

† Saint Bartholomew's Church

Clyde Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4.

Dear Choir Friend,

6th April 1993

We have a very unusual happening on Easter Sunday, April 11th which we'd like you to know about. Donncha O'Dulaing has devoted his program, RTE1 2.00-2.45, to St. Bartholomews.

In addition to introducing the Vicar and four or five others the choir will be heard singing some Haydn (Little Organ Mass) Mozart (Ave Verum) and a few hymns. The bells, as usual intervene at regular intervals.

Choir Boys

They are in good fettle preparing for Easter with at least two fighting over who will be allowed to sing the solos!

Our numbers fluctuate as usual but we are quietly confident that we can build towards fourteen boys. When you have fourteen and a few are missing you only drop back to eleven or twelve whereas if you have 10 and some are absent the numbers are down to 6 or 7. Current we are 11!

Robert Hilliard
Kevin O'Connor
John Rolfe
Stuart McCoy
Stephen Kerr
Shane Martens

Edward Boles
Richard Bannister
Christian Phelan
Patrick Grunlands
Timmy Grunlands

St. Finbarre's Cathedral, Cork

The Choir travel to Cork on Thursday April 15th, to sing daily and Sunday services on Friday to Sunday. On Sunday there is a special Festival Evensong in which both St. Finbarres and St. Bartholomews choir join together. This will be the final service for Dean Maurice Carey who is retiring. As you know, the Dean was Vicar of St. Bartholomews for some years so this will be an emotional occasion.

New Cassocks

The present cassocks are by now in a terrible state, well beyond repair. News is however! that we have a very generous donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, who is going to support the purchase of a whole new set. St. Barth's choir will retain its distinctive green!

Noel & Valerie Houlden

We are very pleased that the Houlden's have now become full and regular parishioners. Noel sang in the choir in the 1940's era and before. I hope we will soon welcome more former choristers.

Easter Music

A music sheet is herewith. It is good to have Wesley's "Blessed by the God and Father" heard again after many years at the 11.30 Sung Eucharist, Easter Sunday.

Baptism

Donhall Francis Talbot is to be baptised on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil, Parents George and Caitriona are much loved by the whole choir.

Former Clergy

Included in a number of former St. Barth's clergy who have recently been in touch are Rev. Jack McAteer, Rev. Danny Clark, and Rev Guy Le Strange. Bobby Barden has details of their whereabouts.

Funds

We are ever grateful for the continuous support which a number of you are giving and also for the occasional generous contributions. Without this, we really couldn't manage on the normal churches income. If anyone else feels they can contribute please contact our Choir Secretary, Neville Beresford, 1 Linden Vale, Proby Square, Blackrock, Co. Dublin - 01-288 5693

Kindest regards,



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