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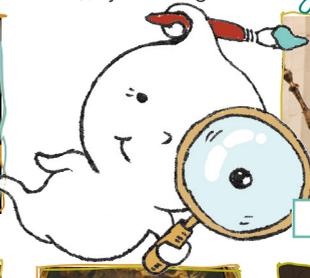
I see, I see... BoO knows the church inside and out but look carefully and I think you'll also spot plenty of things yourself. So keep your eyes peeled and mark the things you've seen on your bingo card. *Good luck!*



Cockerel



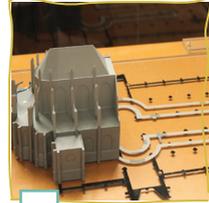
Coat of arms of Rubens



Virgin Mary on a moon crescent



Mary and Child



Scale model of the cathedral



Assumption of the Virgin Mary



Stained glass window



Bull



Mary and Child



Statue by Jan Fabre



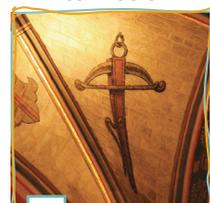
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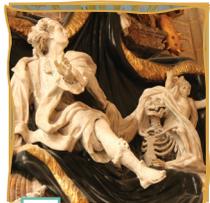
Fresco



Dog



Crossbow



Skeleton



I'm very curious how you liked your church visit. **Let me know what you think!** You can find my **mailbox** on the back of the display with the guides.

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Hello... my name is **BoO**



Hello!

Welcome to Our Lady's Cathedral! Why don't you explore the church with me? People like to come here to see the beautiful artworks but they also come here to pray, or because they are looking for somewhere quiet. It would be really nice if you talked in a hushed voice and looked around quietly.

Do you think you can be even quieter than me?

Our Lady

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Name: **Our Lady, (Virgin) Mary**
 Profession: **housewife, mother of Jesus**
 Characteristics: **blue, red or white garments, often holds baby Jesus in her arms**



Every church has its own name like you and me. This is **Our Lady's Cathedral**. Our Lady is a nickname for Mary, the mother of Jesus.

You can learn more about the story of her life by looking around carefully. You can see her as a pregnant woman, carrying baby Jesus in her arms, as she rises up to heaven ...

You can see many statues and paintings of the Virgin Mary here. Which is logic, considering the cathedral is dedicated to her.

Artists use images to tell stories about saints. This is very handy, as very few people could read in the old days.



Did you

KNOW

that...



★ ... †he cathedral has 125 **columns**?
It almost resembles a forest!

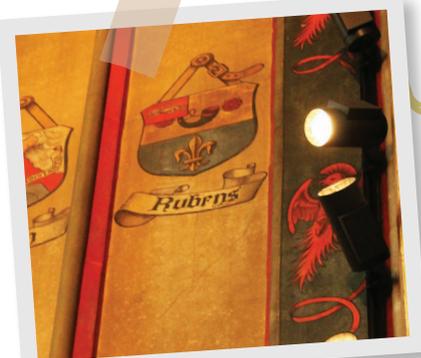
★ ... †he baroque sculptor Pieter Scheemaekers added a sculpture of a skeleton (a depiction of Death) to the tomb monument for two rich families? It is even missing a few teeth!

★ ... there are **28** representations of **dogs** in the cathedral?

★ ... you can spot plenty of old murals here, which were produced over 500 years ago?

★ ... **Jan Fabre**, a contemporary artist, produced the bronze statue of the man who bears the cross in 2015? The man's face is a self-portrait of the artist.

★ ... you can spot **Rubens's** coat of arms in the cathedral, in the chapel behind the high altar?



This church has plenty of beautiful paintings, sculptures and furniture. **Peter Paul Rubens** was one of the artists who worked for the church. He was a very famous painter of the **baroque**. He painted *The Elevation of the Cross* among others. The artists of the baroque loved a lot of **colour, drama** and **movement**. Just take a look at the shocked women on the left panel or the strongmen who are straightening the cross.

The **pulpit** by the sculptor Michiel van der Voort is a frenzy of motion. Birds, branches, tree trunks ... **Four women** support the pulpit. Each woman symbolises a continent: Europe, Asia, America and Africa. Can you spot which woman represents which **continent**? The priest climbs up to the pulpit to give his sermon on special occasions. You can hear him better from there.

