

# Advent and Christmas 2022



Christ  
Church  
Cathedral  
Dublin



# Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral

From The Very Revd Dermot Dunne, Dean

*The month of December can be a mixture of emotion for many of us: busy schedules, connected to family, work and school life; the stress of finances; joy at reunions with friends and family returning home to celebrate together; pain and loss when we are reminded of those no longer with us to share in the celebrations. In this mix of emotions, we may find immensely helpful those familiar Advent themes of hope, peace, joy and love. Advent, the four weeks of spiritual preparation leading us to the celebration of Christmas, comes to us as a gift each year. Will we receive it? The invitation is always open before us: to enter into a spiritual space of resting in God's presence and provision for us, even if only for fleeting moments in the midst of all else!*

*Blessings,*

*Dermot Dunne*



# Services

## **Sunday 27 November**

Advent Procession, 17:00

All are welcome to join us for this dramatic, candle-lit service as we journey through darkness into light and embrace the hope of Advent, enfolded by beautiful seasonal music sung by the cathedral choir. Doors open 16:30.

## **Tuesday 13 December**

Peata Carol Service, 13:15

In aid of Peata therapy dogs. Sung by the cathedral girls' choir. Doors open 12:45, and dogs welcome!

## **Sunday 18 December**

Nine Lessons and Carols, 15:30

Traditional service of music and scripture readings in preparation for Christmas. Sung by the cathedral choir. Doors open 15:00.

## **Saturday 24 December**

Festal Eucharist for Christmas Eve 23:00

Sung by the cathedral choir.

Doors open 22:30.





# Services

## **Sunday 25 December**

Festal Eucharist for Christmas Day, 11:00

Sung by the cathedral choir.

Doors open 10:30.

## **Monday 26 December**

St Stephen's Day

Cathedral closed.

## **Sunday 1 January**

New Years Day, Eucharist 11:00

Doors open 10:30.

## **Sunday 29 January**

Candlemas, 17:00

Doors open 16:30.



Services are free of charge, and everyone is welcome to attend in person or online via the cathedral webcam. No pre-booking required.



# Concerts

## Thursday 1 December

Aidlink Concert, 20:00

## Saturday 3 December

Swedish Chamber Concert, 20:00

## Sunday 4 December

Kendu Music, 20:00

## Wednesday 7 December

O Holy Night!, A Concert of Seasonal Favourites, 18:00 & 20:30

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## Saturday 10 December

Mornington Singers Concert, 20:00

## Sunday 11 December

Park Singers Concert, 20:00

## Saturday 17 December

New Dublin Voices Concert, 20:00

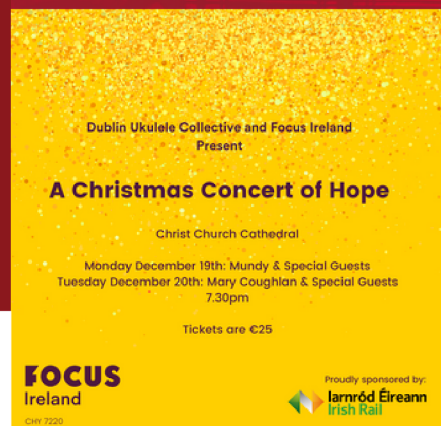
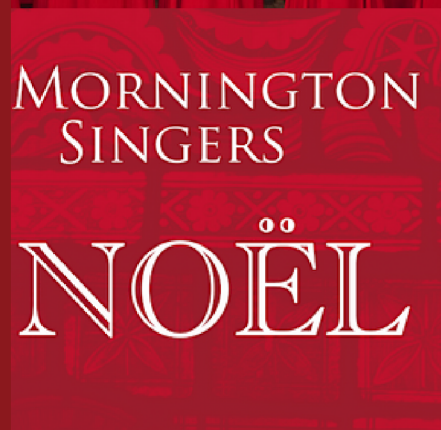
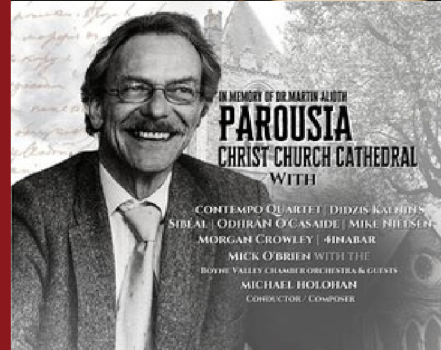
## Monday 19 December

Focus Ireland Concert, 19:30

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Visit [christchurchcathedral.ie](http://christchurchcathedral.ie) for more information and to book tickets.



# Events

## **Saturday 3 December**

Christmas Wreath workshop, 14:00-16:00

All materials provided. To book, email  
[ruth.kenny@christchurch.ie](mailto:ruth.kenny@christchurch.ie)

## **Friday 9 December**

Shoppers Carols, 13:30

## **Saturday 10 December**

Chorister workshop, 14:00-16:00

Music & robes provided. To book, email  
[ruth.kenny@christchurch.ie](mailto:ruth.kenny@christchurch.ie)

## **Monday 12 December**

Shoppers Carols, 13:30

## **Thursday 15 December**

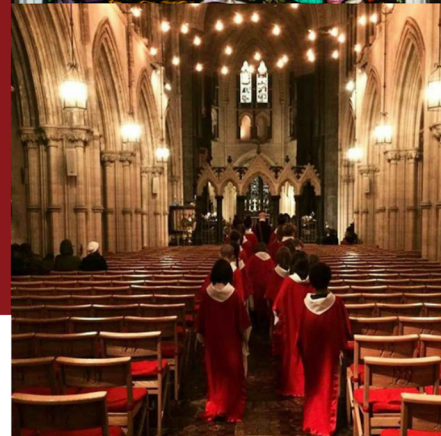
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## **Monday 19 December**

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## **Saturday 31 December**

Bellringing for New Year's Eve, 23:30



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# Visiting

## December & January Opening Hours

Monday-Saturday 10:00-17:00

Sunday 12:30-15:00

*last admission 45 minutes before closing.*

## Saturday 24 December, Christmas Eve

10:00-13:30

*last admission 12:45*

## Sunday 25 December, Christmas Day

Open for service only.

## Monday 26 December, St Stephen's Day

Closed for worship & visiting.

## Tuesday 27 December - Monday 2 January

Monday-Saturday 10:00-17:00

Sunday 12:30-15:00

*last admission 45 minutes before closing.*

## Tuesday 3 - Thursday 5 January

***inclusive***

Closed for worship & visiting.

# Gift Shop

Discover our great range of bespoke Christ Church products and Irish gifts, all of which make great Christmas presents. All proceeds from the shop go towards the preservation of the cathedral. Our gift shop is open during visiting hours.

Visit [christchurchcathedral.ie](http://christchurchcathedral.ie) for exceptions to opening hours for services or events.



# *Get to know the team*

We asked members of the team about their favourite part of Advent and Christmas at the cathedral.

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## Shawn Talbot

Senior Tourism & Event Coordinator

*"My favourite part of Advent/Christmas in the cathedral is the PEATA carol service. I love that everyone can be involved in the festivities including the dogs who give us so much love throughout the year."*

## Conor Rubalcava

Cathedral Assistant

*"My favourite thing about Christ Church during Christmas are the carol services sung by the choir."*

## Ruth Kenny

Head of Learning & Interpretation

*"I love all the Christmas workshops we run, making wreathes and decorations in our beautiful South Transept or dressing up in our choir robes and singing Christmas carols. It's always special to have people in the cathedral in great festive spirits, enjoying our wonderful building at this time of year."*

## Daire Daly

Head Tour Guide

*"Midnight Mass on the 24 December is one of my favourites - it's a spiritual and atmospheric event not to be missed! Also traditionally the cathedral is where Dubliners come to ring in the New Year and our bell ringers duly oblige."*







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