

# SAINT BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH

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## Friends of the Choir

Dear Choir Friend,

18 January 1994

Plans are well in hand for this year's visit by the choir to Hereford Cathedral. We travel over on Tuesday April 5th, sing the Cathedral services from Thursday to Sunday and return home, Monday April 11th. Our base will be the Choir School.

Barbara Jones very generously 'laid on' a buffet lunch after the Sung Eucharist on Advent Sunday in aid of the Hereford trip. It was also a lovely social event and the choir are extremely grateful to Barbara and her team. The Choir is also indebted to Ann & Don Cazzini who with the kind support of Goodbody Stockbrokers produced and are selling a St Barth's Recipe Book which to date has contributed substantially to the travel funds. There are still copies available at £2.00 each at the Church.

Jimmy Balbirnie dies It is very sad to have to record the sudden death of Jimmy on Friday December 31st. Our deepest sympathy goes to his wife Meriol and family. On Sunday January 30th we are dedicating our first singing of a new anthem to Jimmy's memory. It is Ubi Caritas by Durufle - translates "God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there". Appropriate testimony to this lovable character!"

'Old Timers' like myself will be interested to hear that I received Christmas Greetings from the Reverend's Guy L'Estrange, Jack McAteer, Danny Clarke and Mrs Phyllis Craig (the late Sidney Craig's wife)

New Assistant Organist We are 'running-in' a new assistant organist, David Faulkner, who is a music student in UCD and also a former St. Patrick's Cathedral chorister. Our former Assistant Organist, Peter Shannon is now studying at the Franz Liszt Weimar School and according to a 'news-flash' he has just got himself engaged, for which he has our best wishes.

Carol Concert Once again we had a good attendance for our December 12th Concert of Carols and Festive Readings with Alan Stanford. Thanks should go to Ronnie Coates who got two colleagues from RTE to provide professional amplification, at no cost to us, ensuring that not a word of Alan Stanford's marvellous interpretations was lost. The night's takings went toward the parish project for the Homeless Girls Society, Sherrard Street

Choir Recruitment Coming up to Advent and Christmas we got our choirboy numbers back to thirteen but for those who attended on Christmas Midnight Eucharist - 'Santa Claus' deprived us of all but the five senior boys! We now have had a 'dramatic influx' and last Sunday, the congregation were amazed to count twenty boys - seven appearing for the first time!

St Marys Home Pembroke Park Herbie Bradbury, the devoted Honorary Secretary of St Mary's, and incidentally, an ex. St Barth's chorister, arranged for the Choirboys to sing carols on Sunday December 19th for the ladies. This was a lovely occasion and we hope to be invited back each year.

RTE Broadcast There was a sound broadcast of the Sung Eucharist on Sunday December 19th which came through reasonably well but unfortunately neither the ambience nor the resonance of the building filters through - at least that's my opinion!

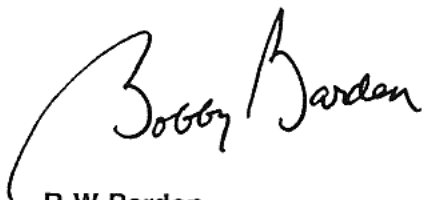
Diana O'Donnell who is a loyal friend and supporter of our choir has had an extended sojourn in hospital with a broken limb or two. She just got back home on Christmas Eve and is now well on the road to recovery. We look forward to her return to St Barth's.

March Concert We are planning to have another concert in the church sometime in March as a final fund-raising effort for the choir's Hereford Trip expenses - Will let you know the details nearer the time.

Edward S Fry Bill's health has not been too good for a while now but we hope that he will recover fully so that we will meet him again when we visit Hereford in April.

Funds We continue to be thankful for the generosity of our Choir Friends including our former Choristers. With choirboy numbers increasing we hope we will attract another few contributors. Both regular or one-off gifts are appreciated. Anyone who would like to help please contact Neville Beresford, 1 Linden Vale, Proby Square, Blackrock, Co Dublin Tel 01 288 5693.

Kindest regards



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St Bartholomew's Church Choir visit	
Kilkeenny - October 23 - 1993	
Boys	
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Christian Pichay	Kevin O'Connor
Timmie Grundloads	Richard Bannister
Stuart McCoy	Stephen Kerr
Shane Hartley	Patrick Grundloads
Benoit Ferrer-Cullen	Graham Kerr
Brian Gaddy	
Men	
Alan Latimer	Nicholas McQuerry
Bobby Barden	Alan Fletcher
Liam Lyons	Mervyn Perceval
Ian Ellis	David Fookaer

