



FEBRUARY 2007 EVENT

Saturday 10th February at 3pm

**Very Reverend Dr Hugh Kennedy
Administrator of St Peter's Cathedral**

St Polycarp's Church Hall, Upper Lisburn Road

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Finaghy crossroads-on left going away from King's Hall)

In connection with the new series of Sung Masses just launched at St Peter's Cathedral
in conjunction with USOC, the Very Rev Dr Hugh Kennedy, Administrator at St Peter's
will be the speaker at this meeting. He will cover such matters as:

- His plans for this series
- The position of non-Catholics attending
- Similarities between the services at St Peter's and those in churches in other denominations
- The current attitude of the Roman Catholic church generally towards 'serious' church music

Sung Mass at St Peter's Cathedral, 7.30pm

Featuring the choir of St George's Parish Church, High Street, Belfast

All USOC members welcome. For St Peter's, leave the Westlink at the Divis/Falls exit.
At top of slip road, head away from the city centre. Turn left at the first traffic lights and
then left again. The car park entrance is to the left of the Cathedral.

N B. Any members interested in having a meal in Belfast between the afternoon and
evening events should phone Philip Walden on 9147 3643 by Saturday 3 February. If
there is sufficient demand, arrangements will be made.

Members should feel free to attend either or both of the afternoon and evening events.

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News

Well done to former Presidents Dr Joe McKee and Dr Donald Davison who were awarded an OBE and MBE respectively in the New Year's Honours list. Congratulations!

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Please also note that at 7.30pm, the choir at the St Peter's Sung Mass Series will be that of St Anne's Cathedral, Belfast.

31 March – March USOC Event

On this date, there will be a further session on basic improvisation taken by Philip Stopford. It will be held in Dundrod Presbyterian Church where there is a fine organ by Kenneth Jones built 25 years ago. Directions in the next Bulletin but contact Philip Stopford **now** if you would like to be one of the players, music@belfastcathedral.org

Concerts, Recitals and Special Occasions

Friday 16 February 2007, 7.45pm, PETER BARLEY, Ulster Hall

Unfortunately, Olivier Latry has had to withdraw from this engagement following an operation. However, he has been replaced by Peter Barley. Peter is Director of Music at St Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin and a former organ scholar at King's College, Cambridge.

USOC members are strongly encouraged to support this event-the last organ concert before the Ulster Hall closes for extensive refurbishment. Call 9032 3900 for details.

Vacant Consoles

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Message from the Hon. Treasurer :

Thank you to those members who have already paid their subscription for 2007, especially those who sent it off before Christmas. I should now be pleased to receive subscriptions from the remainder of the membership; please heed the note on the payment sheet enclosed with the December Bulletin. Thanks also to those who pay by automated means i.e. standing order.

Final payments for the Oxford Tour would also be welcome now.

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2007 AGM

At the recent AGM, the following were elected for this year.

Election of office Bearers

The following appointments were made for 2007.

Mr James Little	President
Mr Michael Tregenna	Vice President
Mr Philip Stopford	Vice President
Mr Philip Stopford	Honorary Secretary
Mr Philip Walden	Honorary Treasurer
Mr John Wright	Honorary Auditor

Committee for 2007

Dr Donald Davison MBE
Gareth Johnston
Ivan Millen
Ian Mills
David McElderry
Tanja Tierney
Stephen Timpany
Dick Walker

Alasdair Mac Laughlin, who was absent, was also elected subject to his confirmation that he will accept membership of the Committee.

Website

Don't forget to stay up to date on the web - www.usoc.org.uk

where you can find sources of Teachers, Concert Listings, and much more

Any items of interest or news, or church posts you wish to advertise, should be sent to me at music@belfastcathedral.org or Director of Music, Belfast Cathedral, Donegall Street, Belfast, BT1 2HB. Thank you. *Philip Stopford, Hon.Sec.*