



Founded 1168

**SAINT MARY'S  
CATHEDRAL**  
LIMERICK



*Saint Mary's Cathedral, c. mid 19<sup>th</sup> century*

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
21<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**



## **A message from the Dean**

Fáilte! On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. You are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000<sup>th</sup> time! We share in worship which has been offered here for 850 years.

*Niall*

The Very Rev'd Niall J. Sloane,  
Dean.

## **Devotional Prayers**

### *Before a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist*

Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, stand before your throne, and serve you day and night in Your Temple. Amen.

Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Fulfil this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.

By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory forever and ever. Amen.

### *After Celebration*

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of your Passion: grant, we implore you, that we may so venerate the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood, as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption. You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

# EUCCHARIST - ORDER OF SERVICE



*Please stand for the entry of the Clergy*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you  
And also with you

### COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.**

*The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:*

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

*Silence*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*The celebrant pronounces the Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

### THE EPISTLE READING - I Peter 3: 18-22

For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL

### THE GOSPEL

*Please stand and face the reader*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St Mark chapter I beginning at verse 9

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.' And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### THE SERMON – The Dean's Vicar

*Please sit*

*Please stand as the preacher leaves the pulpit*

### THE NICENE CREED

*Please face the Altar*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise: Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was in every way tempted as we are, yet did not sin; by whose grace we are able to overcome all our temptations: And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,  
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,  
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him: Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

**all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ  
**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

THE COMMUNION (*Prayer for Spiritual Communion, after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*)

*Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.*

THE GREAT SILENCE

**GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, you renew us with the living bread from heaven. Nourish our faith, increase our hope, strengthen our love, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*followed by*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING – 324

*Stand*



1  
God, whose almighty word  
Chaos and darkness heard  
And took their flight:  
Hear us, we humble pray,  
And where the Gospel day  
Sheds not its glorious ray,  
Let there be light!

4  
Holy and blessed three,  
Glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, love, might!  
Boundless as ocean's tide,  
Rolling in fullest pride,  
Through the earth, far and wide,  
Let there be light!

*Words: John Marriott 1780 – 1825*

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, and to take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Organ Voluntary*

## **SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK**

According to myth, Saint Mary's Cathedral is built on the site of the Viking thingmote, later the palace of the O'Brien kings of Thomond, and was given to the church by King Donal Mór O'Brien in 1168. This myth appears to have no foundation and obscures the extraordinary importance of Saint Mary's Cathedral - probably the most important medieval building to survive intact in Ireland, and still performing its original function.

The diocese of Limerick was formally established by the Synod of Rath Breasail in 1111, and the church of Saint Mary, in heart of the Norse city, was declared the cathedral of the diocese – the only cathedral in any diocese named by the synod. That church was replaced between 1150 and 1174 by the core of the present Saint Mary's Cathedral. The great pointed arcade arches of the nave (among the earliest in Ireland) and the round arched windows of the clerestory above them, with the narrow aisles, represent the only intact native Irish church built on a Continental scale to survive intact from before the Norman invasion in 1169 – all the others are in ruins. The design of the nave, aisles and chancel is a native Irish adaptation of the Burgundian style, introduced into Ireland by the Cistercians after 1142, further embellished by the fine Hiberno-Romanesque west door. The tombstone of its first great benefactor, King Donal Mór O'Brien, can still be seen in the chancel.

In the following centuries the cathedral was embellished by the wealthy merchants of Limerick who built the chantry chapels on the north and south sides of the nave - the largest surviving range of medieval chantry chapels in any Irish church. The cathedral boasts Ireland's largest medieval altar stone and Ireland's only surviving medieval choir stalls. These choir stalls, with their charming carved misericords, constitute the largest intact collection of carved woodwork and furniture from medieval Ireland. Thought to date from about 1480, they may actually date to before 1426. The misericords supported the choral posteriors during the long offices the Cathedral Chapter was obliged to perform.

Later centuries saw the installation of the massive 17th century Thomond Monument in the chancel, beside the tomb of Donal Mór O'Brien. In the early 19th century, the Pain brothers designed the Bishop's Throne or Cathedra, the screen to the Glentworth Chapel and the monument to Bishop John Jebb, the precursor of the Oxford Movement with his High Church opinions. The nineteenth century stained glass is particularly fine, the largest window, by the Harry Clarke Studio, was dedicated in 1961 by Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of York. Michael Pearse, the father of the patriot, Patrick Pearse, carved the reredos in the chancel, and the chancel screen was designed by Edward Conor O'Brien in 1921.

Saint Mary's Cathedral is an extraordinarily complex building representing developments from the mid-twelfth century to the later twentieth century – a treasure of Irish religious art. It continues to be a place of prayer and pilgrimage for all who enter its doors and a symbol of faith, hope and love to the city of Limerick.

[www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org](http://www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org)

## SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL – GENERAL INFORMATION

### *Opening Times*

The Cathedral is open every day except the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> January. No charges are made for those who come to join our worship or who wish to pray privately, and everyone is welcome.

### *Supporting the Cathedral*

Saint Mary's Cathedral is a registered charity, and we do not receive state aid. The average weekly running costs of the cathedral and its ministry to the city is €6,000. By purchasing a ticket or making a donation or legacy, you are contributing towards the maintenance of Saint Mary's Cathedral and helping preserve it for future generations. Thank you!

### *The Cathedral Choir*

Whilst Saint Mary's Cathedral is a church in the full tradition of the Church of Ireland, membership of that church is not a pre-requisite for joining the cathedral choir. If you love singing, church/choral music and historic buildings, then why not get in touch with us? We'd be pleased to hear from you. You don't need to be an expert singer. What we are looking for are young people with a pleasant singing voice, who are able to sing in tune and who have an interest in, and commitment to, this kind of music-making within the context of this magnificent medieval cathedral. Potential choir members should please contact the Organist and Choirmaster to arrange an informal meeting at the cathedral. Contact: [organist@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:organist@limerick.anglican.org) / 061 310293

### *Become a Friend*

The Friends of Saint Mary's exist to support the Dean & Cathedral Chapter in maintaining and enhancing the Cathedral and its surroundings. Assisting and supporting the Dean and Chapter in maintaining and improving the services, music, fabric, fittings, furniture, ornaments, monuments and facilities of the Cathedral. Encouraging the interest and participation of young people through education and activities. Stimulating and maintaining public interest in the Cathedral. Supporting the needs of the Cathedral's mission in the modern world.

These Friends are united in their desire to support and maintain this 850-year-old Cathedral. Joining the Friends helps ensure that we can continue this important work.

*Please visit the website for full details – [www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org](http://www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org)*

### *Facilities*

Car parking is available in the grounds of the Cathedral or in the adjacent Car Park

There are toilets on site.

There is a small gift shop located within the Cathedral where visitors can purchase souvenirs of their visit.

Guided/Public Tours are available. School Groups can be accommodated.

### *Service Notes*

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and the Cathedral website ([www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.saintmaryscathedral.ie)) within the 90 days following the service. After that time recordings will be destroyed however exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral required it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be

advertised on both websites [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://www.saintmaryscathedral.ie) and/or other communication channels of the Cathedral). If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office.

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## THIS WEEKS NOTICES

**Lenten Course:** The Cathedral Chapter will be leading an online course this Lent – full details below.

**Prayers about the Coronavirus outbreak:** Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Dennis O'Malley, Eileen Kingston, Kathleen and Thomas Fitzpatrick, Gerald Cooper, Ned Cullen, the Rev'd Bill Olnisted, Dorothy Carey, Tom Gardener, Nora Howes, Ronald Howes and Gordon Cowpar.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Clogher and Bishop-Elect Revd Canon Dr Ian Ellis. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of Central Africa. *Diocese:* The Killaloe & Stradbally Union of parishes, Dean Rod Smyth, Dean's Vicar Rev Paul Fitzpatrick & NSM Rev Lucy Green, and the congregations of St Flannan's Cathedral Killaloe, All Saints Castleconnell, St Senan's Clonlara, St Caimin's Mountshannon and St Cronan's Tuamgraney.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Anne Greenaway, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, Lorraine McCarthy, John Nix, Archie Brown, Sylvia Martin, Norman Lynas, Joe Boyle, Frank Sheahan, Emily, Moira Lowry, Dolly Shier, Andrew, Ellerker, Victor Barley, Eddie Chamney, Teresa and Alice O'Connell.

**NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST:** *If you wish to place a name on the list, please email your prayer request to [limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com). Under GDPR regulations please ensure you have the consent of the named person(s) before submitting a name. For confidentiality reasons the clergy would appreciate NOT being asked on the status of people. Whilst we appreciate people are showing care and concern, it can compromise the relationship between pastor and parishioner. Thank you.*



**Joint Chapter of the Cathedral Churches of St Mary, Limerick, and St Flannan, Killaloe**

**Lent 2021—Study course based on the Anglican, 5 Marks of Mission**

Led by members of the Cathedral Chapter

Tuesdays at 8pm via Zoom

<b>Tell</b>	• Proclaim the Kingdom's good news	Tuesday 23rd February —The Treasurer, Canon Jane Galbraith
<b>Teach</b>	• Baptise and nurture new believers	Tuesday 2nd March—The Chancellor, Canon Liz Beasley
<b>Tend</b>	• Respond to human need by loving service	Tuesday 9th March—The Archdeacon of Killaloe, the Ven. Terry Mitchell
<b>Transform</b>	• Change society's unjust structures	Tuesday 16th March—The Precentor, Canon Patrick Comerford
<b>Treasure</b>	• Safeguard the integrity of creation	Tuesday 23rd March—The Prebend of St Munchin & Tulloh, Canon Jim Stephens

To join any/all of the talks, please email [dean@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:dean@limerick.anglican.org) for a Zoom link

# Saint Mary's Cathedral

LUNCHTIME LECTURE SERIES - FEBRUARY 2021



## Saint Mary's Cathedral Lunchtime Lecture Series

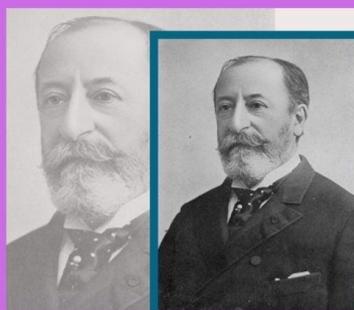
Tuesday 2nd February 1.15pm  
For Zoom Link Email  
dean@limerick.anglican.org

Speaker Margaret O'Shaughnessy  
Director of Foynes Museum

**Maureen O' Hara**  
1920 - 2015

"My heritage has been my grounding, and it  
has brought me peace".

TUESDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 1.15PM



## Saint Mary's Cathedral Lunchtime Lecture Series

Tuesday 9th February 1.15pm  
To view visit:  
www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys

Speaker Peter Barley  
Saint Mary's Cathedral

**Charles-Camille Saint-Saens**  
1835 - 1921

"One must practice slowly, then more slowly,  
and finally slowly."

TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 1.15PM



## Saint Mary's Cathedral Lunchtime Lecture Series

Tuesday 16th February 1.15pm  
To view visit:  
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Speaker Noreen Ellerker  
Saint Mary's Cathedral

**Florence Nightingale**  
1820 - 1910

"Live life when you have it. Life is a splendid  
gift - there is nothing small about it".

TUESDAY 16TH FEBRUARY



## Saint Mary's Cathedral Lunchtime Lecture Series

Tuesday 23rd February 1.15pm  
To view visit:  
www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys

Speaker Janet Woods  
Villiers School

**Napoleon Bonaparte**  
1769 - 1821

"Never interrupt your enemy when he is  
making a mistake"

TUESDAY 23RD FEBRUARY

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