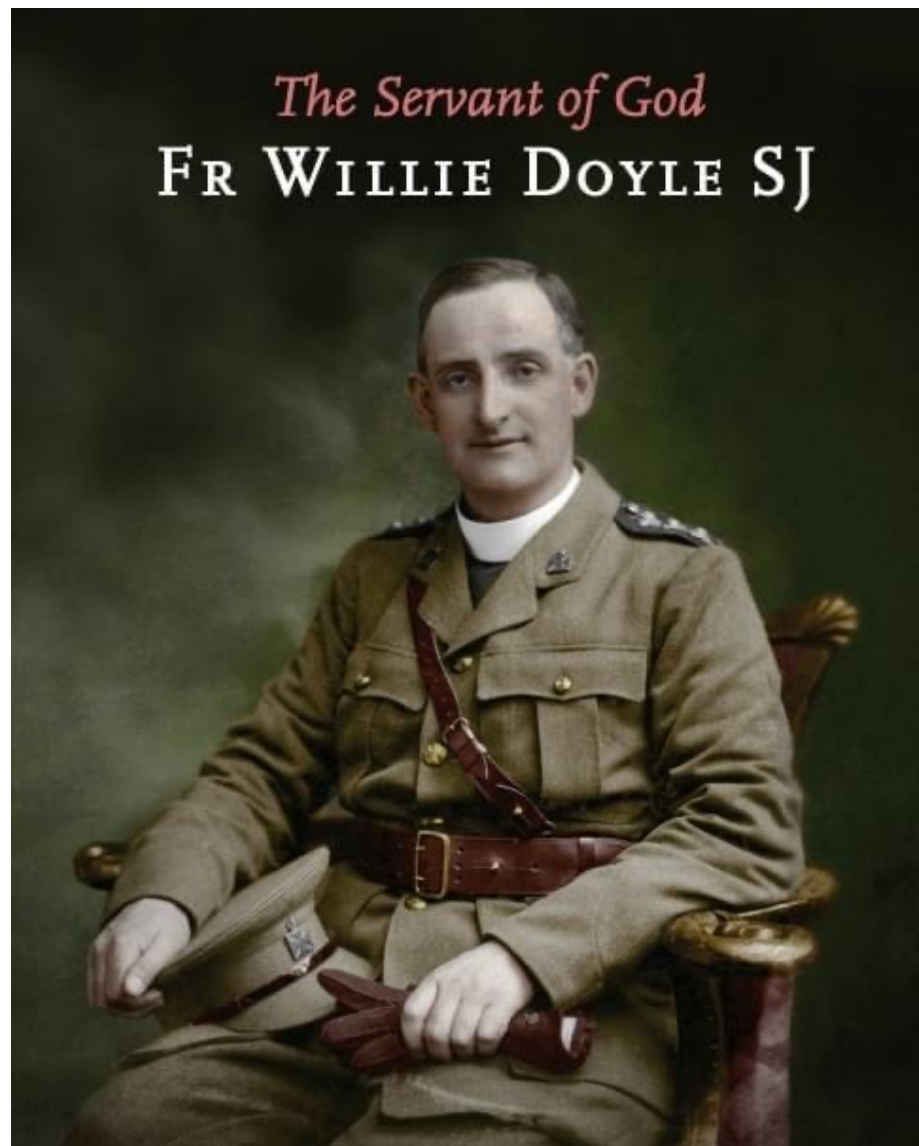
## Canonisation cause reminder

**Vespers followed by the official opening of the canonisation cause of the Servant of God Fr Willie Doyle SJ, will take place on Sunday Nov 20th at 5pm in Christ the King Cathedral, Mullingar.**

It is over a quarter of a century since the last cause was opened in Ireland. All are welcome to this historic event.

Bishop Tom Deenihan of Meath has welcomed the decision by the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to authorise the opening of the cause of Father Willie Doyle, SJ. With this authorisation, Father Doyle becomes known as a 'Servant of God'. Father Doyle's cause will be officially opened at Solemn Vespers for Christ the King on Sunday next, 20 November at 5pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, all are welcome.

Bishop Deenihan said, "Father Willie Doyle completed his Jesuit Noviciate in Rahan, County Offaly, in the Diocese of Meath, and it was there that he took an oath offering his life to God, an oath that was ultimately realised on the battlefield in 1917."



Since announcing the opening of the cause, Bishop Deenihan said he has been struck by the extent of devotion to Father Doyle, despite the Military Chaplain having died one hundred and five years ago. The ceremony for the opening of the cause will be attended by people from all over Ireland, Catholic and Anglican priests from England, including the Head Army Chaplains from both Ireland and England, as well as retired members of the Irish and British armies. Father Leonard Moloney, the Provincial of the Jesuits will offer the reflection at the ceremony and pupils and staff of Clongowes Wood, where Father Doyle was stationed for a time, will also be present.

Bishop Deenihan noted, “An Irish Priest working as an Army Chaplain with the British Forces in 1917 and ministering to soldiers who were Catholic and Protestant, ultimately losing his life while bringing a fellow soldier to safety has something to say to our time too. A generosity that extends beyond nationality and creed by the Jesuit, Father Willie Doyle in 1917 is very much in tune with Pope Francis, a Jesuit pope, one hundred and five years later. It is a message that needs to be heard. Generosity is the hallmark of the Christian calling.”



**Cantemus Choir NI**

*cantemus choir n.i.  
con corde et voce*

**Hope and Joy  
at Christmas**

**Friday 16 December 2022  
in Star of the Sea Church  
Portstewart at 7.30pm**

**Admission £5.00**  
(includes seasonal refreshments)

Helen Mark – Compère  
Andrew Harrison – Organ  
Tony Morrison – Director of Music

**Tickets from choir members  
also via Facebook or  
Tel 07962 300361**

**I Was Glad CD on sale at concert**

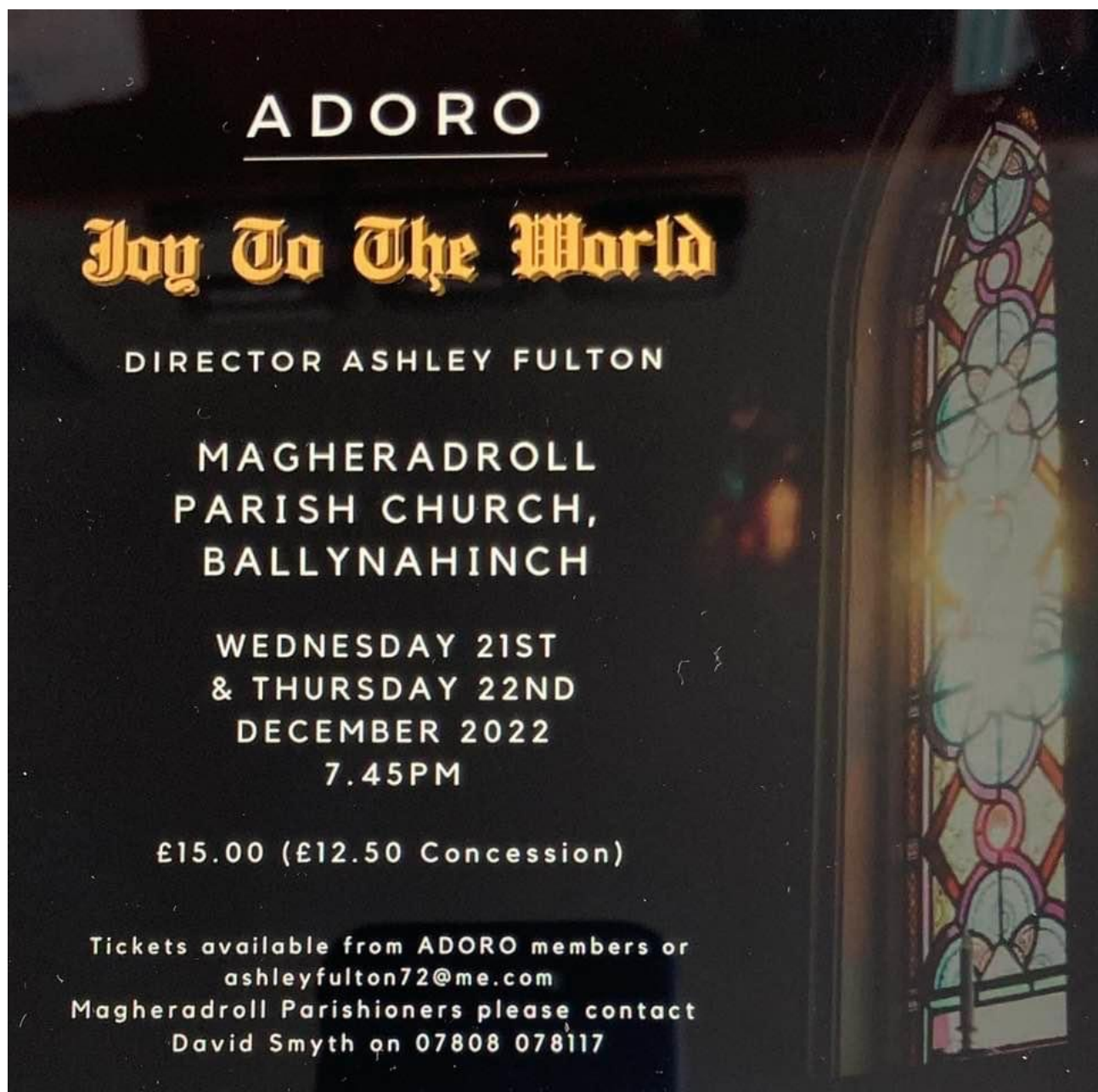
Over the years, much has been written on Father Doyle. Bishop Deenihan said that his favourite story is contained in Alfred O’Rahilly’s biography of Father Doyle. After Father Doyle’s death, his father’s house was being burgled. The burglar came across a photograph of Father Doyle on



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the dresser and asked who it was. His father said that it was his son who lost his life as an Army Chaplain. The burglar responded that he knew him. He was a soldier and Father Doyle was his chaplain.

He said that Doyle was a good man, dropped his bag of stolen property and walked out empty handed. "Perhaps this was Father Doyle's first miracle", Bishop Deenihan joked. Father Doyle was also an accomplished Spiritual Director and Retreat Preacher.



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# NEWCASTLE Winter Warmers

**Reconnecting Communities during the winter season**

A warm welcome awaits you at each of these locations.  
Join us for a cuppa & conversation during the winter months.  
(opening times may vary)

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	INFO	CONTACT
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Parish Centre</b> 14 Main St. Newcastle	10am to 2pm	<i>Tea, coffee &amp; Lunch, Newspapers</i>	<b>Brenda</b> 07840028461
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Unit T</b> 18c Railway St. Newcastle	12noon to 2pm	<i>Tea, Coffee and Soup. Surplus foods to share</i>	<b>Kathy</b> 07555505217
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>St.Johns Hall</b> The Rock Newcastle	10am to 12noon	<i>Tea, coffee, toast. board games and books</i>	<b>Myrtle</b> 07774565914
	<b>Shimna Gospel Hall</b> Shimna Road Newcastle	10am to 12noon	<i>Tea, coffee and scones</i>	<b>Mervyn</b> 07737830030
	<b>YMCA Glenada</b> South Promenade, Newcastle	3pm to 5pm	<i>*See Below</i>	<b>YMCA</b> 07907646302
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>ADHD Hub</b> 2 Savoy Ln, Newcastle	2pm to 3pm	<i>Free Tea &amp; Coffee</i>	<b>Janet</b> 07838361664
	<b>YMCA Glenada</b> South Promenade, Newcastle	3pm to 5pm	<i>*See Below</i>	<b>YMCA</b> 07907646302
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Methodist Church Hall</b> Newcastle	12noon to 2pm <i>Starts 25th November</i>	<i>Tea, Coffee and Soup</i>	<b>Jackie</b> 07793940248

\*YMCA space education support hub Free hot chocolate, tea, coffee, access to wifi,  
desk space & educational resources for young people year 9 plus.

Bishop Deenihan said in conclusion, “Father Doyle’s Cause enjoys the support of the Irish Episcopal Conference and I am optimistic for its progress. Many throughout the world believe that this man is in heaven. Indeed, Doyle is being invoked today as far away as South Africa.”

The official petitioner for the Father Doyle’s cause is the Father Willie Doyle Association. This is the first time in Ireland that a lay association has been formed to promote a canonisation cause. Commenting on the opening of the cause, Patrick Kenny, the President of the Association, said that the message of Father Doyle’s life was more relevant now than 100 years ago. He said, “Father Willie was a heroic chaplain, but he hated the war and longed for peace. His charity was universal – he cared for all soldiers, including German prisoners, and he was killed while rescuing two wounded Anglican soldiers from Ulster. His life is an example to us of how we should live, and love, as Christians”.

## **Roots of Presbyterianism in Donegal - Ulster Scots Language Week**

**You are invited to join guest speaker Dr William Roulston from the Ulster Historical Foundation on Thursday 24 November at 7.45pm for a launch event of the 'Roots of Presbyterianism in Donegal' by Rev. Alexander G. Lecky.**

The event is free to attend and will take place at the Ulster-Scots Agency’s Raphoe office on William Street. Dr Roulston will deliver a talk on Alexander G. Lecky’s work



**Discover Ulster-Scots**

21-26 November 2022

Ulster-Scotch  
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Ulster-Scots  
**Language Week**

# **PRESBYTERIAN DONEGAL**

**BOOK LAUNCH**  
**Thursday 24 November**

**TIME:** 7.45pm (for 8pm start)

**VENUE:** Ulster-Scots Agency office,  
William Street, Raphoe

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
**DR WILLIAM ROULSTON**

Refreshments will be provided.

**EVERYONE WELCOME**

The Laggan Presbytery Books

**Roots of  
Presbyterianism  
in Donegal**

REV. ALEXANDER G. LECKY, B.A.

FIDENS SED VIRENS

and free copies of the publication, recently re-printed by the Agency, will be available on the night to all those in attendance.

Since the Plantation of Ulster over 400 years ago, East Donegal has had a strong Ulster-Scots character, which is reflected in the culture of the area through religion, language, music and heritage. The area sits at the western end of a great arc of Scottish settlement – around the Ulster coast from which Scotland is often visible. One of the

strongest aspects of this Ulster-Scots identity is the strength of Presbyterianism in the area.

The launch event for 'Roots of Presbyterianism in Donegal' by Rev. Alexander G. Lecky has been planned by the Ulster-Scots Agency to coincide with this year's Ulster-Scots Language Week, which runs from Monday 21 to Saturday 26 November.

## **Former Saracen appointed to South Belfast Inner Mission Area**

**The Rev Ross Mungavin, youth pastor at St James' Church, Gerrards Cross with Fulmer, Buckinghamshire, has been appointed Associate Minister for the South Belfast Inner Mission Area, Connor Diocese.**

This is a new position. The Inner South Belfast Mission Area comprises the three parishes of St Aidan, St Mary Magdalene and St Simon with St Philip, all located in the Donegall Road / Donegall Pass area of South Belfast. St Aidan and St Mary Magdalene are formally grouped, but over the last number of years, each of the parishes has been under the care of different clergy on a part-time basis.

The new Associate Minister will be supported and overseen by the Archdeacon of Belfast, the Ven Barry Forde, as Priest-in-Charge of the Mission Area.

For Ross, this will be something of a homecoming. The 32-year-old grew up in Jordanstown. He was baptised and confirmed in St John's Parish, Whitehouse, but came to faith through St Patrick's Parish, Jordanstown, where he attended youth ministry.

A past pupil of Belfast High School, Ross began a Degree in Law with Criminology at the University of Ulster, but later switched to the Open University, graduating with a Degree in English Literature in 2015.

He worked as a classroom assistant at Ashfield Girls' High School and in a daycare nursery in Ballyclare, before joining BCMS Crosslinks as a ministry apprentice where he served from 2011-2013, focusing on youth ministry and in particular summer camps.

Ross married Emma in 2011, and in 2013 they moved to St John's, Downshire Hill, in Hampstead, where Ross worked in youth and children's ministry for four years before he entered training for ordination at Oakhill College, North London.

Following ordination, in 2020 and in the midst of the Covid-19 lockdown, Ross was appointed youth pastor in St James', Gerrards Cross.

He and Emma have three boys, Ben aged eight, Alex aged six and three-year-old Tom. He said the family is looking forward to coming to Northern Ireland.

"When we moved to England it was always our plan to come home. We came to explore the working of churches and

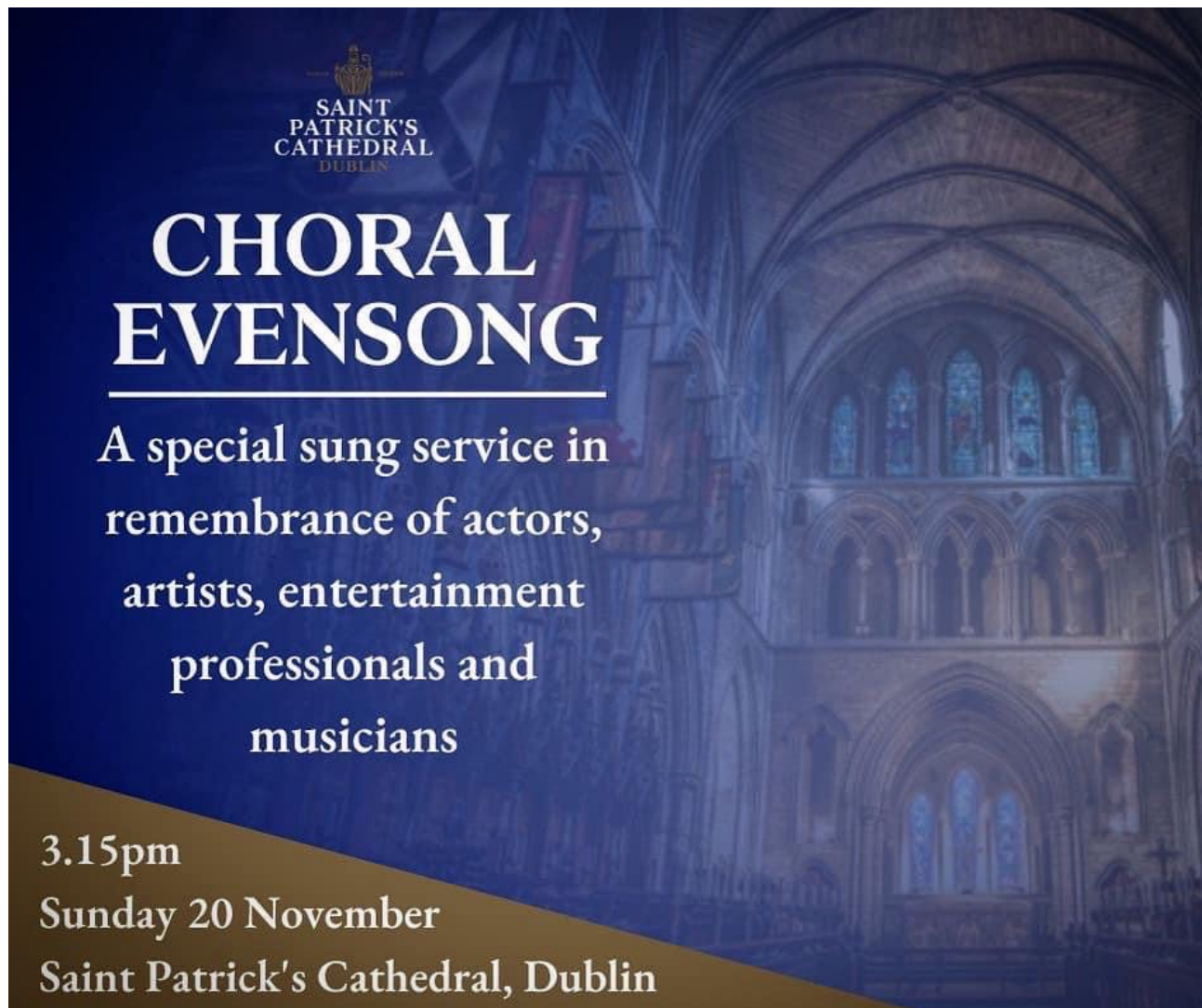




ordination training and were wondering where God wanted us to go next. We felt that should be back in Northern Ireland and South Belfast felt like the right place.

“We really are looking forward to coming and are excited to see what God wants us to do. It will be a challenging role, but I am looking forward to getting stuck in and to loving the people in the parishes.”

Outside of church and his family, Ross enjoys rugby. He formerly played for Instonians when in Belfast, and for Saracens Amateurs in England. He still takes to the field occasionally, but admits these days he mostly watches the game. Ross will take up his new role in mid-2023.



## Memorial Choral Evensong at St Patrick's

**Saint Patrick's Cathedral has announced a Memorial Service to remember the contributions of arts professionals who have departed this life.**

Through song and scripture, those who have made an outstanding contribution to the arts community will be honoured this coming Sunday.

All are welcome to join this special service to pay tribute to these experts in their field.

# Speaking to the soul

Short reading and a prayer - daily on this site

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