



Limerick City Parish: Meelick

SERVICE BOOKLET
Trinity VI (Proper II)
19th July 2020

St John's Church, Abington – 10am
St Michael's Church – No Service
St Mary's Cathedral – 11.15am



A message from the Dean & Rector

Fáilte! On behalf of the parishioners you are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000th time! We share in worship which has been offered here for centuries.

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

PROTOCOLS FOR PUBLIC WORSHIP IN LIMERICK CITY PARISH

Whilst each church building has had to initiate its own unique plans, there are some general principles to which we must adhere.

- **Physical distancing:** This is the basic practice which underpins the others. Please make every effort to comply rigorously with prevailing government restrictions.
- **Opening:** At this stage it is the intention to open our church buildings every Sunday (where the availability of clergy/readers permit) for worship and close for the remainder of the week – this is being done to adhere to guidelines and advice around cleaning and infection control.
- **Wearing masks:** We need to adhere to government guidelines, which may change - but in the meantime, masks should be worn wherever possible. Please bring your own mask with you to church.
- **Hand sanitisers** will be available in the church porch - please use them. You might want to bring your own, and possibly also disposable tissues to take home.
- **Gloves:** Please bring your own if you feel they give you extra protection. The advice received is as follows: *“We do not recommend gloves, as one must keep changing them, after touching new surfaces for them to be effective...soap and water is more effective than gloves and easier on the hands. We do recommend face masks.”*
- **Visitors:** It may very well be that some new people will wish to come to church to give thanks for safety or recovery. Even though it won't be possible to welcome them as normal, please take the opportunity to make them feel welcome, but from a distance!
- **Pews:** In order to comply with distancing requirements, we need to fill up from the front pew first. That means you may be guided to a pew other than you would normally choose. Enjoy the different view! Family members may of course sit together.
- **Children:** The books/toys etc. at the back of church will **NOT** be available for the duration - perhaps you might bring crayons/(silent!) toys to keep young ones happy, and try to keep them in one place – we have been asked to minimise movement. Weekly resources will still be made available on-line.
- **Hymn Books/Prayer Books:** These will not be needed - there will be a 'take home' service sheet every week with readings and notices. Alternatively, you may download and print the service sheet at home and bring it to church with you, remembering to take it home again! Then again, you could bring your tablet or iPad for use during the service, reducing printing paper.

- **Singing:** We are advised that singing is potentially more likely to spread infection, so for the time being we may just listen to music. Sadly this also means that the choirs will not be returning for the present.
- **Type of Service:** To begin with all services will be Morning Prayer. This will be reviewed weekly.
- **Going in/Coming out:** These are the times when we may be at the most risk of getting too close to others - so please be careful to maintain distance, avoid congregating in groups outside and listen to the directions of stewards and observe carefully any signage. (Apart from statutory notices, there will be no church notices on the noticeboards as per the guidelines.)
- **Churchwardens:** The churchwarden(s) will greet people on entry to church, asking them about their general well-being and if they have been in contact with anyone displaying any symptoms in the previous 24 hours. People will be directed to the allocated seats, which are following the guidelines. Therefore you may not necessarily be sitting in your normal place! You will be directed out of church as well. As time progresses, we hope that the guidelines will be eased, but until then please bear with us and the churchwardens, while we adjust to the new protocols.
- **Tea/Coffee:** We will **NOT** be able to serve refreshments in church until further guidelines are issued from Church House.
- **Contact Tracing:** We have been asked to keep a record of attendees for possible tracing - these records will be disposed of after the recommended 14 days and will fully comply with GDPR legislation. Every church will have a designated person to record your attendance. (Don't worry the clergy will not be studying it!)
- **If you show symptoms of Covid 19:** e.g. a temperature or are feeling unwell, much as we'd love to see you, it is strongly recommended that you stay at home. We'll continue to stream services from the Cathedral for the foreseeable future
- **Offertory Collections:** Again, the churches have been instructed to have a retiring collection. However, this might be a good time to instigate a standing order if you haven't already done so.
- **Toilets, etc:** These will be out of action for the foreseeable future and only used in cases of **extreme** emergencies. (The first number of services will be no longer than 30/40 minutes duration.
- **Anxious?** This is an anxious and unsettling time for everybody. If you are concerned about your mental health, may I direct you to the following resource - <https://www2.hse.ie/wellbeing/mental-health/minding-your-mental-health-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak.html>

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Before Service

○ Lord, open our Lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise, and purify our hearts that we may worthily magnify your glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord God You are here, may we come to You with a mixture of humility and joy.
May we feel Your nearness and learn from You. Amen.

Lord, it is not easy to be humble; but in this service we ask for humility, so that it is You who may be seen by each person here. May Your will be done. Amen.

After Service

Grant, ○ Lord, that what we have sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and may always steadfastly fulfil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

AN ORDER FOR MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of God's People
Stand

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE

The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father

The minister may introduce the service in these or other suitable words:

Beloved in Christ, we come together to offer to Almighty God our worship and praise and thanksgiving, to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness, to hear his holy word proclaimed, to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world, and to pray that in the power of his Spirit we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.

The minister says

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Kneel. Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault; by what we have done and by what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest 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.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word
Stand

○ Lord, open our lips **and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

○ God, make speed to save us. **○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord. **The Lord's name be praised.**

FIRST CANTICLE: JUBILATE Psalm 100

- 1 ○ shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his face with songs of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God; it is he who has made us and we are his we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good his loving mercy is for ever, his faithfulness through out all generations.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 28:10-19

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Psalm 139: 1–11, 23–24

1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; ◆ you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place ◆ and are acquainted with all my ways.
3 For there is not a word on my tongue, ◆ but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
4 You encompass me behind and before ◆ and lay your hand upon me.
5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, ◆ so high that I cannot attain it.
6 Where can I go then from your spirit? ◆ Or where can I flee from your presence?
7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; ◆ if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
8 If I take the wings of the morning ◆ and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
9 Even there your hand shall lead me, ◆ your right hand hold me fast.
10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me ◆ and the light around me turn to night,'
11 Even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day; ◆ darkness and light to you are both alike.
23 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; ◆ try me and examine my thoughts.
24 See if there is any way of wickedness in me ◆ and lead me in the way everlasting.
Glory to the Father, & to the Son, & to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, & shall be for ever. Amen.

Second Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is

the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

SECOND CANTICLE: TE DEUM Part I

- 1 We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.
- 2 To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
 - 3 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 - 4 The glorious company of apostles praise you; the noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
 - 5 The white-robed army of martyrs praise you; throughout the world, the holy Church acclaim you:
 - 6 Father, of majesty unbounded, your true and only Son, worthy of all praise, the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

Music

The Sermon

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Music

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Kneel

Let us pray. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The versicles and responses may be said.

Show us your mercy, O Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, guide and defend our rulers **and grant our government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness **and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people **and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord, **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us **and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

THE COLLECTS

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.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everliving God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Prayers

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Music

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.

Loving Father, we entrust to you the sick, the quarantined, and their families. Bring them healing in body, mind and spirit. Comfort the bereaved and anxious. Sustain and protect frontline medical staff, carers and essential workers. Further the efforts of those seeking to contain the spread of the virus. Give wisdom to those in authority making decisions in response to the epidemic. And guide us all to protect ourselves and our communities. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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THIS WEEKS NOTICES

Organ Recital: Mr Peter Barley will present a lunchtime organ recital via the Cathedral livestream (www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys) on Wednesday 22nd July at 1.15pm.

Congratulations: To Norman Symes on his recent engagement to Thomasena Stout of Dunmanway. We wish them every happiness together.

Sympathy: Our thoughts and prayers are with Brother Luke MacNamara OSB of Glenstal on the death of his uncle.

Livestreaming: Log onto www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Sunday services will be on air at 11.15am. **Please note change of time.**

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Lily Copley, Joanne Fulton, Douglas Leech, Elizabeth Spencer, Tom Creamer, Fintan McCarthy, Kathleen Thompson, Valentine Edward Lohan [Died battle of the Somme] Thomas Houlihan.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Tuam, Killala & Achonry and Bishop Patrick Rooke. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and Most Revd Joel Atiwag Pachao, Prime Bishop of the Philippines. *Diocese:* The Rathkeale & Kilnaughtin Group of parishes, Canon Patrick Comerford, and the congregations of St Mary's Askeaton, St Brendan's Kilnaughtin, Holy Trinity Rathkeale and Castletown church.

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, Michael Devereux, Archie Brown, Terry Cusack, Sylvia Martin and John Walsh.

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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