# st. Bartholomew's Choir

12-SEP-97

## DEDICATION FESTIVAL/130 YEARS

St. Bartholomew's Church is now 130 years old and on Sunday October 12th there will be a special Dedication Sung Eucharist at 7.00 p.m. The preacher will be the Archbishop of Dublin, Walton Empey.

Former choristers will be remembered at this Eucharist, so we hope to see as many choir friends as possible. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

# **CHOIR TO VISIT PARIS-EASTER 1998**

By far the choir's greatest adventure yet will be a Post-Easter visit to Paris, when the choir are booked to sing at:

Chartres Cathedral

- a concert

St. Georges Anglican Church - a concert

La Madeleine

- at a Saturday Evening Mass

and a morning Mass at either St. Sulpice or La Trinité.

Fund raising, including a Cheese & Wine & a Concert are planned around November. Strangely, the expenses of such a trip will not be excessively more than the English visits we've made also the concerts in Paris are usually very enthusiastically received and generously subscribed to.

#### OTHER CHOIR ENGAGEMENTS

There are four other special engagements before Christmas:-

All Saints, Carnew, Co. Wicklow - Friday October 31st. The rector, Reverend Paula Halliday, has invited the choir to sing at the parishe's 100 Years Celebrations by giving a concert at 8.00 p.m. (followed by tea & buns!).

The boys then have three engagements:-

- The Culwick Concert, National Concert Hall on Saturday night, December 13th.
- The Waterfront, Belfast Raymond Gubby Concert Sunday night, December 14th.

\* The National Concert Hall, Dublin - Raymond Gubby Concert, Sunday/Monday December 21st/22nd.

Please watch for more news of these three events and check dates and times for safety.

### ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S DAY

St. Bartholomew's Day 1997 was, as always, a very special occasion and we had a strong choir turn out even though some were still on holidays. The music for the Eucharist was Haydn's Little Organ Mass, in which Robert Dempsey was the boy soloist, giving a very musical and accurate performance of the Benedictus. The anthem was Brahm's "How lovely are thy dwellings fair". Former clergy present were Dean John Paterson and Rev. Nigel Dunne of Blessington Parish. The preacher was the Archdeacon of Connor & Vicar of St. John's, Malone, Belfast, Alan Harper. Our former organist, Billy Fry, sent his special greetings from Bristol for St. Bartholomew's Day.

### WOMEN'S MINI MARATHON

Anne Cazzini raised the great sum of £520 for the choir by running for the choir in the Dublin Women's City Marathon on Sunday June 15th. The whole choir are so grateful to Anne for this effort, but then this is only one of many times that Ann and Don Cazzini have given so generously to the choir.

#### RONNIE FLEMING - R.I.P.

On Saturday August 7th the men's choir sang at a Memorial Service for Ronnie, a much loved former chorister and parishioner. He died June 18th. There was a large attendance to pay tribute to this delightful man. Our sympathies go to his wife, Robin, and the Fleming family.

### CHOIR C.D.

Our appeal for funds to produce a C.D. were answered most generously. It has been decided that some time late January and into February would be best. The boys are in a transition period with voices breaking and new boys coming in, so this timing should be just about right.

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