Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 13th October 2024 ~ Trinity XX (Proper 23)

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, whose Holy Spirit equips your Church with a rich variety of gifts: Grant us so to use them that, living the gospel of Christ and eager to do your will, we may share with the whole creation in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm 90: 12-17 (BCP p.697)

So teach us to number our days ♦ that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Turn again, O Lord; how long will you delay? ♦ Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us with your loving-kindness in the morning, ♦ that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Give us gladness for the days you have afflicted us, ♦ and for the years in which we have seen adversity.

Show your servants your works, ♦ and let your glory be over their children.

May the gracious favour of the Lord our God be upon us; ♦ prosper our handiwork; O prosper the work of our hands.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account. Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

New Testament/Gospel Reading: Gospel Reading: Mark 10: 17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud;

Honour your father and mother." 'He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.' Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

Post-Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Son, the light unfailing, has come from heaven to deliver the world from the darkness of ignorance: Let these holy mysteries open the eyes of our understanding that we may know the way of life, and walk in it without stumbling; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns						
Saint Michael's	695	384	444	646		
The Cathedral	662(ii)	695	605			

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Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue	
Sunday 13 th Oct. Trinity XX (Proper 23)	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	
	10.00	Holy Communion St Michael's		
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral	
Monday 14 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral	
Tuesday 15 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral	
Wednesday 16 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral	
Thursday 17 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral	

Friday 18 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral	
Saturday 19 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral	
	19.30	Whist	St Michael's Hall	
Sunday 20 th Oct. Trinity XXI (Proper 24)	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's	
	11.15	Confirmation	The Cathedral	

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

(Where attachments are mentioned, hard copies are available through the parish office upon request)

Diocesan Synod: Will meet next Saturday (20th) in Ennis. Please pray for the bishop, members, and particularly those from our parish who shall be taking part.

Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral: Catherine O'Carroll (soprano) and Irina Dernova (piano), Tuesday 22nd October at 1.15pm.

St Michael's Whist Drives start on Saturday 19th October: Venue: St Michael's Church Hall. Time: 7.30pm. Admission: €8. Looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 19th.

Whist Drives in Villiers Square: All Saturdays, 23rd November, 14th December, 18th January, 22nd February, 22nd March. All Whist Drive start at 19:15 hours sharp! Any queries please contact Hilary Park on 0868430024.

SEC & other forms: The Dean kindly requests that he is not presented with forms at services for signing. If you wish a form to be signed by him, please leave it in the Cathedral office or Deanery and he will deal with the matter in a timely fashion. In relation to the SEC grant application PLEASE NOTE: Only the Rector (Dean Sloane) may sign the SEC form, and, for him to do so, the children concerned must be known to him (i.e. attend church regularly, etc). The grant comes from taxpayers' money and the wrongful signing of the form is fraudulent. All info at www.secgrant.ie.

Healer Prayer Group: The Ist meeting at 2pm on Thursday 10th October in St Mark's Chapel. A renewed call of interest for those who might be interested in being a part of this group. Please let the Dean know.

The Evergreens: Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, 22nd October, 2024 at 2:30 pm in Saint Mary's Cathedral. All are welcome whether an "old hand" or you would like to come for this very interesting session. Helene Bradley who will be our speaker on Tuesday October 22nd is a lecturer in Mary I and one of the authors of 'Are ye going up town? Shops and shopping in Limerick' which was published in 2020. She and her co-authors are now working on a follow-up to that publication and are interested in interviewing/speaking with anyone who would like to share their stories of shopping in Limerick city. Helene was delighted to be invited and is very much looking forward to meeting us on the day, emphasising the importance of oral history and especially recording it before it is too late. Helene Bradley may wish to talk to you about your interesting stories at a time of both your conveniences, so it would be good if you wished to give her your phone number for a future contact.

Accommodation wanted: Lady from Ukraine is urgently seeking accommodation for herself and her two young daughters (apartment to rent). If you are able to help please contact the Organist or the Dean. Thank you.

Diocesan Conference: The Diocesan Council is delighted to announce a one day conference, "Community Futures," which will be held on Saturday 16th November, in the Lady Gregory Hotel, Gort, 10am-4pm. It is aimed

specifically at the 25-50 age group. Topics discussed will include: ethical agriculture, welcome/sanctuary, a shared island, mental health and loneliness, the housing crisis, and inclusion and funding in the arts. All welcome! And please encourage anyone you know who would enjoy the day to put the date in their diary!

Sunday Club: If any post primary children would be willing to help out with children's activities, please speak with the Dean. Sunday Club will resume in full in September. It meets during the 11.15am Service in the Cathedral on the First and Third Sundays of the month with vacation breaks. Its' next gathering will be 6th October. Normally on the First Sunday of the month it takes the form of Godly Play. It is open to primary school going children. Preschoolers are welcome if accompanied by a carer and the assistance of post primary schoolers would be greatly appreciated.

Cycles of prayer: Diocese: This week, on October 18, we keep St Luke's Day. Luke , 'the beloved physician, has an ancient association in the church with the medical profession. Many medical facilities carry his name, and on his day we pray for all those who continue Christ's own ministry of healing through the medical, nursing and allied professions. We think too of those who carry great responsibility with regard to planning and budgeting in the context of the delivery of healthcare. *Porvoo*: Church of England: Diocese of Truro, Church of Norway: Diocese of Tönsberg, Church of Sweden: Diocese of Strängnäs. *Anglican*: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Remembrance Book: Nellie Maiden, Clement Sirr; Patrick O' Callaghan, James (Jim) Quinn, Lindsay Abrahams, Stephen Knight, Anthony Foley, Florence Fogerty, Florence McCormack, Christine Mack.

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Jerry Murphy, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, Kathleen Leddin, John Sparling, Pat & Mary O' Donnell, Patricia Bourke, David, Elayne and Hilary

Noonan. NOTE: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email it to <u>limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com</u>. Under GDPR please ensure you have the consent of the named person(s). 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.

ROTAS

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	13 th October	20 th October	27 th October	3 rd November	10 th November	
REFRESHMENTS						
St Michael's	Daire McNamara & Jill Storey	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Gillian Cheatley	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack	
Cathedral	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson	Jemimah Egbulam	Liz Lynam	
READERS						
St Michael's	Keith Morrow	Daire McNamara	Sheelagh Morrow	John Shier	Tracey Little	
Cathedral	Noah Copley Brown	Confirmation Readers	John St George	Parade Service Readers	Heather Price	

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