



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe  
24<sup>th</sup> July 2022: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12)*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Old Testament ~ Genesis 18: 20-32:** The Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.' So the men turned from there, and went towards Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Then Abraham came near and said, 'Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?' And the Lord said, 'If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.' Abraham answered, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?' And he said, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.' Again he spoke to him, 'Suppose forty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of forty I will not do it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.' He answered, 'I will not do it, if I find thirty there.' He said, 'Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.' Then he said, 'Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.' He answered, 'For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.'

### Psalm 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦ before the gods will I sing praise to you.  
I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and  
faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.  
In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul.  
All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦ for they have heard the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦ that great is the glory of the Lord.  
Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦ as for the proud, he regards them  
from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦ you will stretch forth your  
hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦ your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

**Epistle ~ Colossians 2: 6-15, 16-19:** As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it. Therefore, do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

**Gospel ~ St Luke 11: 1-13:** He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.’ He said to them, ‘When you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.’ And he said to them, ‘Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, “Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.” And he answers from within, “Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.” I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. ‘So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!’”

**Post-Communion Prayer:** God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water. Refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymns:**

<b>Saint Michael's</b>					
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>596</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>635</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:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
Trinity VI	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
Trinity VII	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

**From the Dean:** Plans are already underway for the new term which begins in September. Pre-Covid there were plans to establish some new clubs within the parish (eg Mens' Club, Make do & mend, Book club, etc). Perhaps those with an interest in any such clubs might let me know so we can ascertain the levels of interest and viability. Many thanks.

**RTE Service:** On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July at 2.15pm RTE News Channel will broadcast a Service of Holy Communion from Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. The celebrant will be the Curate, the Rev'd Dr Leonard Madden. The preacher will be the Dean.

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

	24 <sup>th</sup> July	31 <sup>st</sup> July	7 <sup>th</sup> August
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	John & Kayt Shier	No refreshments	No refreshments
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Brian Sheppard	Cathedral	Lillian Okechukwu

**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.

**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.

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Kingsmill Pennefather; Alan Lillingston; Peter Elms; Charles Obyakor; Patrick Conroy; David Pyle; Betty Brislane, and Dymphna Burke.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, Bishop Michael Burrows. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church in Wales. *Diocese:* the Clonfert group of parishes, the Revd Olive Henderson, and the congregations of St Brendan's Cathedral, Clonfert; St Paul's, Banagher; St John the Baptist, Eyrecourt, and Christ Church, Portumna.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Harold Armstrong; Sylvia Martin; Emily; Moira Lowry; Mac; Mike; Betty; Alan Kennedy; Zandra; Richard Brickenden; Stephen Richards; Kathleen Leddin; Marie O'Connor; Sinead; Martha McDermott; John Copley; Ava Colohan; Aileen Henderson; Rose McNamama; Dean Sandra Pragnell; Patrick; Brian; Barbara Farnley; Claire Joyce, Lesley and Terry Gibson.

*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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