

All Hallows ✱  
FESTIVAL WEEK 2016









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# Introduction

**For a glorious week in July, we had a week of celebration in the form of a Festival. The aim of Festival week was to offer opportunities to all stakeholders to celebrate this 174 year old institution and to acknowledge the contribution of Vincentians, staff, students, past men, alumni and friends to the life of this College.**

It was also a platform to ritualise the transition and anchor some of the legacy aspects so that they were embedded into the future. Each day

paid homage to different facets of the All Hallows story - we had the family fun day and unveiling of the acknowledgement plaque, the open day and Celtic Mass, the blessing of the graveyard, the Mass to celebrate the contribution of the Vincentian family, the opening of the Heritage Exhibition and Reflective Garden, the update presentation to Pastmen, class Masses, Jubilee Mass and dinner and on the Friday an academic symposium and a final liturgy, presided over by his Grace Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin. This Mass ritualised the hand over of the All Hallows Campus by the Chair of the All Hallows Trust, Ms. Fiona Naughton, to Dublin City University, represented by Prof. Brian MacCraith, President of the University.



The All Hallows Festival Week was  
launched with a sun-drenched Family  
Fun Day on Sunday 17th July





# Family Fun Day

## **The All Hallows Festival Week was launched with a sun-drenched Family Fun Day on Sunday 17th July.**

Staff and students were joined by friends, family, DCU colleagues and local residents for a relaxing afternoon of chat, food, games, more chat, laughter – and a very tightly-contested football match!

The celebrations started with a liturgy conducted by Deacon Dermot McCarthy, Chair of the Board of Governors of All Hallows College.

Tribute was paid to Fr. John Hand, founder of All Hallows College. A selection of staff, former students and pastmen from the seminary days, spoke of their experiences and the impact that All Hallows made in their lives.

The liturgy team collated a beautiful programme of choral, musical and dance performances and the ceremony concluded with the unveiling of a plaque dedicated to all staff and students of All Hallows College, 1842-2016.



Mary McPhillips, Executive Vice-President of All Hallows College welcomes everyone to the Liturgy and to the Festival



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Sr. Dorrie Balfé pays tribute to Fr. John Hand, who founded All Hallows in 1842 against great odds



Orla Cashell performs a moving liturgical dance accompanied by Emma Schmidt-Looney on guitar and vocals



Sr. Mary Ann Maxwell leads the congregation in song



Colette Kerr, with her husband at her side, talks about her memories and learnings as a student in All Hallows



Sunday 17th July



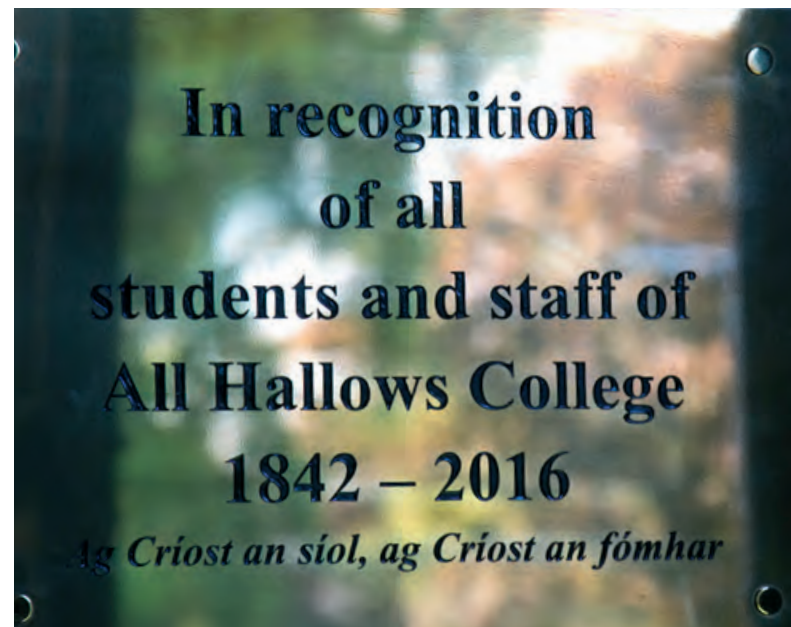
Anne Marie Lowry (Liturgist) and some of those involved in Sunday's Liturgy



Hubert O'Reilly, Pastman, speaks about his time in the seminary and his life journey since then



Deacon Dermot McCarthy and Ms. Fiona Naughton, Chairs respectively of the Board of Governors and the Board of Trustees





There was plenty to keep everyone entertained and happy...



Plenty of activities to choose from...



The Sweetie Stall was kept very busy



A perfect day for ice cream



Working on the Sweetie Stall must be the best job in the world!





Face painting is always a big hit



All this fun is hungry work!



Jenga anyone?





Having fun in the sun



Where would we be without Bouncy Castles



Gillian O'Sullivan with Rosemary Schnell, a great friend of All Hallows



Friends catch up for a chat – and go for a stroll



'Is there anything I've missed...?'



Sunday 17th July

We were blessed with the weather!



Fr. Mark Noonan, CM, former President of All Hallows



Everyone relaxes in the sun



Capturing memories...



**And not forgetting that all important football match:  
All Hallows vs DCU**

in the battle for the inaugural and prestigious JJ Spring Cup, named in honour of All Hallows stalwart, Fr. John Joe Spring. Both sides fielded strong teams, with the All Hallows stamina winning the day for the boys and girls in blue!



Finely-honed skills are essential in a closely fought match



Tackling, headers – this match had it all!



Sunday 17th July



A perfectly-placed goal clinches the match for the All Hallows team



Top & above: The Victors and the Vanquished – both looking equally pleased with their performance

Thanks to everyone for making it  
a great day for all!



A poignant tribute to the deceased  
members of the Vincentian and  
All Hallows family





## The Blessing of the Graves

### **A simple and moving ceremony that touched everyone who attended.**

Fr. John Hand, founder of All Hallows, was buried inside the gate of the Temple structure, which faces the east side of Drumcondra House, in 1846. Since that time the plot has served as the College Cemetery and is the final resting place for fifty-eight men and one woman, including seven of Fr. Hand's successors as President of All Hallows.

On Tuesday 19th July a blessing of the graves was conducted as a poignant tribute to the deceased members of the Vincentian and All Hallows family.

A major preservation project on the entire site will ensure that the graveyard will be restored and preserved for future generations.





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Candles are placed at each headstone



The Liturgy commences with an intonation of the names of those buried in the graveyard



Tuesday 19th July



Fr. John Joe Spring sprinkles the graves with Holy Water



A soulful clarinet accompaniment



Shared stories and memories...





The Madonna monument to Fr. Hand with part of the restored Temple wall in the background



Bertie Ahern, former Taoiseach and son of the late Con Ahern, Farm Manager at All Hallows College, with Cora Lambert, Director of Student Life and Services, All Hallows College.

The Temple is undergoing a major preservation project to preserve it for future generations



Tuesday 19th July

Memories of the deceased and stories of their good works are shared with the gathering, bringing those remembered to life for all present



A scripture reading from the book of Sirach

Since 1846 the Temple has served  
as the College Cemetery





Friends and associates of All Hallows join staff and students



Representing the past and the present: the All Hallows Association and a recent graduate – all part of the All Hallows family





The All Hallows festival week organising team relax after the day's events



Friends and associates of All Hallows





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## Friends and associates of All Hallows join staff and students for the ceremonies



Stories and laughter continue with Afternoon Tea on the College lawn



Frank, Anna, Sandra, Maureen and Sheila enjoying the sun



The Vincentian contribution  
to the mission and ethos of  
All Hallows College





# Thanksgiving Liturgy for the Contribution of the Vincentian Community to All Hallows College

**The Congregation of the Mission, or Vincentians, took on the administrative management of All Hallows College in 1892. Every President of the College since then has been a Vincentian.**

This Vincentian stewardship ensured that the College Mission, *Euntes Docete Omnes Gentes* - Go Teach All Nations, has remained rooted in educating students for justice, service and leadership.

All Hallows College Trustee, Bishop Brendan Kelly, presiding with Fr. Eugene Duffy, a former staff member, as homilist, held a special liturgy to celebrate and give thanks for the Vincentian contribution to the mission and ethos of All Hallows.

The contribution of the wider Vincentian family was also honoured at this liturgy. The Daughters of Charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Holy Faith Sisters and the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception have all, through the provision of personnel and financial resources, ensured that the vision, ethos and values of All Hallows continues to be felt across the globe and in local communities.





Members of the  
Vincentian family





Fr. Mark Noonan, C.M., President of All Hallows, 1995-2011, accepted a gift on behalf of the Vincentian Congregation from Fr. John Joe Spring. The presentation, a celtic eternity knot, was carved from All Hallow's oak with bog yew dowels inserted



Vincentian stewardship ensured the College mission since 1892



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and give thanks



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Tuesday 19th July



Honoria Conway was founder of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception, whose mission includes Christian education, health care and social services.



Fr. Eugene Duffy delivered the homily

“The question which is agitating the world today is a social one”



Not looking so much as what is seen,  
as what cannot be seen



The evening concluded with a convivial meal  
in the College dining room



The charism of the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception focuses on those who are sick, disadvantaged or living in poverty. It also advocates for social justice and environmental sustainability.



Ethos and values of Vincentian education (Service, Leadership and Justice) have been kept alive in All Hallows

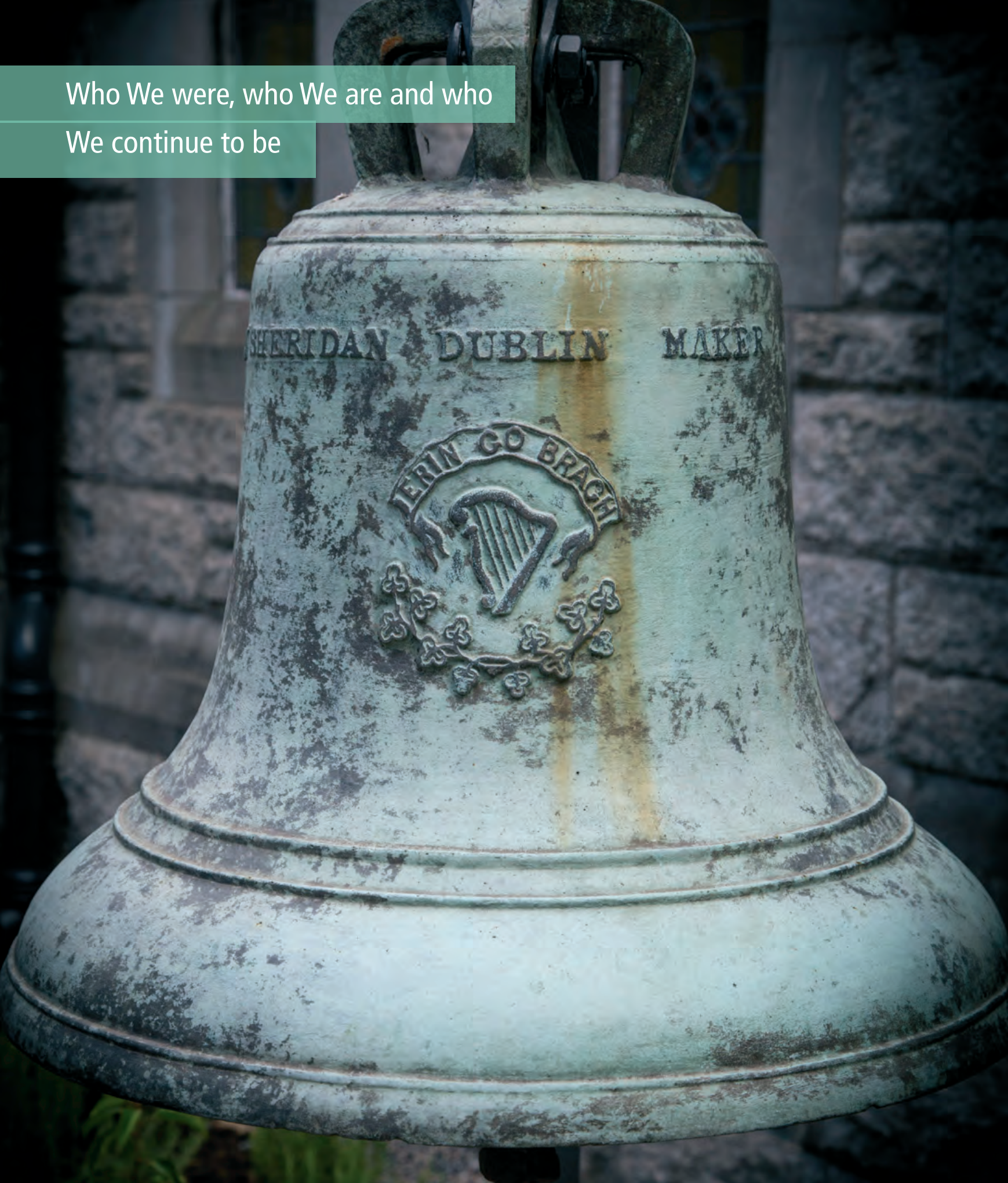


Representatives of the Daughters of Charity, the St Vincent de Paul Society, the Holy Faith Sisters and the Sisters of Charity of the Immaculate Conception

Go, Teach All Nations



Who We were, who We are and who  
We continue to be





## Opening and Blessing of Heritage Exhibition and Reflective Garden

**A permanent, comprehensive exhibition on the history and legacy of All Hallows 1842–2016 was formally blessed and opened on Wednesday 20th July by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Charles Brown, Papal Nuncio.**

A large group of invited guests were invited to the opening of the exhibition.

Ceremonies started at 12 noon with the ringing of the College bell, now relocated in the Reflective Garden. Members of the management team introduced his Excellency, The Most Reverend Charles John Brown, Apostolic Nuncio, who spoke of the indebtedness of the United States to the pioneering endeavours of Irish missionary priests in the evangelisation of that country in its fledgling years.

The Heritage Exhibition uses digital and physical displays to tell the All Hallows story, 1842-2016. It traces the journey from Seminary to Institute for Mission and Ministry and finally to Third Level College, linked to DCU. We heard a selection of personal stories from priests and lay students, highlight alumni whose work continues to make a real difference in the communities in which they serve.



John Keaveney, Project Director, thanks the team of architects, designers, landscapers, programmers and building contractors who brought the exhibition to fruition

Opposite page: Original Bell from the first All Hallows Church destroyed by fire in 1895, now located in Reflective Garden



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Cora Lambert welcomes guests to the blessing and launch



All Hallows College graduate, Aideen Leonard performs



His Excellency, the Most Reverend Charles Brown talks about the value of having the All Hallows story available to all



The Papal Nuncio opens the exhibition with a formal cutting of ribbon, leading out to the Reflective Garden

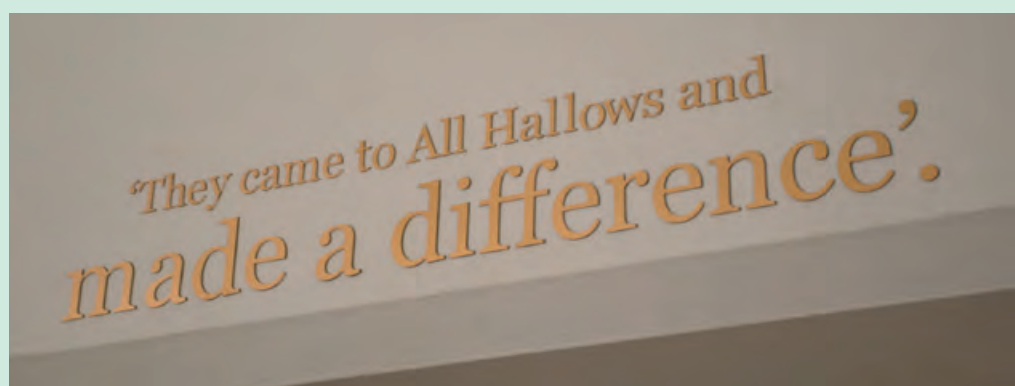
A permanent and comprehensive  
exhibition of All Hallows



Wednesday 20th July



Standing at the presidents Wall his Excellency the Most Reverend Charles John Brown, with former President, Fr. Mark Noonan, CM flanked by Fr. Bob Whiteside and Fr. John Joe Spring

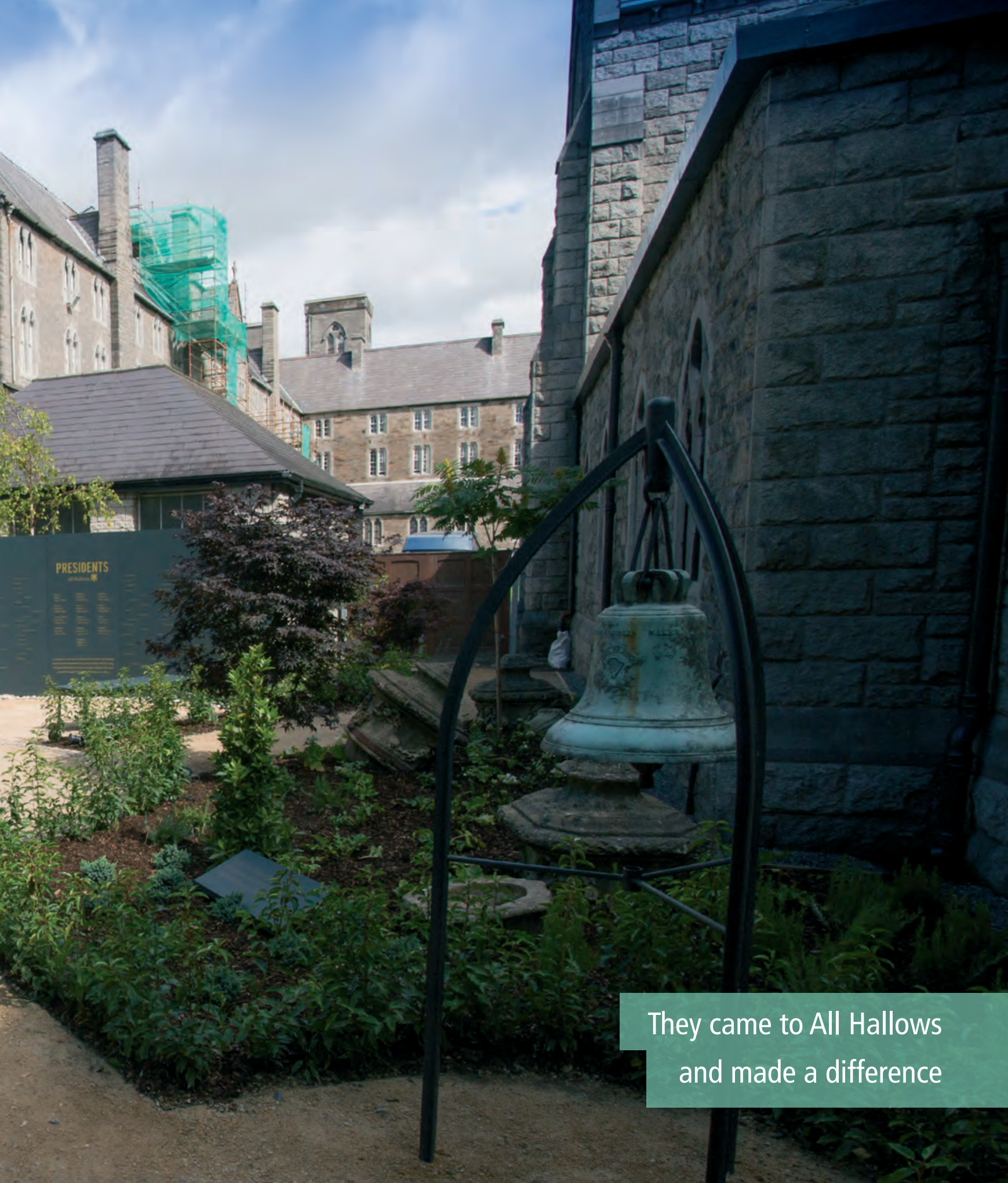


A symbolic placing of earth on the new Reflective Garden









They came to All Hallows  
and made a difference



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The Reflective Garden, as well as being a peaceful space to relax, also tells part of the story through its planting



The Vincentians had administrative management of All Hallows since 1892



Wednesday 20th July



The Reflective Garden is an oasis of calm in the centre of the busy campus



The College bell is tolled by Des Cahill to launch ceremonies



Decorative stone urns once adorned the roof parapet of Drumcondra House

Ceremonies started at 12 noon with the ringing of the College bell



A large group of invited guests  
browsed the exhibition



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Gillian O'Sullivan, HR Director, All Hallows College, describes the exhibition as another part of the All Hallows College story

The assembled guests hear that All Hallows educated over 7,000 students, first as a seminary and later as a third-level educational institute



Come rest awhile on the window seat with  
views across the front lawns







Lateral perspective of the exhibition





Everyone enjoying the bonus  
of a sunny summer afternoon



Relaxing at the sun-bathed lawn reception afterwards



A lightbox highlights some who carried through the Vincentian values of Leadership, Social Justice and Service in their life and work





The Apostolic Nuncio with Trustees and the Senior Management Team at the Presidents and Benefactors Wall



Above: The Vermillion design team beside the Evie Hone gouache for the Rose Window centrepiece in the College Chapel



Above: John Keaveney, Project Director and Carolanne Henry (in Green), Project Manager, with the Project Team



Pastmen return to their alma mater  
to celebrate Jubilee



## Euntes Docete Omnes Gentes

Go Teach all Nations

America  
Canada  
Asia

Ireland  
Scotland  
England  
Wales  
France  
Germany

Australia  
New Zealand

S. Africa  
S. America  
India



## Jubilee Day

### **Jubilee Day has traditionally been one of the highlights of the All Hallows calendar.**

Usually held in the third week of July, it is when the All Hallows pastmen - ordained and non-ordained - return to their Alma Mater to celebrate their respective jubilees – be it 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 55 or even 60 years since ordination year. Those celebrating other anniversary years also often attend and are just as warmly welcomed.

Jubilee is a chance to meet up with classmates, many of whom have not met since Ordination Day. As missionary priests, the All Hallows men travelled across the globe, ministering in a wide variety of settings - rural and urban, disenfranchised and more empowered,

in sparsely-populated and widely spread-out or in tightly-packed city parishes. The 50+ missions worldwide included those in America, Australia, Canada and Newfoundland, the United Kingdom, New Zealand, South Africa and ensured there were many experiences to compare over the couple of days in July!

For some, this may be the first visit back in fifty or more years; others return annually, to catch up with friends and colleagues. Masses are celebrated, meals are enjoyed, stories are shared, all against the backdrop of the gracious All Hallows campus.

This year, Jubilee Day formed part of Festival Week. Over 140 men returned to say 'hello' and 'goodbye' and to celebrate, along with others, the diverse legacy of All Hallows College.

Opposite page: The College Chapel, always at the heart of the pastmen's All Hallows experience, at its magnificent best



Jubilee Day



Golden Jubilee, celebrating 50 years since ordination





Thursday 21st July



Bishop Kevin Boland gives the homily

As missionary priests, the All Hallows  
men travelled across the globe



Staff, students and friends of All Hallows joined Jubilarians and members of the All Hallows Association for Jubilee mass



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A group of friends from a range of ordination years, join in the Jubilee celebrations



Thursday 21st July



Staff have put together a special liturgy for Jubilee mass



A group from the Class of 1962



The Class of 1956, celebrating their Diamond Jubilee, 60 years since ordination



A chance to meet up with  
classmates, many of whom have  
not met since ordination



The All Hallows Association, formed in 1992 by pastmen who did not proceed to ordination, is a strong link between the ordained and non-ordained alumni of the All Hallows seminary days. The Association has supported many College initiatives over the years.



The Class of 1976, celebrating Ruby, or 40th Jubilee



Tony Gorman, President of the All Hallows Association, with Bishop Kevin Boland





The Class of 1966, Golden Jubilee, celebrating 50 years since ordination



Members of the Class of 1991, celebrating 25th anniversary, Silver Jubilee





Staff, students and friends of All Hallows joined Jubilarians and members of the All Hallows Association for Jubilee mass



The College Chapel, always at the heart  
of the pastmen's All Hallows' experience,  
at its magnificent best





Staff, friends, past and present,  
participate in the liturgy  
on Friday 22nd





## Festival Week Academic Symposium

**One of the events held during the College Festival week in July 2016 was a one-day academic symposium examining the story of All Hallows College and placing it within its historical and social context. The day was structured around two main themes.**

The morning session was used to consider aspects of the Irish missionary endeavour, the idea of mission and the experiences of Irish missionaries. Elements

of the 19th century missionary world were presented by Dr Eugene Curran, CM (All Hallows College) and Dr Jacinta Prunty (Maynooth University). Joe Humphreys (Irish Times) examined life-story narratives of Irish Missionaries from the 20th Century. The panel discussion was chaired by Dr Andrew O'Regan, Dean of Academic Affairs, All Hallows College and included Deirdre Ruane (Association of Missionaries and Religious of Ireland) and Ailish O'Brien (Congregation of the Sisters of Mercy) focussed on the missionary experience today.

The afternoon session explored the contemporary space of Higher Education in Ireland today and questioned the narrative of Higher Education as an apolitical force. Dr Tom Grenham (All Hallows College) examined the place of theology and religion in a pluralist and secular world. Liz Waters (An Cosan, Virtual Community College) and Dr Tess Maginness (Queen's University Belfast) challenged the current dominant construct of education and the educational engagement of adult learners. The panel discussion was led by Jim Doyle, former Dean of Academic Affairs, All Hallows College and including Dr Catherine Breathnach (All Hallows College), examined the role of Higher Education Institutions in the formation of socially engaged citizens. With a mixture of academic and practitioner papers presented on both themes, the panel and open floor sessions proved lively indeed.





# Closing Ceremony and Handover to Dublin City University

**Festival Week 2016 culminated  
with an academic symposium and  
a closing liturgy which included  
a ceremonial transfer of the campus  
to Dublin City University.**

**The First Reading from Ecclesiastes (3:1-8)  
was apt for the occasion:**

There is a time for everything  
And a season for everything under the heavens:  
A time to be born and a time to die  
A time to plant and a time to uproot,  
A time to tear down and a time to build,  
A time to weep and a time to laugh,  
A time to mourn and a time to dance,  
A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them.  
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,  
A time to search and a time to give up,  
A time to keep and a time to throw away,  
A time to tear and a time to mend,  
A time to be silent and a time to speak,  
A time for love and a time to refrain from loving,  
A time for war and a time for peace.



Friday 22nd July



Waiting to greet Archbishop Diarmuid Martin



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin presided over a moving ceremony



The First Reading from Ecclesiastes (3:1-8) was apt for the occasion



Vice President, All Hallows College, Mary McPhillips, speaking with Prof Brian MacCraith, President of Dublin City University



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The circle of All Hallows Oak with the eternity knot (Trinity symbol) inserted in All Hallows Walnut, with bog yew inserts presented to Dublin City University bears the mottos of both colleges – All Hallows 'Go Teach All Nations' and DCU's 'Education for Transformation'



Archbishop Diarmuid Martin





Friday 22nd July



Several priests of All Hallows concelebrated the mass.  
A number of staff and students were Eucharistic ministers



Lighting of the All Hallows candle at the conclusion of the liturgy



At the Communion reflection, All Hallows graduate Miriam Doran  
performed liturgical movement to The Deer's Cry



## Our candles serve to honour the legacy of All Hallows



Fiona Naughton, Chair of the Board of Trustees of All Hallows College presented the circle of All Hallows Oak to Professor Brian McCraith, President of Dublin City University



Trasna, by Raphael Considine PBVM was read by Cora Lambert





## The culmination of a busy week of events and liturgies



A photograph is taken in front of the Presidents and Benefactors Wall in the Reflective Garden



Pictured (L-R): Professor Brian McCraith, President, Dublin City University, Fiona Naughton, Chair, Board of Trustees, All Hallows & His Grace Dr. Diarmuid Martin, Archbishop of Dublin.



Pictured (L-R): Professor Brian McCraith, President, Dublin City University, Fiona Naughton, Chair, Board of Trustees, All Hallows College, Mary McPhillips, Executive Vice-President, All Hallows College, His Grace



