



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021 ~ 2 before Advent (Pr 28)*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Old Testament: Daniel 12: 1-3

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.'

### Psalm 16

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦ I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦ upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦ their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦ in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦ indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦ and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me; ♦ he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦ my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦ nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦ and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

### Epistle: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 15-18, 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us

approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

**New Testament/Gospel: St Mark 13: 1-8**

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, ‘Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!’ Then Jesus asked him, ‘Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.’ When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, ‘Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?’ Then Jesus began to say to them, ‘Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope. Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

**Service Notes**

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and the Cathedral website ([www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://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](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://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 WEEK’S NOTICES**

**Services & Events:**

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Saint Michael’s	Holy Communion
Trinity 24	11.00	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Saint Mary’s Cathedral	Morning Prayer
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	10.30	LPAS AGM	Saint Michael’s
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00	Saint Michael’s	Morning Prayer
Trinity 25	11.15	Saint Mary’s Cathedral	Holy Communion
	12.00	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington	Holy Communion

**From the Dean:** I am delighted to report that the Rev'd Bernie Daly has kindly agreed (with the permission of the Archbishop) to return to Limerick over the month of December to assist the Clergy team with services and pastoral duties. I am grateful to Bernie for her support and look forward to welcoming her back to the parish.

**LPAS:** The AGM for the Society will take place in Saint Michael's Church on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 10.30am. All are welcome to attend.

**November Lunchtime concerts:** please see attached poster

**Sympathy:** We offer our condolences to Catherine Nix and her family on the death of her brother John. May they all know God's love at this time.

**Advent Series:** The Dean of Killaloe is running an Advent Course on the 'Church of Ireland' on Wednesdays at 8pm (beginning 24<sup>th</sup> Nov.) in Saint Flannan's Cathedral and online ([www.facebook.com/StFlannans](http://www.facebook.com/StFlannans)). All welcome

**Ecumenical Lectio Divina:** To celebrate the season of Advent we will recommence our Lectio Divina gatherings, shared between the congregations of Limerick City Parish (Church of Ireland) and St Augustine's Church. We will meet on the Tuesdays of Advent (30<sup>th</sup> November; and 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of December). Each meeting will be held in Saint Michael's, Pery Square. Meeting will begin at 7pm and will last for approximately one hour. Fr Noel Hession OSA and Rev Leonard Madden will facilitate the sessions. All are welcome

**Wanted for the Cathedral:** The Dean is looking for the following items for the Cathedral – can you help?

- An electric cash register (new or second hand) – DONATED – THANK YOU!
- 2 matching (43inch) TV screens (preferably new)
- 1 x 3 pin hand held microphone (new or second hand)
- A new (small) dishwasher for the Cathedral - DONATED – THANK YOU!

**Gazette launches Christmas Cover Competition:** The Competition is open to all age groups. The only requirement is to take a photograph that would be appropriate for our December cover, along the theme of "All is Calm". The winner's photography will appear on the Christmas cover of the Church of Ireland Gazette and they will also receive a prize of €100/£90 as well as €100/£90 for their parish. The runner-up will receive €50/£45. We hope to publish a selection of our favourite photographs in the December issue. All entries must be received by 12 noon on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> November.

*How to enter:* Send your photograph (portrait orientation) to [christmascovergazette@gmail.com](mailto:christmascovergazette@gmail.com) with

1. Your name, 2. Your age (if under 18), 3. Name of your parish, 4. Contact email (for parent/guardian if under 18)

*Technical information:* Format: Entries should be high quality jpeg files. File size: Each image should ideally be 1MB or larger. If you are sending from a smartphone, please be sure to select "large size" or "original size" if prompted.

*Rules:*

1. Only one entry per person.
2. Entries for children must be submitted by a parent or guardian, or adult over the age of 18, on the child's behalf.
3. All entries must include a valid email address
4. All entries must be sent via the electronic form provided, before 12 noon on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
5. The judge's decision is final and binding in all matters, and no correspondence will be entered into.
6. By entering the competition and submitting a photograph, you hereby grant the Church of Ireland Gazette a licence to freely use that photograph for the purpose of promoting the competition within the magazine and online, in print and electronic formats.

**One Million Stars:** A challenge for all of us..... More about this in churches on Sunday.

**On screen:** Saint Michael's Church will feature on the RTE series 'Hidden Assets' which airs over the next 5 Sundays on RTE 1 at 9.30pm.

**Cathedral Community Awards Scheme:** The Awards Scheme hopes to highlight the 'unsung heroes' of Limerick and will be awarded in February of each year. Nomination forms are available from the Cathedral Office until the closing date of 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**The Commission on Ministry's Advent Retreat:** This year entitled "One Step Too Far Away – One Breath Too Near" is open to all and is free of charge. It takes place on Zoom on the morning of 20 November and will be led by Rev Ruth Patterson, Director of Restoration Ministries, a non-denominational, Christian organisation committed to peace and reconciliation. The retreat provides a space for quiet reflection and rest at a busy and stressful time of year. For further information and bookings, please contact Dr Catherine Smith at [catherine.smith@rcbdub.org](mailto:catherine.smith@rcbdub.org) and please share the information with anyone who might be interested: <https://www.ireland.anglican.org/news/10924/one-step-too-far-away>

**Livestreaming:** Log onto [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys) Services will be on air at 11.15 a.m. on Sundays and 10.30 a.m. on Thursdays.



**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Alec Brislane, Maire Fitzgerald, Eleanor Cleary, Nora Gray, Martin Clancy and Henry Faro.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross and Bishop Paul Colton. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Australia. *Diocese:* The Killarney Union of parishes, Archdeacon Simon Lumby and the congregations of St Mary's Killarney and Holy Trinity Muckcross.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, Archie Brown, Sylvia Martin, Emily, Moira Lowry, Mac, Mike, Betty, Alan Kennedy, Jackie Grace, Zandra, Richard Brickenden, Kathleen Quinn, Brian Molloy, Miguel Faro, Madison Stanley, Oliver Deegan, Stephen Richards and Laura Gill.

*NOTE ABOUT PRAYER LIST: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email your prayer request to [limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto: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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