



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
19th February 2023: The Sunday before Lent (Transfiguration)*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Exodus 24: 12-18: The Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm 99 (BCP p. 705)

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; ♦ he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion ♦ and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; ♦ the Lord our God is holy.

Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity; ♦ you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; ♦ bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name; ♦ they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ♦ they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them. You answered them, O Lord our God; ♦ you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, ♦ for the Lord our God is holy.

2 Peter 1: 16-21: For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Matthew 17: 1-9: Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Post-Communion Prayer: Holy God we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns:	Saint Michael's	646	381	331	647
	Saint Mary's	52	654	588	316

Service Notes

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: www.churchservices.tv and the Cathedral website (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 and 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 19 th <i>I before Lent</i>	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	19.00	Choral Evensong and Community Awards	The Cathedral
Monday 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	14.30	Evergreens	The Cathedral
Wednesday 22 nd Ash Wednesday	7.30	Holy Communion followed by Community breakfast	The Cathedral
	19.30	Service of Preparation	The Cathedral
Thursday 23 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 26 th <i>Lent I</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Wanted

- Long narrow table for use in the Cathedral Shop
- Sponsor for seasonal candles for use in the Cathedral
- Lego for a local school homework club

Please ask the Dean for more information.

Sunday School will meet in the Cathedral on Sunday 19th Feb at 11.15am.

Lent Course: Anyone interested in participating in a short (eg 4 x 1 hour sessions) Lenten Course on the basics of the Church of Ireland is invited to speak with a member of the Clergy team.

Whist Drive in St Michael's Church will take place in the hall on Saturday 11th of March at 7.30 p.m. Our last Whist drive took place in March 2020 so we are looking forward to seeing all the old faces and some new too!! We are planning to run a raffle on the night also.

Public Lecture: A public lecture entitled 'Elizabeth Shaw: An unknown Irish writer behind an East German children's classic?' by Dr Sabine Egger will take place in Mary Immaculate College (T118), on 23rd February at 6pm. This is a free event. A glass of wine/tea and biscuits will be served afterwards. The lecture is part of the <https://www.mic.ul.ie/30th-Anniversary-Lecture-Series>.

Part-Time Supervisor/Caretaker wanted for complex of sheltered housing units in the city centre. Principal duties include: Liaising with residents on a daily basis. Management of on-site requirements of residents and buildings. Management of any emergencies that arise. Reporting to the board of trustees. Apply in writing to: The Secretary, The John Nash Charity, Richmond Terrace, Henry Street, Limerick.

Mothers' Union: We will be holding our next meeting on Tuesday 14th February at 3 p.m. in St Michael's Church Hall when Gillian Sheehan will give us a very interesting demonstration in quilting. This will be followed by a cup of tea and a chat. All are very welcome! If anyone needs a lift please contact Lucy on 087 2078850.

Evergreens: The next meeting of the Evergreens is on Tuesday, 21st February, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral. As this is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday!), we hope to have pancakes that day! Rev'd Dr Leonard Madden will give a talk about rescue dogs, followed by another short talk about the origins of Shrove Tuesday. Some of the Evergreens suggested that we do a book swap so if you want to swap books, please bring one! Looking forward to seeing you (plus a friend or two) on the 21st! The next meeting but one of the Evergreens will take place on 28th March.

Volunteers wanted in the Cathedral for extra events – moving chairs, etc. Please speak to the Dean or Noreen.

World Day of Prayer Services: This year the service has been compiled by the women of Taiwan and it is the turn of the Church of Ireland to act as hosts at the services here in Limerick. It is hoped that parishioners (men as well as women) will show their support by attending one of the two services which have been arranged: Thursday 2nd March, Villiers Square at 10.30 a.m.; Friday 3rd March, St Mary's Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.

Car show: There are tentative plans to hold a charity vintage car show in the Cathedral grounds in May/June. If you are interested in volunteering your help on the day (eg stewarding, etc). Please speak with the Dean for more details.

Refreshments *(with thanks to those on duty)*

	19 th February	26 th February	5 th March
Saint Michael's	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Susi Eckhardt	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow
The Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson + Catherine Smith	Jemimah Egbulam

Livestreaming: www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Services will be on air at 11.15 and 19.00 on Sunday.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Frank Prendergast; Denis O'Malley; Eileen Kingston; Kathleen and Thomas Fitzpatrick; Gerald Cooper; Ned Cullen, and The Rev'd Bill Olmisted.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Clogher and the Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* l'Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda. *Diocese:* for the Killaloe & Stradbally Union of parishes during their vacancy; Dean's Vicar The Rev'd Paul Fitzpatrick, & NSM The Rev'd Lucy Green; and the congregations of St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe; All Saints, Castleconnell; St Caimin's, Mountshannon, and St Cronan's, Tuamgraney.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Harold Armstrong; Sylvia Martin; Emily; Tom, Moira Lowry; Mac; Mike; Alan Kennedy; Zandra; Stephen Richards; Kathleen Leddin; Marie O'Connor; Sinead; Martha McDermott; Ava Colohan; Aileen Henderson; Rose McNamama; Dean Sandra Pragnell; Patrick; Brian; Barbara Farnley; Terry Gibson; Susan Whelan; Rosaleen Moloney; Catherine Coulter; Michael Downes; Catherine Slattery; Helen; Oliver Stapleton; William Downes, and Tim O'Leary.

NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST: *If you wish to place a name on the list, please email your prayer request to 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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