



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: May 16th 2021 ~ Sunday after Ascension

Services:

Date	Time	Venue	Service
Sunday 16 th	10.00	Saint Michael's	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Saint Mary's Cathedral	Holy Communion
	12.00	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd	10.00	Saint Michael's	Holy Communion
Pentecost	11.00	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Saint Mary's Cathedral	Holy Communion

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Acts 1: 15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, • nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord • and they meditate on his law day and night. Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, • whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; • they are like chaff which the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, • nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, • but the way of the wicked shall perish.

I John 5: 9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

St John 17: 6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Post Communion Prayer: Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ 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 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

Church re-opening: Thank you to all those who have helped with the re-opening of our church buildings, in particular, those who helped at the clean-up in the Cathedral last Saturday. It is wonderful to see all our church buildings open again and we look forward to seeing you all again over the coming weeks. In anticipation of opening, the Bishop has written to the diocese (a copy has been emailed to all parishioners).

Easter General Vestry: Please note that the Easter General Vestry (ie the AGM) of the Parish will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 30th May at 11.15am, it will be preceded by a short united parish service at 10.30am. Whilst it is not ideal to have two of our churches closed so soon after re-opening, it is necessary to hold the EGV as soon as possible and to minimise the amount of gatherings we have within the parish.

In advance of the meeting, the annual report and accounts have been emailed to parishioners. Furthermore, in light of Covid, etc the present Select Vestry have all agreed to serve for a further year and at the EGV a proposal is being made to elect the current SV *en bloc* to serve till the EGV of 2022. Obviously, further nominations may be made (which will then require a vote) at the EGV; however, it is hoped that the present SV who serve the parish extremely well and are fully aware of the issues facing the parish would be elected to serve. The current list of SV members may be found in the most recent edition of An Abhainn.

Caretaker in St Michael's: It was with mixed emotions that we bade farewell to Kevin Beck last month. Kevin has served in this role for over a decade, and we wish him well in his new job. The St Michael's Committee intend formally acknowledging his time with us: should parishioners wish to contribute towards a gift, please do so by placing same in a marked envelope and passing onto the Churchwardens or a member of the clergy team.

Lunchtime talks: The Cathedral is delighted to announce a series of free on-line lunchtime talks. Full details may be found in the attached poster.

For Sale: Rico MC 250FW 4 in 1 Printer €600 ono. Please contact the parish office (contact details below)

The Leamy Protestant Board of Education Limerick: The Board is a long-established Trust which provides education grants to those who meet the necessary criteria set down by the Trust's Constitution. If you or a family member wish to make an application, please contact the Hon. Secretary, Pearl Mitchell – pearlcmitchell@gmail.com. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 30th June 2021.

Bishops' Appeal Sunday – 16th May 2021: The Bishop writes, "Night after night our TV screens tell of one disaster after another, and our hearts go out to the victims and the suffering. But how do we respond? What's the best way? Emergency relief or long-term aid to prevent further disasters? Bishops' Appeal can help by receiving donations from across the Church of Ireland and then channelling funds direct to whatever agency is on the ground in a disaster, and supporting long-term sustainable projects to bring meaningful change. A donation to Bishops' Appeal is the most effective way to respond to tragedy and need in the developing world." For those in the envelope scheme, a donation envelope is included in your box. Alternatively, you may wish to place something aside that can be included in the collection when church services resume. Thank you.

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

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.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Yolanda Dalton, Francis Sparling, Joan Clancy, John Ruddock, Joe O'Connor, Madeline Brislane, Veich Maiden, James Bond, Ben Carroll and Det. Garda Nicholas Dennihan.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* Diocese of Connor and Bishop George Davison. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Korea. *Diocese:* The Aghrim & Creagh Unions of parishes, Rev John Godfrey, and the congregations St Catherine's Ahascragh, Holy Trinity Aghrim, St John the Evangelist Ballinasloe, Kilconell Woodlawn, and Ardahan church.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, Lorraine McCarthy, John Nix, Archie Brown, Sylvia Martin, Joe Boyle, Emily, Moira Lowry, Mike, Betty, Stephen, Alan Kennedy, Mary Garvin and Victor Barley.

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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