



3rd Sunday Advent – 15 December 2024

FIACH MORIARTY — 'LIBERTIES'



Liberties is a concept album about Fiach's great-granduncle

Jack Kavanagh from Francis Street in Dublin's Liberties. Fiach explains, 'Like many men from the Liberties area of Dublin, Jack joined the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and fought in World War I. While there are specifics about Jack in the

album, I see him as a Liberties everyman, representing the men of that area at that time that followed the same path to fight in an Imperial War during a time of great economic hardship.' 'Jack Kavanagh was a bit of an enigma in our family,'

Fiach continues. 'My grandmother often told me about him but my mother and her siblings had never heard of him. During Covid I signed up to Ancestry.com and discovered all about Jack through his army records. I pieced this together with stories my grandmother had told me about him. I wrote the album chronologically as I wanted to try to accurately track his life from the Liberties to Gallipoli. I included as much information about Dublin at that time to paint a picture of what it was like for a young man in Dublin in those turbulent times.'

'I'm for Gallipoli' features Damien Dempsey on vocals representing Paddy Kavanagh, Fiach's great-grandfather. The vocals were recorded in John Reynolds' home studio in Enniskerry using the same microphone Sinéad O'Connor used for her iconic track 'Nothing Compares 2 U'.

Born into a musical family, Fiach Moriarty began playing the violin at the age of five, teaching himself guitar when he was twelve, and then began writing songs. When he turned eighteen, Fiach attended Ballyfermot College in order to hone his craft, catching the attention of Chris White (Zombies) who was a guest at the college. Fiach first came onto the Irish music scene back in 2010 with his debut album *So I*, which RTÉ One made their Album of the Week. The album resulted in invitations to collaborate with Paul Brady and Eddi Reader, tours with Mary Black and Ray Davies of The Kinks, a deal with an LA publisher and tours in USA and Australia.

This was followed by Fiach's second album, *The Revolution*, in 2015, which led to features on BBC, two appearances with the RTÉ Concert Orchestra and tours of Ireland, France, Germany, UK and Switzerland.

In addition to his exceptional musical skills, Fiach is a passionate Irish language speaker, and in 2017 was a host and musician for *Jingle Jangle*, a six-part Virgin Media musical travel show which broadcast on TV3, alongside Fiachna Ó Braonáin from Hothouse Flowers and Jim Lockhart of Horslips. Fiach has recorded and performed with Harry Connick Jr., Marti Pellow (*Wet Wet Wet*), Mundy, Christy Dignam, Damien Dempsey, Una Healy, Brian Kennedy, John Sheahan of The Dubliners, Paddy Moloney of The Chieftains, Declan O'Rourke, Duke Special, Mary Coughlan, David Geraghty (Bell X1), Wallis Bird and for a time also joined the Grammy-nominated Beoga as a band member, performing on *Other Voices* and touring internationally.

These days, Fiach writes and plays guitar with the trad-fusion group ALDOC and most recently joined the seminal Irish band Horslips as guitarist and lead singer.

Remembered this Weekend

We remember all belong to us as well as those who have died through violence, hunger & war.



Pope Meets ResQ

Almost 31,000 migrants have gone missing whilst attempting to cross the Mediterranean since 2014. Last year alone, over 3,000 people were confirmed to have died making the crossing. ResQ People Saving People was founded to protect the lives and rights of people in danger in the Mediterranean. On December 11, Pope Francis met with ResQ and praised the "worthy work" they do for migrants traveling the Mediterranean and Balkan routes. ResQ's work includes rescuing people in sinking makeshift boats and offering support to migrants arriving in Europe after difficult journeys. Francis said, It "is most welcome" when people "who do not limit themselves to observing from a distance" but rather get involved. Pope Francis then reiterated what has been one of the main themes of his pontificate: "Migrants must be welcomed, accompanied, promoted, and integrated." The Pope lamented that not everyone has this conviction and "many lives are exploited, rejected, abused, or reduced to slavery."



Thank You

The total of the Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection was a spectacular €5,515. That was made up of €2,515 in cash plus a cheque for €3,000 given in the church collection.



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THIRD SUNDAY ADVENT

Penitential Rite

As we begin our celebration, we rejoice in Jesus the living Word.

You challenge us to be faithful to your word.
Lord have mercy

You challenge us to work for the poorest of the poor.
Christ have mercy

You challenge us to live our lives prophetically.
Lord have mercy

May our gracious God have mercy on us, forgive us our sin, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen

Zephaniah 3:14-18

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem: Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Philippians 4:4-7

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia, Alleluia

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. Alleluia

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do, then?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think

that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

Prayer of the Faithful

Lord God, knowing your love for us, brings us joy and true contentment. We bless you. Lord hear us

You show us the joy of actively helping the vulnerable and marginalised in our society. We bless you.
Lord hear us

We call to mind all those who have died, and all who mourn for them. May they all find peace. Lord hear us

Lord, you call us to live prophetically, which means not only speaking the truth, but being the truth and doing the truth for the world. Give us courage for the journey. Lord hear us

May this season of Advent, be a time of true joy, a time when we choose to look for the best in others, when we chose to build relationships that include people, rather than exclude them.
Lord hear us

In silence we remember those in need of our prayer and support..... Lord hear us



Reflection

Then said a rich man,
"Speak to us of Giving."
And he answered:

You give but little when you give of your possessions.
It is when you give of yourself that you truly give.

For what are your possessions but things you keep and guard for fear you may need them tomorrow?

There are those who give little of the much which they have - and they give it for recognition and their hidden desire makes their gifts unwholesome.

And there are those who have little and give it all.

These are the believers in life and the bounty of life, and their coffer is never empty.

Through the hands of such as these God speaks, and from behind their eyes He smiles upon the earth.

Kahlil Gibran