



Detail from the Pulpit in Saint Mary's Cathedral

SERVICE BOOKLET
Feast of St Michael & All Angels (obs)
Trinity XVI (Proper 21)
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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.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Before Service

O 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, O 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.

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL – MORNING PRAYER

The Gathering of God's People

Stand

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

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. 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.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Stand

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

O God, make speed to save us. **O 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 O 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: Tobit 12: 6-22

Then Raphael called the two of them privately and said to them, 'Bless God and acknowledge him in the presence of all the living for the good things he has done for you. Bless and sing praise to his name. With fitting honour declare to all people the deeds of God. Do not be slow to acknowledge him. It is good to conceal the secret of a king, but to acknowledge and reveal the works of God, and with fitting honour to acknowledge him. Do good, and evil will not overtake you. Prayer with fasting is good, but better than both is almsgiving with righteousness. A little with righteousness is better than wealth with wrongdoing. It is better to give alms than to lay up gold. For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin. Those who give alms will enjoy a full life, but those who commit sin and do wrong are their own worst enemies. 'I will now

declare the whole truth to you and will conceal nothing from you. Already I have declared it to you when I said, “It is good to conceal the secret of a king, but to reveal with due honour the works of God.” So now, when you and Sarah prayed, it was I who brought and read the record of your prayer before the glory of the Lord, and likewise whenever you buried the dead. And that time when you did not hesitate to get up and leave your dinner to go and bury the dead, I was sent to you to test you. And at the same time God sent me to heal you and Sarah your daughter-in-law. I am Raphael, one of the seven angels who stand ready and enter before the glory of the Lord.’ The two of them were shaken; they fell face down, for they were afraid. But he said to them, ‘Do not be afraid; peace be with you. Bless God for evermore. As for me, when I was with you, I was not acting on my own will, but by the will of God. Bless him each and every day; sing his praises. Although you were watching me, I really did not eat or drink anything—but what you saw was a vision. So now get up from the ground, and acknowledge God. See, I am ascending to him who sent me. Write down all these things that have happened to you.’ And he ascended. Then they stood up, and could see him no more. They kept blessing God and singing his praises, and they acknowledged God for these marvellous deeds of his, when an angel of God had appeared to them.

PSALM 103: 19-22

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, ◆ and his kingdom has dominion over all.
 Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ◆ you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.
 Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ◆ you ministers of his who do his will.
 Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; ◆ bless the Lord, O my soul.

SECOND READING: John 1: 47-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

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 Dean

HOLY BAPTISM

We welcome Leo Philip Guihen

Holy Baptism is administered to infants on the understanding that they will be brought up in the fellowship of Christ's Church; that they will be taught the Christian faith; and that, when they have publicly confessed this faith, they will be confirmed by the bishop and admitted to the Holy Communion.

The Presentation

We welcome those who come to be baptized. I invite the sponsors to present them now.

We present.....to be baptized.

Parents and godparents, will you accept the responsibilities placed upon you in bringing ... for baptism and answer on his/her behalf? By your own prayers and example, by your teaching and love, will you encourage him/her in the life and faith of the Christian Community?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, this child begins his/her journey in faith. You speak for him/her today. Will you care for him/her, and help him/her to take his/her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church? **With the help of God, we will.**

The Decision

To the Parents and Godparents

Do you turn to Christ? **I do.**

Do you then renounce the devil and all his works? **I do, by God's help.**

Will you obey and serve Christ? **I will, by God's help.**

To the Congregation

You have heard these our brothers and sisters respond to Christ. Will you support them in this calling? **We will support them.**

The Baptism

Water is poured into the font

Praise God who made heaven and earth. **Who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Now *sanctify this water* that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, this child may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may he/she walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Parents and Godparents do you believe the Christian faith into which is to be baptized?

I do.

To the Sponsors and Congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess, the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Son?

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.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

..... I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of the cross.

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Live as a disciple of Christ, fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

Confess Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, look for his coming in glory.

God has called you into his Church.

We therefore receive and welcome you as a member with us of the body of Christ, as a child of the one heavenly Father, and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

A candle may be presented with the words

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in his light all the days of your life. **Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

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 Collect

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: Grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Suitable prayers may follow

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

The Blessing

Music

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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THIS WEEKS NOTICES

Harvest Thanksgiving: Will be celebrated in Saint Michael's (10am) and Saint Mary's (11.15am) on Sunday 11th October. We hope to decorate the church buildings in the preceding days, donations of flowers, fruit and veg will be gratefully received.

Commissioning of Parish Readers: This morning in Saint Michael's Church, Oliver Deegan and Tony O'Connell will be licensing (by the Dean) as Parish Readers to serve in Limerick City Parish. As parish readers they will be permitted to read Morning & Evening Prayer, help with the administration of Holy Communion and assist the clergy during acts of worship. Please pray for them as they join the Ministry Team in our Parish.

Baptism: We welcome in Holy Baptism this morning in the Cathedral, Leo, son of Naomi and Kian.

CD of hymns and music: "Now thank we all our God!" is available by pre - order with Saint Michael's church wardens or by email to irisha@ramendik.ru Price €10. All proceeds to Saint Michael's church organ restoration fund.

Congratulations: To Jean & Tristan Kessler on the birth of baby twins, Mason & Constance.

Pastoral Visiting: As you will be aware the current pandemic has had a major impact on a numerous aspects of daily life. For the clergy, pastoral visiting has been a challenge during the last few months. However, with the ease in restrictions and the addition of the Vicar to the Clergy Team we hope to be in a position to resume pastoral visiting by October, albeit in a different format. The clergy intend to call on households and remain outside for the duration of the visit (please do not be offended if we do not enter your house as we want to protect you and us!) and will keep visits to a maximum length of 15mins whilst maintaining social distancing. Visits will not be arranged formally, so if you are not in when we call, we will leave a card with you - please feel free to follow us up with a phone call/email if

you would like to talk to us. If for any reason you would prefer the clergy not to call with you, please let us know. Thank you for your understanding.

RTÉ: There will broadcast service from the Cathedral today (27th September) at 2.15pm on the RTÉ News Channel.

Parish Finances During COVID-19 Outbreak: Dear Parishioner, We are all too conscious of the financial strains on so many institutions and individuals at this time and it was after careful consideration that we wrote you earlier in the Summer. We are delighted to report that the response to that appeal has been extremely encouraging and supportive and we would like to take this opportunity (on behalf of the Select Vestry) to thank you most sincerely for your generosity. We do hope you all continue to remain safe and well. With kind regards,

Keith Morrow, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee (on behalf of the parish treasurers)

Livestreaming: Log onto www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Services will be on air at 11.15am on Sundays and 10.30am on Thursdays.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Desmond Parker, Michael Sheahan, Mary Smadje, Richard Langford, Det. Garda P. J. Mc Donagh, Fritz Ischner, Ann Moloney and Joan Rolf.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Meath & Kildare and Bishop Pat Storey. *Anglican Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo, Archbishop of the Province & Bishop of Khartoum. *Diocese:* Retired clergy in the dioceses

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, Archie Brown, Terry Cusack, Sylvia Martin, Norman Lynas, Joe Boyle, Pat Fogarty 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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