



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2022*  
*The Seventh Sunday of Easter: Sunday after Ascension Day*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Old Testament: I Samuel 12:19-24:** All the people said to Samuel, "Pray to the Lord your God for your servants, so that we may not die; for we have added to all our sins the evil of demanding a king for ourselves." And Samuel said to the people, "Do not be afraid; you have done all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart; and do not turn aside after useless things that cannot profit or save, for they are useless. For the Lord will not cast away his people, for his great name's sake, because it has pleased the Lord to make you a people for himself. Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; and I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear the Lord, and serve him faithfully with all your heart; for consider what great things he has done for you."

#### Psalm 97

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; ♦ let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; ♦ righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him ♦ and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings lit up the world; ♦ the earth saw it and trembled.

The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, ♦ at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declared his righteousness, ♦ and all the peoples have seen his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols. ♦ Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, ♦ because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; ♦ you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; ♦ he preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous ♦ and joy for the true of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, ♦ and give thanks to his holy name.

**Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21:** The angel said to me, "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

**Gospel: St John 17:20-26:** Jesus said, “I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. “Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymns:**

<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>326</b>	<b>619</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>526</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>281</b>	

**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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**Services & Events:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Easter VII</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Sunday after</i>	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
<i>Ascension Day</i>	14.00	The International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers service	The Cathedral UN Memorial
	18.00	Concert	The Cathedral
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Friends of Abington meeting	Abington Parish Room
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
<i>Pentecost</i>		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

**Congratulations:** To Thomasena Stout and Norman Symes whose wedding takes place this weekend in Dunmanway. The Dean will be taking part in the service.

**The Cathedral Graveyard:** We are fortunate to have such a beautiful and peaceful space right in the middle of the city. In recent times the grounds have been enhanced by the inclusion of a wild-flower garden, new seating and planting. If you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep of the grounds, please do so through the Cathedral office or contact Lindsay Boyle or the Dean.

### **The Evergreens: Outing to Coole Park**

This will take place on Wednesday, 1st June, 2022. If your name is on our list, you will have been contacted by Noreen Allen (085 733 58 55), Mary Howes (086 857 93 77), Sheila Cusack (085 805 64 40) or Ros Stevenson (086 85 75 459). They will arrange lifts for all who wish to go. Your allocated driver will contact you on Tuesday, 31st May to arrange the most suitable place to pick you up (most likely at your home). The time of departure will be about 10:15 am from Limerick. The cost of the outing is whatever you choose to have for your lunch at Coole Park! Or you may choose to bring a picnic! There is an Audio Visual presentation at the Visitors' Centre as well as an exhibition. This can be followed by walking to the lake or resting in the Walled Garden. We hope to have a brief meeting about 2:30 pm at the seating area in the Walled Garden. This is to hear your ideas as to what our programme should be for the rest of the year and into 2023. The return to Limerick should be about 4:00pm. (If you need to leave earlier, mention this to your allocated driver and arrangements may be made.) If you wish to change your mind about going or not going, please contact one of the four people above.

**Wanted:** For the Cathedral, a mahogany (or similar) table approx. 1 metre high x 50cm square top. Please ask the Dean for more information.

**A prayer for the situation in Ukraine:** O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend to your merciful care the people and government of Ukraine that, being guided by your providence, they may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to their leaders and all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve their people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Prayers for exams:** As we approach the end of the School year, we hold in Prayer all those sitting exams. For those preparing such events – remember it is only an exam and we are all here to support you. The following prayer is for use by all those sitting an examination –

Dear Lord, I want to do my best to fulfil the potential you have given me. Help me:

- to stay calm
- to keep things in perspective and be content with the best I can do on the day
- to look out for my friends who need a bit of encouragement, and
- to always remember that the real test is how closely I can follow in your way.

**Vocations Sunday:** Today is Vocations Sunday. Anyone with an interest in exploring a vocation to ordained ministry is encouraged to speak with the Dean in the first instance. A range of resources is available at [www.vocations.ireland.angican.org](http://www.vocations.ireland.angican.org) along with the 'It's Your Call' video which highlights the call to ordained ministry. These resources include articles on pathways to ordination, lay ministry, pioneer ministry, and understanding selection, and posters for parishes to encourage people to think about the role to which God may be calling them.

**The Cathedral Welcome desk:** Are you interested in being part of the welcome team? Please speak with the Dean and/or Noreen Ellerker.

**Wanted:** House to Rent for 2 adults and one child. For more information contact Irina Dernova.

**Havergal and Roxboro Schools' Charity:** These funds which help with education grants are now open for applications. For more information please contact the Dean.

**Refreshments** *(with thanks to those on duty)*

Saint Michael's	29 <sup>th</sup> May	tbc
The Cathedral	29 <sup>th</sup> May	Cathedral Team

Those wishing to help out with refreshments in Saint Michael's are asked to speak with Tracey Lyttle who is kindly organising the rota.

**Livestreaming:** Log onto [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys) Services will be on air at 11.15 a.m. on Sundays and 10.30 a.m. on Thursdays.

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Lionel Watts; Kenneth (Ken) Brislane; Pamela Harvey; Emily Shermin; Desmond (Des) McCarthy, and Rosemary Nash.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Connor and Bishop George Davison. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of South India (United). *Diocese:* growth, unity and service in the united diocese of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Harold Armstrong; Sylvia Martin; Emily; Moira Lowry; Mac; Mike; Betty; Alan Kennedy; Jackie Grace; Zandra; Richard Brickenden; Kathleen Quinn; Stephen Richards; Kathleen Leddin; Marie O'Connor; Sinead; Martha McDermott; John Copley; Ava Colohan; Aileen Henderson; Flora Collins, Dean Sandra Pragnell and Barbara Famley.

**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.*

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