



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: May 23rd 2021 ~ Pentecost

Services:

Date	Time	Venue	Service
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
Sunday 30 th	10.30	Saint Mary's Cathedral	United Service followed by EGV
Trinity Sunday			

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: By the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Psalm 104: 26–37

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦ and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦ which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you ♦ to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it; ♦ you open your hand and they are filled with good.
When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die & return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦ and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦ may the Lord rejoice in his works;

He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦ he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦ I will make music to my God while I have my being.

So shall my song please him ♦ while I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. ♦ Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

Second/Gospel Reading: Saint John 15: 26-27; 16: 4-15

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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

Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy to Roland & Lindsay Boyle and their family on the death of his brother Joe. We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

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.

New addition to St Michael's: Thanks to a grant through Limerick City & County Council, some new seating and flower boxes have been erected at the Church. Thank you to Tracey Lyttle who planted the boxes (in memory of her mother, Joan Marsden) and to Trevor Lyttle and Richard Brickenden who secured them in place.

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.

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: Lee Rigby, Elisabeth Franke, Ken Graydon, Nevitt Fogerty, Clement Thompson, Rita Harris, Marjorie Rolf, Gerard Bourke, Lionel Watts and Kenneth [Ken] Brislane.

Cycle of Prayer: Church of Ireland: Diocese of Connor and Bishop George Davison. Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Melanesia. On this Anglican Communion Sunday, we pray also for the entire Anglican Communion. Diocese: All those in our dioceses engaged in Agriculture.

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, Emily, Moira Lowry, Mike, Betty, Stephen, Alan Kennedy, Mary Garvin and Victor Barley.

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