



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 21st November 2021 ~ 1 before Advent (Pr 29);
Mission Sunday*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; ◆ the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure ◆ that it cannot be moved.

Your throne has been established from of old; ◆ you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; ◆ the floods lift up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, ◆ the Lord on high is mightier.

Your testimonies are very sure; ◆ holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

New Testament: Revelation 1: 4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel: John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post Communion Prayer: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works they may by you be plenteously rewarded; 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 WEEK'S NOTICES

Services & Events:

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
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| Sunday 21 st | 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 |
| Monday 22 nd | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Tuesday 23 rd | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| | 13.15 | Lunchtime Concert | The Cathedral |
| Wednesday 24 th | 09.00 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Thursday 25 th | 10.30 | Holy Communion | The Cathedral |
| Friday 26 th | 09.00 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Saturday 27 th | 09.00 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| | 15.00 | MU Vigil Service | The Cathedral |
| Sunday 28 th | 10.00 | Saint Michael's | Advent Service |
| Advent 1 | 11.00 | Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington | Morning Prayer |
| | 11.15 | Saint Mary's Cathedral | Holy Communion |
| | 19.00 | Saint Mary's Cathedral | Advent Procession |

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.

Mission Sunday: Today is Diocesan Mission Sunday. This year we are supporting the work of the Bishops' Appeal. We are delighted that Ms Lydia Monds, the Education Advisor to Bishops' Appeal, is to preach in Saint Michael's and in Saint Mary's Cathedral.

Should you wish to make a financial contribution on Sunday, please kindly note

- For envelope subscribers there is a dedicated envelope in your boxes
- For those not on the envelope scheme, you may use a dedicated envelope that will be in the churches on Sunday
- For those supporting the parish through a direct debit, you may use a dedicated envelope that will be in the churches on Sunday. We would kindly ask you to include your name on the envelope so it can be noted (confidentially) by the treasurers for tax reclaims.

Day of Prayer for Young People & Youth Ministry: Parishes are reminded that the Church of Ireland Youth Department's Day of Prayer is coming up on Sunday, 21st November. This annual event previously took place on the Sunday before Lent but has now been moved to the Sunday before Advent. CIYD is encouraging all churches to make space to pray for young people on that day.

Advent Procession: Next Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. The beautiful advent procession (a sequence of music & readings by candlelight) will take place in the Cathedral at 7pm. Due to Covid we are not widely publicising this event but we do warmly encourage parishioners to attend.

MU News

- **Vigil Service:** As part of the '16 Days of Activism against the Gender-Based Violence campaign' there will be a short vigil service in the Cathedral on Saturday 27th November at 3pm. All are welcome to attend.
- **Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal:** Our annual appeal for non-perishable groceries and toiletry items will take place on Sunday 28 November, 5 and 12 December when hampers will be in the Cathedral and Saint Michael's to receive donations. As usual we will be wrapping individual gifts for the residents in Thomond House to go with the groceries. We also hope to deliver groceries to Saint Patrick's Hostel, Clare Street, and Brother Russell House, Mulgrave Street.

November Lunchtime concerts: please see attached poster.

Advent Series: The Dean of Killaloe is running an Advent Course on the 'Church of Ireland' on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. (beginning 24th November) in Saint Flannan's Cathedral and online (www.facebook.com/StFlannans). All are 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 (30th November; and 7th, 14th and 21st of December). Each meeting will be held in Saint Michael's, Pery Square. Meetings will begin at 7 p.m. and will last for approximately one hour. Fr Noel Hession, OSA, and the Rev'd Leonard Madden will facilitate the sessions. All are welcome.

On screen: Saint Michael's Church will feature on the RTÉ series 'Hidden Assets,' which airs over the next five Sundays on RTÉ 1 at 9.30 p.m

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

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 (43 inch) 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!

Cathedral Community Awards Scheme: The Awards Scheme hopes to highlight the ‘unsung heroes’ of Limerick and will awarded in February of each year. Nomination forms are available from the Cathedral Office until the closing date of 30th November 2021.

Livestreaming: Log onto 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: William James Sirr and Fr. Andrew Nugent OSB.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross, and Bishop Paul Colton. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of Bangladesh. *Diocese:* the Adare & Kilmallock Group of parishes; Canon Liz Beasley; the congregations of St Nicholas’ Adare; Croom Church; Ss. Peter & Paul Kilmallock, and St Beacon, Kilpeacon.

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, 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. 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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