



SAINT FIN BARRE'S
CATHEDRAL ♦ CORK



THE SUNDAY AFTER THE FEAST OF SAINT FIN BARRE

Patronal Festival Choral Eucharist

Sunday 27th September 2026
11.15am

MUSICAL SETTING

Missa brevis in D – W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

Wednesday

12 noon Midday Prayers (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

Friday

12 noon The Eucharist (said, in the Deans' Chapel)

6.15pm Choral Evensong

Sunday 4th October - Dedication Festival

11.15am Choral Eucharist

Celebrant: Very Rev. Nigel Dunne (Dean of Cork)

Preacher: Rev. Martin Steele (Dean's Vicar)

3.30pm Choral Evensong & Enthronement of Bishop Andrew Orr

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

All stand for the

HYMN OF THE PROCESSION 478

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluya!
Cry our Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya!

O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluya!
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluya, Alleluya!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya!

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The service is introduced.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden;
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PENITENCE

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

All say:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned in thought and word and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may walk in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution is pronounced.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The choir sings **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY *is sung*

Almighty God
you guided Saint Fin Barre to this hallowed place
to teach the faith and the way of your Church;
grant that as he journeyed in faith
and discerned your guiding hand,
so to guard and guide us in our earthly pilgrimage,
that we may be found worthy of sharing in the inheritance of Fin Barre
and all your saints in glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Sit for

THE FIRST READING

Ecclesiasticus 39: 1-9

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 34: 11-17

11. Come, my children, and listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12. Who is there who delights in life
and longs for days to enjoy good things?
13. Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from lying words.
14. Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.
15. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous
and his ears are open to their cry.
16. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
17. The righteous cry and the Lord hears them
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

THE SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 2: 6-13

At the end of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Stand for the

HYMN OF THE GRADUAL - 231

Who are these, like stars appearing,
these before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluya, hark! they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose lustre ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand—
whence comes all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph through the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

All face the reader for

THE GOSPEL

John 16: 12-15

Reader: Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Saint John,
chapter sixteen, beginning at verse twelve.

All sing: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

At the end of the Gospel

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All sing: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The hymn continues:

These like priests have watched and waited,
offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated,
day and night to serve him still:
Now, in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

German, H.T. Schenck (1656-1727)

Tr Frances Cox (1812-1897)

Sit for

THE SERMON

Canon Gillian Kingston - Ecumenical Canon

Stand to say

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father,
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Kneel for

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The following response is used at the end of each petition:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers:

Merciful Father,

**accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.**

Stand for

THE PEACE

Peace be to you, and peace to your house, and peace to all who are yours.
(1 Samuel 25: 6)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Stand to sing

THE HYMN AT THE OFFERTORY - 216

A collection for Cathedral funds is taken during the singing of this hymn.

Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth,
who chooseth for thine the weak and the poor,
to frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,
entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;

Throughout the wide world their message is heard,
and swift as the wind it circles the earth;
it echoes the voice of the heavenly Word,
and brings unto mortals the hope of new birth.

Their cry thunders forth, 'Christ Jesus is Lord',
then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall:
as when those shrill trumpets were raised at thy word,
and one long blast shattered proud Jericho's wall.

O loud be the call, and stirring the sound,
to rouse us, O Lord, from sin's deadly sleep;
may lights which thou kindlest in darkness around,
the dull soul awaken, her vigil to keep.

All honour and praise, dominion and might,
to thee, Three in One, eternally be,
who pouring around us thy glorious light,
dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.

Latin, J.B. de Santeuil (1630-1697); Tr Isaac Williams (1802-1865)

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts:
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise.

To this land you sent the glorious gospel through the preaching of Patrick.
You caused it to grow and flourish in the life of your servant Saint Fin Barre
and in the lives of men and women filled with your Holy Spirit,
building up your Church to send forth the good news to other places:

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

*The **SANCTUS** and **BENEDICTUS** are sung.*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image, male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin;
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us;
he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

Our Father who art in heaven ...

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ
We, being many, are one body for we all share in the one bread.

*The **AGNUS DEI** is sung.*

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

***All communicant members of other Christian traditions
are most welcome to receive Holy Communion.***

The Choir sings the

COMMUNION MOTET

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels with every principality and power; the Cherubim with many eyes, and winged Seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn: Alleluia.

– *Edward Bairstow (1874 - 1946)*

THE GREAT SILENCE

Silence is kept for thanksgiving and reflection

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Stand to sing the

POST-COMMUNION HYMN - 206

Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
With his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
On his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.

Oh, then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
Our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious Name.

Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all is blest
to endless rest
are called away.

Latin c 7th century; Tr John Chandler (1806-1876)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYERS

Merciful God, who gave such grace to your servant Saint Fin Barre
that he served you with singleness of heart and loved you above all things:
help us, whose communion with you
has been renewed in this sacrament,
to forsake all that holds us back from following Christ
and to grow into his likeness from glory to glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God who in days of old
gave to this land the benediction of his holy Church,
fill you with his grace to walk faithfully in the steps of the saints
and to bring forth fruit to his glory:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Pièce d'Orgue BWV 572 – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

Please remain seated in silence until the Organ Voluntary is over.

NOTICES

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER - DEDICATION FESTIVAL

11.15am	Choral Eucharist
3.30pm	Enthronement of the new Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross

SUNDAY 11TH OCTOBER - HARVEST THANKSGIVING

11.15am	Choral Eucharist
3.30pm	Choral Evensong
