



# LifeFM News

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"Shining The Light Over Cork"

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## PRAISE AND PRAYER

### Praise For

1. FM license
2. Studio is completed
3. The volunteers
4. The equipment
5. People are praying for LifeFM
6. Lives being reached through LifeFM

### Prayer For

1. God's wisdom in choosing people
2. A programme schedule that touches the hearts of Cork
3. More volunteers who understand and are committed to the vision
4. The Lord to open the floodgates for financial support
5. God's protection for those working at LifeFM

*Ephesians 6:18*

## Launch Date Set for 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 am!

Welcome to "LifeFM News", the monthly newsletter for Ireland's first licensed Christian radio station. The countdown has begun! LifeFM's launch date is set for 7:00 am on 16th March, the day before St. Patrick's Day, and one week before Easter Sunday. Needless to say, things are really heating up here at the Studios at LifeFM.

After years of sowing in tears and walking by faith, the Gospel is now set to go out over the airwaves of Cork. Having been awarded the license from the BCI (Broadcasting Commission of Ireland) on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2005, work continued until a location was secured just before Christmas 2006. As you can see in the photos below, the studios and offices are now completed and ready to go. Praise the Lord!

We're all excited, as well as a little nervous, but praying earnestly to God that all will run smooth and everything (and everyone) is in place for our inaugural broadcast.

LifeFM's purpose is to bring hope to the people of Cork. We want to be a helping hand to those who face difficult times, as well as tackle real life issues affecting our youth, such as depression and suicide. LifeFM will encourage young people to see their true value and point them in the right direction so that they can find real purpose in life.

All of the work to date at LifeFM has been done by volunteers. People have given their time, money, and most importantly, prayers to the work. There is still much work to be done so opportunities to help us are available. Could God be calling you to this work? Feel free to contact us by phone or email, and you are always more than welcome to pop in to our studio location in Dean Rock, Togher. Christian radio is a new work in Ireland and LifeFM seeks to develop skills and train those with a heart for God's work.



## Will The Real Saint Patrick Step Forward?

by John Tuttlebee

If he wasn't an Irishman, where did he come from? How did he cast the snakes out of Ireland, if there weren't any? How come the first mention of him using the Shamrock to explain the Trinity is in 1727?

Although it is difficult to sort out fact from fiction, we are fortunate to have in our possession - stored at Trinity College, Dublin - copies of writings by Patrick himself in the fifth century, which scholars vouch for as authentic. His **Confession** is a Defence against accusation of the British Bishops who sent him to Ireland, and in it he tells the story of his life. His **Letter** was written to a Welsh Chieftan, Coroticus, who had captured and executed many Irish men and women who had become Christians through his preaching. In it Patrick doesn't pull his punches!

He grew up in a home where the Bible was taught, the Lord was revered and church life encouraged. His grandfather was a priest, and his father a deacon in the church. He was captured by pirates at the age of 16, and taken to Ireland, and there he worked looking after herds. It was at this time he found a personal faith.

"I did not know the true God... There he made me aware of my unbelief, that I might at last recognise my sins and turn wholeheartedly to Him. He protected me and comforted me as a father would his son. I used to pray many times during the day. More and more my love of God and reverence for him began to increase."

Six years later he escaped aboard a ship, that probably took him to France, where he may have trained for the Christian ministry. Later he heard God's call to be a missionary in Ireland.

"It was in Britain one night I saw a vision of a man called Victor, who appeared to have come from Ireland with an unlimited number of letters. As I started to read one of them I seemed at the same moment to hear the voice of those who were by the wood of Voclut: 'We ask you, boy, come and walk once more among us.' The love of Christ indeed gave me to them to serve them humbly and sincerely for my entire lifetime. He kept me from all evil because of his Spirit who lives in me and works in me to this very day."

Thousands heard the Good News about Jesus through his lips. He won over the local chiefs and then had permission to preach to their people. Many believed his message and were born again in God. He established them in communities, and appointed leaders. He also established groups of monks and nuns in keeping with the practices of his day. They became centres for taking the gospel to the surrounding areas.

### BEHIND THE SCENES

#### **Brian Daly Station Manager**

Brian is a Cork man and a full time volunteer. Brian is committed, with the help of others involved, to launching a station that will be of high quality and a powerful voice proclaiming the love of Jesus across the airwaves of his native city.



### Would You Like to Work in Christian Radio?

We are now offering new and exciting career opportunities in Christian radio. Positions are available for presenters, office staff and technical help. Volunteers of all ages and experience are welcome as well. All volunteers will be fully trained by professionally qualified staff. To be part of LifeFM's groundbreaking, exciting and life-changing Christian radio, please see page 5 regarding how to contact us by phone or e-mail.

### Financial Support

We need financial support for the day-to-day operation of LifeFM. Our heartfelt thanks go to those who have given generously to the station, but we still have a long way to go! Please consider what you can give to LifeFM to help us reach our target to get on the airwaves over Cork and to stay on air. One hour of LifeFM costs €45. There have been some fundraising events for LifeFM such as 'parachute jumping'. Any new ideas would be gratefully received, considered and put to the test!

He stayed working in Ireland until he died, despite the efforts of the bishops to recall him to Britain. They thought he was wasting his time amongst the primitive and heathen Irish.

Traditionally he died on March 17th.

### **Check it Out Yourself:**

Many different translations of Patrick's writings are available in libraries and also in print. Read "How the Irish Changed Civilization" by Thomas Cahill (1995) and see Patrick within a wider sweep of Irish history. Above all read the book Patrick quotes nearly 200 times in his writings and which underlies all his thoughts -The Word of the Lord found in Sacred Scripture.



## **Lives Touched Through Christian Radio**

Brian & Anna Daly: "God had no place in our lives; we were drinking and taking drugs. We had three children but were not married. The future seemed very bleak to us. But one day as we played with the radio dial we came across a Christian radio station (UCB at the time). As we listened over the next weeks and months, the love of God touched our hearts and we both committed our lives to Him. He delivered us from drink and drugs, and not long afterwards we were married. Ten years on we have five wonderful children and we're going on strong in Christ. We can safely say if it wasn't for Christian radio, we would not be together. The future is much brighter for us. Now we want other people to encounter the transforming love of Christ. There are many families like ours in Cork. How will they hear about His love if they won't set foot in a church, or let any Christian through their door? LifeFM is one way to reach people on their own turf, at home or at work, in a non-threatening way, and introduce them to the love and power of our Almighty God."

## LifeFM Programme Schedule\*

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7am-11am News @ 8&9	<b>Breakfast Show</b> Includes news, weather, traffic, thought for the day, lives of the Saints, community diary and Jobslot				
11am-2pm News @ 1	<b>Lifelines Magazine</b> This programme includes features formerly included elsewhere such as Cinema Review, 'Short Chronicles', occasional news from Amnesty International, extracts from 'Planet News' and the content of the former pre-recorded morning specials like Great Outdoors, Education, Mums & Toddlers				
2pm - 7pm News @ 5&6	<b>Afternoon Drive</b> Includes news, weather, traffic, community diary, Jobslot and Local Sports				
7pm - 8pm	'Ceol agus Craic'	'Behind the Walls'®	'Different Lives'®	'Across the Street' ®	Special Interest Music Programme
8pm - 12am	<b>Young Life</b> This is the space for LifeFM's younger volunteers to turn up the tempo with the latest Christian Music Hits				
12am - 3am	<b>Lifelines Magazine Programme®</b>				
3am - 7am	<b>Afternoon Drive Prg®</b>				
<b>Saturday</b>			<b>Sunday</b>		
(7.30 - 8am) <b>Adventures in Odyssey</b> Popular radio drama for children			(8-10am) <b>Sunday Breakfast</b> with short reflection		
(8-10am) <b>Young Ones</b> Saturday Breakfast packed with kids features Children's stories			(1-2pm) <b>Behind the Walls</b> Phone in request programme for families of prisoners in Cork prisons. This interactive programme allows families to connect with their loved ones in prison and lets prisoners know they are not forgotten. First names only are used to protect the privacy to prisoners and their families.		
(1-2pm) <b>Core Issues</b> This programme looks at the lighter side of current affairs like the effects of brand names in labeling or coverage of the celebration day for the expansion of Europe. The programme will also provide a review of the week's news particularly those stories with a Christian /religious dimension.			(6-7pm) <b>Different Lives</b> Aims to educate listeners about people of different cultures, nationalities and religious backgrounds living in Cork, so as to increase understanding and combat the rising tide of racism. We will invite guests from these different backgrounds to come and share about their lives and how they came to live in Cork. This will be in the style of a friendly and informal chat mixed with some music.		
(6-7pm) <b>Across The Street and Around The World</b> This is an informal programme that provides a platform for unbiased informative views on the benefits of growing into a multicultural society. The programme aims to combat racism by welcoming and celebrating our differences.			(9-11pm) <b>Soul Elixir</b> Gets real about issues like self-image, relationships, careers and bullying. The programme will contain vox-pops and testimonies of young people, including how faith has played a role in their lives.		

\*Tentative and subject to change. Please note there are still some gaps in the LifeFM programme schedule, so as our March 16<sup>th</sup> launch date draws near, please visit [www.lifefm.ie](http://www.lifefm.ie) for an up-to-date programme schedule.

## LifeFM March 2008 e-Votional: “Over Burdened”



By Eddy Dorrington

In Blarney Street where I lived, carrying loads was part and parcel of life, whether playing hickey-back with friends, going for a bag of spuds, feeling like a donkey with someone standing on your shoulders to see what was happening on the other side of a wall or something like that! What about Fridays, transporting the turf across the handlebars of the pushbike and using the wall at the bottom of the lane as a brake?

I'll never forget the time Johnny Scutters, Bowls Crowley, Seanie Tapps and myself (Molly Dorr) were being chased through “Bonties” on the north side by the Hill Tribes. Seanie was captured by the enemy and what a hiding he got. Why? Because his pockets were full to overloaded with fudgies (knick-knacky things for swapping or trading) and when the attack came he got caught because of the great load he was carrying.

In life we all carry burdens which weigh us down, burdens of sin, worry, sickness, sadness, burdens of feeling unloved, of stress, of fear, of financial difficulties, of concerns for our children and many others.

There is good news. We can come to the Great Burden Bearer - Jesus the Saviour who said, “Come to me all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” (Matthew 11:28). He bore our sorrows and our sins a long time ago on the cross and rose again on the third day so that you could be unburdened and have a real life if you come and trust Him.

Why not come and cast all your burdens and cares on Him now because He loves you. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through Him” (John 3:16, 17).

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