



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: October 4th 2020 ~ Trinity 17, Proper 22

Services:

Date	Time	Venue	Service
Sunday 4 th	10.00	Saint Michael's	Morning Prayer
		Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	No service
	11.15	Saint Mary's Cathedral	Holy Communion
Sunday 11 th	10.00	Saint Michael's	Holy Communion
	11.00	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	Morning Prayer
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COLLECTS AND READINGS

The Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Isaiah 5:1-7: Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Psalm 80: 8-16

Turn us again, O God of hosts; ◆ show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; ◆ you drove out the nations and planted it.

You made room around it, ◆ and when it had taken root, it filled the land.

The hills were covered with its shadow ◆ and the cedars of God by its boughs.

It stretched out its branches to the Sea ◆ and its tendrils to the River.

Why then have you broken down its wall, ◆ so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, ◆ and all the insects of the field devour it.

Turn again, O God of hosts, ◆ look down from heaven and behold;

Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, ◆ and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

Philippians 3: 4b-14: Even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Matthew 21: 33-46: ‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Post Communion Prayer: God our guide, you feed us with bread from heaven as you fed your people Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until we come to your kingdom in heaven. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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

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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.

Sympathy: To John & Anne Shire on the death of Anne's sister, Margaret. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and the Glynn family at this time.

Congratulations: To Mr Tom Marsden who celebrated his 97th birthday in recent days. We believe Mr Marsden is now our most 'Senior' parishioner – well done!

Thank you: To all those who so generously gave (€835) towards the recent appeal for the *Meals on Wheels* in the Millennium Centre in Caherconlish.

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.

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.

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: Bill Williams, Donald Cameron, Martin Wallacw, Ellickehart, Maurice O' Reilly and Leslie Taylor.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Cashel & Ossory and Bishop Michael Burrows. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Tanzania and Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa, Archbishop of Tanzania & Bishop of Tanga. *Diocese:* Those who are anxious, frightened, depressed or in any distress 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, William Morrissey 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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