

CHOIRNEWS



We are very grateful to our Choirboy Sponsors and we intend to issue occasionally a Choirnews to advise sponsors and choirboy parents of progress and developments. This is the first issue.

New Robes - A few Sundays ago we held a mannequin parade at which we dressed boys up in various forms of choir robes including a plain white alb, a St. Patrick's Cathedral blue cassock with long white surplice, a newly designed white alb with coloured cape to elbow length and an existing St. Bartholomew's green cassock with short cotter. After much consideration we decided upon the new white alb with a green elbow length cape and green girdle. This choice has certain benefits for us in that the mens choir can remain robed as they are and the costs are almost half the cost of the conventional cassock and surplice.

We hope to have our boys togged out in their new robes for the Corpus Christi Sung Eucharist on Thursday June 14th at 7.30 p.m. Please come along and see what you have so generously contributed to.

Summer Events - While the summer holidays pose problems because of our current numerical strength we still like to take on some outside activities and trips. This year is no exception. The choir have again been invited to provide the music in St. Patrick's Cathedral while their boys choir is away on holiday. In addition we are delighted to have been invited to sing in Christ Church Cathedral in August. Later this month we travel to Cashel staying overnight with parishioners in the lovely surrounding country-side. On this trip we sing an Evensong and Sung Eucharist in Cashel Cathedral and on our way home another Evensong with Dean Paterson in St. Brigid's Cathedral, Kildare.

Here are the dates and details and we hope we will meet some of our friends at these venues:-

June 22	Friday	Cashel Cathedral, Evensong
June 23	Saturday	Cashel Cathedral, Sung Eucharist
June 23	Saturday	St. Brigids Cathedral, Kildare, Evensong
July 15	Sunday	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Sung Eucharist
July 15	Sunday	St. Patrick's Cathedral, Evensong
August 19	Sunday	Christ Church Cathedral, Sung Eucharist

August 19 Sunday Christ Church Cathedral Evensong
August 24 Friday St. Bartholomews Evening Sung Eucharist

Prospects of New Boys - We have appealed to all parishioners to help us find new boys for the choir and we know that sponsors and parents of present choirboys, because of their special interest, will also keep on the lookout. We have hopes of gaining two new boys in the next few months and we hope that more will come forward. If you have not yet seen the booklet "Opportunities for Boys" which we recently produced please collect some at the back of the church and distribute them to any prospective boys' parents you know. Should you hear of any potential choirboys, please ring the choirmaster David Milne, 986145, or any choir member.

Confirmation - Congratulations and best wishes to junior choirboy, Martin Feakins, who was confirmed in Christ Church Cathedral on Sunday June 3rd.

Choirboy Course, Bray - A number of our choirboys attended a R.S.C.M. Course in Armagh in April. Now a Dublin based course for choirboys is to become a reality. The co-founders are Fr. Sean OhEareach, choirmaster, Palestrina Choir at the Pro-Cathedral, Dublin and David Milne. The 4-day course will be held between 20th - 23rd August at St. Gerard's School, Bray under the musical direction of John Dexter, Organist and Master of the Choristers, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

Tapes - David Milne has built up quite a sizable library of taped recordings of our choir. If any sponsor or parent would like to have their own tape made from these existing recordings they should contact Mr. Milne who has generously offered to oblige.

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