

# St. Bartholomew's Choir

<http://www.stbartholomews.ie/>

November 2002

## Dedication Festival

Our annual dedication festival evensong took place on Sunday October 6th. The event was made particularly special this year for two reasons.

The first was a superb recital by Professor Gerard Gillen, which showed off all the wonderful aspects of our new Organ. It was well attended, with a large number of the country's leading organists present.

This was followed by

an Evensong sung by the combined choirs of St Patrick's Cathedral and St Bartholomew's. The service, Dyson in D, is very dramatic, and having both choirs singing together made for a magnificent performance.

The service also marked the occasion of Bobby Barden's 60th year in the choir. The writer attended the celebration of Bobby's 50th year in the choir, and, as back in 1992,

it was great to see the respect and affection that Bobby commands from all in the parish.

The choir wishes to express its gratitude to the Organist and Master of the Choristers at St Patrick's, Mr Peter Barley, and Assistant Organist, Mr David Leigh.

Photographs of the occasion are available on the parish web site.

## Parish Web Site

Richard Bannister, assisted by Ian Ellis, worked hard over the summer to develop and launch a web site for the parish. This is now available online, at the address [www.stbartholomews.ie](http://www.stbartholomews.ie).

Among other things, the site contains:

- Photographs of Parish and Choir events, ranging from recent events to those many years ago.
- Downloadable recordings of the choir, not available elsewhere.
- Message boards for public discussion. Some very

animated discussions are already in progress!

• A historical archive, containing material from the parish throughout the years. If you have any photographs of the church or choir that are not featured, or if you have information that could be added to the historical archive, please speak to Richard Bannister or e-mail him, at [richard@indigo.ie](mailto:richard@indigo.ie).

Archbishop John Neill, former Vicar of St Bartholomew's, is one of many people to have sent compliments to the Vicar

and the Vestry on the calibre of the parish site.

Over the last month, two particularly interesting articles have been made available on the site. Bobby Barden has written a fascinating account of his first year in the choir over 60 years ago. Tim Thurston has posted a detailed article about a recent trip he made to various cathedrals in England. These articles are available directly from their authors for those without Internet access.

## **Girls Choir**

Twelve girls have signed up to sing with our girl's choir. They practice each Wednesday in the parish room from 5:15pm to 6:30pm.

Malcolm Wisener is working towards an inaugural occasion in February, and would welcome hearing from any others who would like to come along for an audition.

## **Concert of Carols**

Alan Stanford has graciously agreed to do another Concert of Carols and Festive Readings, at 7:30pm on Sunday December 15th. Malcolm has introduced a number of exciting new carols to keep us on our toes! Tickets will be available shortly at 10 Euro each (Concessions 5 Euro). All money raised will be donated to charities - in this case, Concern (Ethiopia Appeal) and the Friends of St Luke's Hospital. Please note the later start time than usual.

Alan also deserves thanks for our Oscar Wilde Evening, held in the Masonic Hall recently in aid of our Organ Fund.

## **Graduation**

Richard Bannister, choir member for over ten years, was recently conferred with a honours degree in Information and Communications Technology from Trinity College.

Richard has begun work on a postgraduate research degree in the Computer Science Department in Trinity College, where he is studying Hardware Compilation using FPGAs. He is also helping to teach C++ and Java programming for those studying Engineering in TCD.

Here's loyalty for you - Richard slipped away from his family's celebration dinner to attend the parish November Vestry Meeting. He did, however, return to the festivities later, but not

until after we had toasted his achievement with a glass of sherry.

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## **New Choirboys**

Six new boys were admitted to the choir at Evensong on Sunday November 3rd.

The ceremony entails a pledge of allegiance to the choir and a promise to keep the rules of the choir. They are then brought one by one to their places in the choir stalls.

Our new choirboys, which everyone so warmly welcomes, are:

- Karl Adams
- Ethan Conroy
- Peter Le Brocquy Cox
- Brian Horan,
- Simon Murtagh
- Tom Rosengrave.

## **TCD Singers**

This years conductor of the Trinity College Singers is Stuart Kinsella. Stuart started his choral life as a choirboy in St Bartholomews, before going to Christ Church Cathedral. Quite a few choir members have conducted the Singers over the years, including Stephen Shellard, Mark Armstrong, David Milne, Malcolm Proud, Julian Dawson, and our good friend and organ builder, Trevor Crowe. Several members of St Bartholomew's have also sung in Singers over the years, including Stuart himself, Nicholas McMurry and Brian Gageby.

## New CD

A new choir CD is planned for release in the Spring. Work has commenced with the recording of three tracks on Saturday 16th November; Hear my Prayer by Mendelssohn, Lord, let me know mine end by Greene, and Ave Maria by Elgar.

## Bowling

Malcolm organised an outing at the Stillorgan Bowl for the boys, following the Sung Eucharist on Sunday November 10th. This was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

## Robert Hilliard

Robert Hilliard, our lead alto and choir member for over 15 years, has been appointed Scout Leader of the Rathfarnham Scout Troop. This is one of the largest scout troops in the country, and is attended by several boys from the choir. Congratulations to Robert and we wish him every success.

## Des Ryan

Des Ryan, one of our tenors, was awarded a scholarship to study for a year at the Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto. He has been there since September and by all accounts is settling in very well. He sent an e-mail to me recently, as follows:

*Toronto says hi!  
We're just back from the Toronto Raptors V. Denver Nuggets game in the Air Canada Centre - a really awesome experience! Not just a basketball game - an institution!*

*The cold is really starting to kick in over here - it was -5 degrees this evening and is set to get much more severe. Otherwise everything is spinning along wonderfully! Hope you are all well, in Ireland and elsewhere.  
Regards,  
Des.*

He will be back to visit and sing with us during the Christmas holiday break.

## New Presses

David Jones has paid for new choir presses to be installed in the parish room in memory of the late Joseph Jones, a long time parishioner and also grandfather of former choristers, Graham, Robert, and Stephen. A brass plate acknowledging this generous donation can be seen on the doors in the parish room. May he Rest in Peace.


## Upcoming Concerts

Once again the boys have been invited to sing in the Raymond Gubbay Ltd. "Glory of Christmas" concerts in the National Concert Hall, which take place this year on Wednesday and Thursday, the 19th and 20th of December. This is a fantastic opportunity for the boys to perform in front of a full concert hall.

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## Parish of St Bartholomew

### Cycle Road, Dublin 4, Ireland

St Bartholomew's is a beautiful Church consecrated in 1867. Many of its original features are well maintained such as the Sanctuary mosaic on the walls and the elaborate mosaic in the Choir Screen. The architect was Thomas Wyatt. It is firmly in the High Church tradition.

St Bartholomew's celebrates a fine Musical Tradition. The choir is made up of 40 Gentlemen and Boy Chorists. They sing at the 11.30am Sung Eucharist on Sundays, as well as at special Services for major festivals in the Church calendar. The men sing Evensong at 7pm. This church is one of the few in the Church of Ireland to maintain a tradition of choral services sung by an all-male choir.

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### Choir

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**Album: Writing Spectator (2000)**  
 Chorus: Oct 21, 2000.  
 Cantata: 2 parts.  
 Verses: 12 parts.



**Album: The President of the Republic (2000)**  
 Chorus: Oct 21, 2000.  
 Cantata: 2 parts.  
 Verses: 12 parts.



**Album: Writing Core (2001)**  
 Chorus: Oct 21, 2000.  
 Cantata: 2 parts.  
 Verses: 5 parts.



**Album: The choir spends time singing in the choir and in the church (2001)**  
 Chorus: Oct 21, 2000.  
 Cantata: 2 parts.  
 Verses: 4 parts.



**Album: Britain visit to Exeter (2000)**  
 Chorus: Oct 21, 2000.  
 Cantata: 2 parts.  
 Verses: 12 parts.



**Album: Writing Weir (2001)**  
 Chorus: Oct 21, 2000.  
 Cantata: 2 parts.  
 Verses: 4 parts.