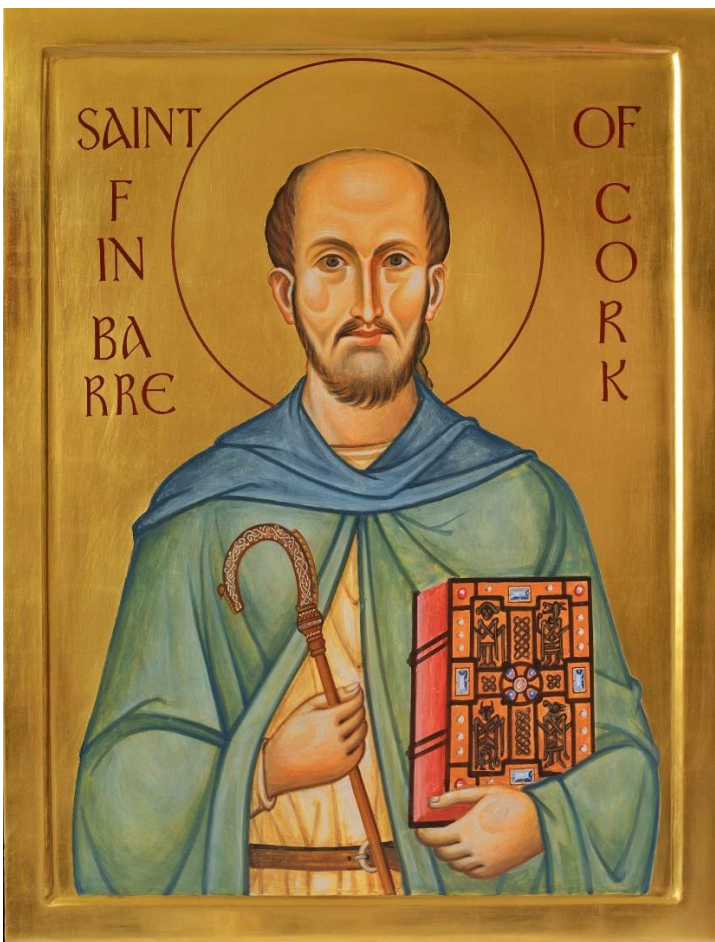




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Images from the Diocesan Commemoration weekend for the 1400th Anniversary of the death of St. Fin Barre.

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From front cover....The Commemoration Weekend for the **1400th Anniversary of the death of St Fin**

Barre, the Patron Saint of Cork, came to a close on Monday, 25th September, the Saint's Feast Day.

Throughout the weekend a series of events were offered at St Fin Barre's Cathedral to allow everyone to visit, pray, and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Cathedral and its grounds. On Saturday 23rd September Bishop Paul Colton started the day with a Commemoration Service. Nearly 1,000 people visited the cathedral throughout the day, of which nearly 80 people were Finbarrs and 1 of which was a poodle named Finbarre! Bishop Paul Colton had a small present for each of them. On Sunday, 24th September, a Festival Evensong for the Patronal Festival of Saint Fin Barre took place at the Cathedral. As part of the Evensong a specially commissioned icon of Saint Fin Barre was consecrated by the Bishop (see picture on front cover).

On Monday 25th (Saint Fin Barre's day), a Quiet Day and Retreat for the clergy of the Diocese led by the former Archbishop of Armagh (and former Dean of Cork), the Right Reverend Dr Richard Clarke, took place at St Fin Barre's Cathedral. The commemoration weekend culminated in the evening with the Ordination of the Rev. Martin Steele to the priesthood which is a joyous occasion for the diocese. The whole weekend was a great celebration, and thanks to the Bishop, Dean, Director of music and all involved! (Information from the Diocesan News blog www.churchofirelandcork.com)

Come and Sing Evensong ~ The director of music at St. Fin Barre's Cathedral is running a Diocesan Come and Sing Evensong on Saturday 7th October in St Fin Barre's Cathedral. The Rehearsal will be at 2pm, with Tea/Coffee at 4.15pm and the Service at 5.00pm. Music includes Bairstow's anthem *Save us, O Lord* and the canticles are *Walmisley in D minor*. Music will be supplied on the day, but people can be emailed a copy of the music in advance if individuals would like to see it. Please email directorofmusicsfb@gmail.com to register your interest.



Baltimore Film Club in St. Matthew's Church. This is up and running, and has been quite useful for groups taking shelter from the *Irish Summer*! To find out what films are being shown, please check the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/280887277936759> It is hoped there will be an email list advertising what films will be shown in the near future, keep a look out in next month's parish newsletter.

Retiring Collection ~ Last month's retiring collection was due to have been for The Irish Heart Foundation. However, with the disastrous flooding in Libya, we had a retiring collection for the Bishop's appeal supporting relief work there. Thank you to all who supported, an amazing €310.00 was raised.



For more information on this, or if any would like to donate directly for this, you can do so here: <https://bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/libya-appeal-to-help-those-whose-lives-have-been-devastated-by-the-floods/>

This month our collection will be on the Sunday 15th October (for the Irish Heart Foundation). If any parishioners have any suggestions of charities they would like the parish to support, please contact the rector.

Select Vestry ~ There will be a meeting of the **Select Vestry** on Wednesday 18th October at 8 pm in Abbeystrewry Hall.

Concerts ~ There was a wonderful concert featuring the Contempo Quartet in Abbeystrewry Church as part of Culture night. There will be another free concert on Saturday 21st October at 3pm in Abbeystrewry Church. This will be performed by Madrigal 75, a vocal ensemble performing repertoire from the 14th century to contemporary choral works, both sacred and secular, including first performances of new commissions. Since January 2007, Madrigal '75 has been directed by James Taylor, organist and harpsichordist. There will be a retiring collection, with the proceeds going jointly to Abbeystrewry Union of parishes and The Skibbreen Geriatric Society.

Youth ~ Ross Union are starting up a **Youth Group** in this autumn and would like to invite teenagers from Abbeystrewry Union to join us for our activities. We are going to meet once a month on a Saturday night, normally in the Cathedral Hall or Deanery (depending on the activity). The October meeting will be on the **14th of October from 7.30-9.30pm in Leap Community Hall (beside Leap Church)** for a creative workshop to make something for the Leap Scarecrow Festival. We also hope to encourage the young people to take part in CDYC events throughout the year. Please contact Dean Cliff Jeffers if you want any further information on 087-2390849.

Table Quiz As a parish fundraiser, there will be a parish Table Quiz in Abbeystrewry Hall at 3pm on **Sunday 22nd October**. This for all the Family (and some of the questions will be for children!) More details will be sent about this nearer the time.



Confirmation ~ If you are interested in being confirmed next year (2024), please let the rector know. Attendance at the Diocesan confirmation morning in Douglas is compulsory, as are attendance at confirmation classes. After the disruption of Covid 19, we have now returned to our policy of confirmation in the parish every two years. So after 2024, the next confirmation will be 2026! Please note that the rector is not responsible for the date of the confirmation which is set by the Bishop.



Table tennis returns to the parish. It is proposed to hold this on Sunday afternoons, our first gathering on Sunday 15th from 3pm to 4.30pm in Abbeystrewry Hall. Tea and Coffee will be served!

House Communion ~ Please contact the rector if you, or someone you know wish to receive house Communion. Similarly, if you have been in hospital or are coming out of hospital, please also let the Rector know, don't assume that someone has told him!!



Services in October

NEW SERVICE TIMES.

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church (every Sunday)
- 10.00 Castletownshend (1st Sunday of the month)
- 10.00 Caheragh (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
- 10.00 Baltimore (2nd and 4th Sundays of the month)
- 11.30 Abbeystrewry (every Sun)

Sunday 1 October ~ The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.00 Eucharist with Harvest Thanksgiving in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist with Harvest Thanksgiving in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 8 October ~ The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist with Harvest Thanksgiving in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
- 11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 15 October ~ The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 22 October ~ The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Morning Prayer in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
- 11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen

Sunday 29 October ~ The Fifth Sunday before Advent

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen (Group service)

Sunday 5 Nov ~ The Fourth Sunday before Advent

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church, Skibbereen
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
- 10.00 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
- 11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

The Eucharist will also be celebrated on Wednesdays at 10.30 am in the Creagh Chapel, Abbeystrewry Church.

If you would like to receive the parish newsletter in the future by email please email the Rector at abbeystrewryunion@gmail.com