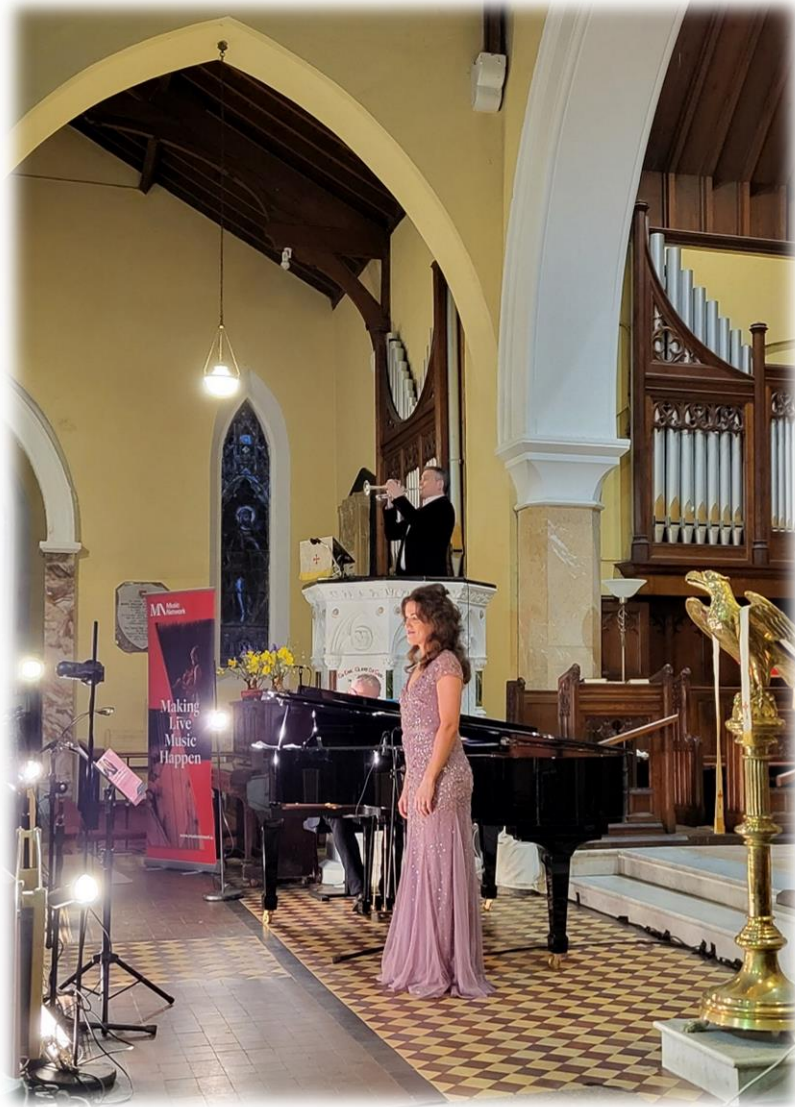




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May 2023



Concerts return! Pictured above a recent concert in Abbeystrewry Church featuring Claudia Boyle, Niall O'Sullivan and Conor Linehan.

www.abbeystrewry.com



Concerts ~ Our parish is certainly blessed with the number of concerts held in our Churches, and this is true particularly in the Summer. There are a number of different types of concerts to keep you entertained, so here are a few selection:

- **Fiddle Festival** ~ We look forward to welcoming the Baltimore Fiddle Festival to St. Matthew's Church, Baltimore for two concerts from 4-7th May (both these concerts are sold out!).
- Of course the **Festival of Music at St. Barrahan's** will be holding their series of concerts for the months of July and August in Castletownshend. Details of the concerts are available at www.barrahanmusic.ie where tickets can now be purchased.
- There will also be a selection of concerts in St. Matthew's for the month of June (The Frank and Walters, David Kitt and John Spillane) Visit the '**Live at St. Matthew's**' website www.liveatstmatthews.com for more details.
- Local choir Illen Vibe will be holding a concert in Abbeystrewry Church on Friday 16th June.
- The Skibbereen Arts Festival will be holding a number of concerts in Abbeystrewry Church, and we look forward to those, particularly the Canon Goodman concert!




Thank you ~ to all who supported, baked and served for our Easter Eve Coffee morning and cake sale on Saturday 8th April. An impressive €2,100 was raised for parish funds.

Bantry General Hospital ~ A number of things have returned to normal at Bantry Hospital. Firstly face masks are no longer required (except in certain wards). Secondly, Hospital Chaplains are now allowed to visit patients again! If you are in hospital and would like a visit from a Chaplain, please do ask or contact the rector. It is great to have another step towards 'normality!'

House Communion. ~ Please do not hesitate to contact the rector if you would like Holy Communion brought to you, or if you would like a pastoral visit.



 Retiring Collection. ~ Thank you for your support of our retiring collection for the Irish Red Cross at our retiring collection last month. The Charity we will be supporting this month at our retiring collection on the third Sunday of the Month (Sunday 21st May) will be **for Christian Aid. This comes just after Christian Aid Week (14-20th May).**



For more on the Work on Christian Aid, please visit www.christinaid.ie



Parish Meeting. It was strongly felt at the Easter General Vestry meeting that we need urgently call a Parish meeting to alert all parishioners to the various challenges facing the parish. This will be held **on Wednesday 24th May at 8pm** in Abbeystrewry Hall.

To be discussed at the meeting will be:

- The Changes in the population of the parish
- Parish Finances facing the parish
- Challenges to building maintenance
- Change in service times to be implemented from June onwards.

Your opinion matters, and this will be your chance to give your opinion!!

Please make every effort to attend this important meeting.



Please note that the rector will be away at the General Synod of the Church of Ireland in Wexford from Thursday 11th May to Saturday 13th May. In case of pastoral emergency during this time please contact Rev.

Carole Pound. (You can keep an eye for all the goings on at Synod on the website:

<https://synod.ireland.anglican.org/2023/welcome>

The Rector will also be away on annual leave from Monday 29th May to Saturday 3rd June. In case of pastoral emergency during this time, please contact Canon Paul Willoughby on 027 61011.

Services in May

Sunday 7th May ~ The Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 9.00 Eucharist in St. Barrahanes, Castletownshend
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 14th May ~ The Sixth Sunday of Easter

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
10.15 Morning Prayer in St. Mary's Caheragh
11.30 Morning Prayer in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 21st May ~ The Sunday after Ascension Day

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
10.00 Eucharist in St. Matthew's, Baltimore
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church (with Sunday Club)

Sunday 28th May ~ The Day of Pentecost

- 8.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church
10.15 Eucharist in St. Mary's, Caheragh
11.30 Eucharist in Abbeystrewry Church

Sunday 4th June ~ Trinity Sunday

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

The Eucharist will also be celebrated every Wednesday of May at 10.30am in the Creagh Chapel in Abbeystrewry Church.



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