

HELIOS

by Luke Jerram

Experience the Sun like never before at St Fin Barre's Cathedral.

Helios is an invitation to explore the sun up close through a huge, dazzling new artwork by world-renowned UK artist Luke Jerram.

Each centimetre of this six-metre sculpture represents 2,300km of the real sun's surface.

See mesmerising sunspots and sources of solar flares to a soundtrack of live NASA recordings of our solar system's power source. Light and sound combine to create an awe-inspiring, immersive opportunity to bathe in the intensity of the sun's beauty and power - while reflecting on its vital role in shaping Earth's climate and sustaining life

Helios is co-commissioned by Cork Midsummer Festival and is the fourth Irish premiere of Luke Jerram's captivating work at the festival.



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ARTS CALENDAR 2025

9TH - 21ST JUNE
Luke Jerram's HELIOS
Open every day.

FRIDAY 1ST AUGUST AT 1.10PM
Joseph Ripka - St Paul's Cathedral,
Oklahoma, USA

FRIDAY 8TH AUGUST AT 1.10PM
Christos Theel - Frankfurt, Germany

FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST AT 1.10PM
Harry Meehan - St Canice's Cathedral,
Kilkenny

FRIDAY 22ND AUGUST AT 1.10PM
Oliver Waterer - Selby Abbey, UK

FRIDAY 29TH AUGUST AT 1.10PM
David Leigh - St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin

1ST SEPTEMBER - 31ST OCTOBER
Page-turners: artists' books at
St Fin Barre's Open every day

12TH DECEMBER | 7.00PM
Handel's Messiah Concert 1

13TH DECEMBER | 7.00PM
Handel's Messiah Concert 2

EXPLORE MORE AT ST FIN BARRE'S

There's always more to see, hear, and experience at the cathedral. From exhibitions and concerts to guided tours and special events, our new website is the best place to stay up to date.

Plan your visit, book tickets with ease, and discover what's coming next.

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COME INTO THE LIGHT

MUSIC & ART PROGRAMME 2025

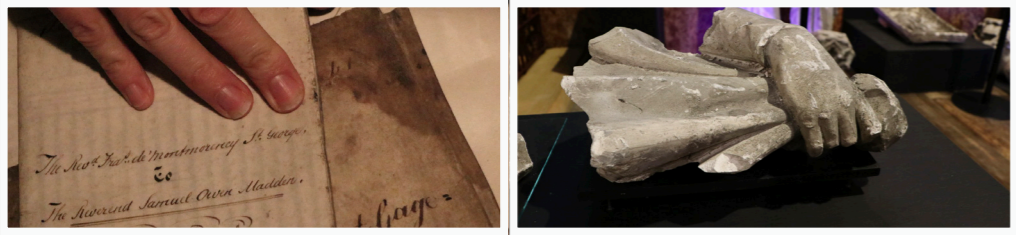


SAINT
FIN BARRE'S

CATHEDRAL ♦ CORK

Our Cathedral is already in itself a place of high architectural and artistic expression, using carvings, statuary, floor mosaics, marble, frescoes, the drama of liturgy and music to draw the pilgrim into the journey towards the heavenly Jerusalem. To now have a comprehensive arts programme running throughout the year which connects both with our ‘in house’ artistic expression alongside that of the wider pool of great talent in the city takes things to a new level. I hope that this programme opens up fresh conversations, encourages spiritual development, and engages with diverse communities that the Cathedral’s mission will be broadened even further than it already is.

THE VERY REVEREND NIGEL DUNNE,
DEAN OF CORK



VISUAL ART

PAGE-TURNERS: ARTISTS’BOOKS AT ST FIN BARRE’S

Artists’ books are a distinctive art form in which the artist creates a book to express their ideas. Our Autumn exhibition in the ambulatory invites visitors to linger and spend time exploring selected artists’ books from across Ireland and the UK. Page-turners is curated in collaboration with MTU Crawford College of Art & Design. It brings together national and international artists to showcase their books in the historic setting of St Fin Barre’s. Opening on September 1st, 2025.



MUSIC

The organ at St Fin Barre’s was first used in a service at the consecration of the cathedral in 1870 and its incredible sound has captivated organists and audiences ever since! Lunchtime organ recitals are held at the cathedral every Friday in August. Join us for performances by renowned international visiting organists.



ORGAN RECITALS

2025 summer organ recitals are by **Joseph Ripka** - St Paul’s Cathedral, Oklahoma, USA, **Christos Theel** - Frankfurt, Germany, **Harry Meehan** - St Canice’s Cathedral, Kilkenny, **Oliver Waterer** - Selby Abbey, UK and **David Leigh** - St Patrick’s Cathedral, Dublin

HANDEL’S MESSIAH

Our sell-out Christmas concerts are extremely popular, so book early to avoid disappointment! Performed by the **cathedral choir** and soloists **Emma Nash** (soprano), **Leanne Fitzgerald** (alto), **Conor Prendiville** (tenor), and **Gyula Nagy** (bass)

ONGOING...

LIVING STONES: AN EXHIBITION OF MEDIEVALSTONE CARVINGS

St Fin Barre’s Cathedral is home to a number of remarkable medieval stone carvings. Find this exhibition in the cathedral’s north aisle and discover another layer of the history of this ancient site.



ARCHIVE AND COLLECTION

Our Archive & Collection exhibitions are designed to reveal some lesser-known aspects of the cathedral’s rich history. Interesting and unusual stories are told through documents and artefacts selected from the cathedral archives. Look out for a year-round rotating display in the ambulatory.

THE BURGES MAQUETTES

See an exhibition of plaster models, designed by architect, William Burges. These extremely rare and fragile objects were made as templates for the stone carvings of the cathedral and are now the subject of a ground-breaking conservation project.

CATHEDRAL CHOIR

St Fin Barre’s Cathedral Choir goes back to the Middle Ages and is mentioned in a manuscript dated 1328. Choral music is an integral part of our worship at the cathedral. Choral Eucharist is offered every Sunday and Choral Evensong is offered every Sunday and Friday from September to June. All are welcome to join us at these services.