



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 12th December 2021 ~ Advent III

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord.

The Song of Isaiah

Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 3: 7-18

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the

trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

Post Communion Prayer: Father, we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts. Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Service Notes

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THIS WEEK’S NOTICES

Services & Events:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 12 th	10.00	Saint Michael’s	Morning Prayer
Advent III	11.00	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Saint Mary’s Cathedral	Holy Communion
Monday 13 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 14 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	19.00	Lectio Divina	Saint Michael’s
Wednesday 15 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 16 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 17 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 18 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 19 th	10.00	Saint Michael’s	Carol Service
Advent III	12.00	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington	Carol Service
	11.15	Saint Mary’s Cathedral	Holy Communion
	19.00	Saint Mary’s Cathedral	Carol Service

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to Victor Brown and his family on the death of his aunt, Patsy McCarthy. We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations: To Colin and Claire on the birth of Henry Peter Peirce on November 25th 2021. We also congratulate Henry's grandparents Tom and Heather.

Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal: Our sincere thanks to all who have already given so generously and a reminder that today Sunday, 12th December, will be the last day of the Appeal for groceries and toiletries to go to hostels for homeless people in the city.

Christmas Market: Saint Michael's Church took part in the Christmas Market last weekend and it was very successful – more news will follow. We still have some chutneys for sale so if you are interested please contact Tracey @ 0866486197. Also our Raffle is continuing for a super 1st Christmas Hamper, 2nd Three bottles of wine and 3rd New Years Eve hamper. Lines are €5 - please contact Gillian @ 0871254687 if you would like to buy a line.

An Abhainn: The Winter edition is now available online. Hard copies are available upon request from the Cathedral Office. Many thanks to our contributors and especially our editor, Jeanne Dippenaar.

Cathedral Christmas Cards: A limited amount of Christmas Cards will be available for purchase following the Cathedral's Sunday service. 6 cards cost €5.

Lunchtime concerts in December: Please see notices in the churches or attached.

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 (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.

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

- 2 matching (43 inch) TV screens (preferably new)

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: Margaret Mc Donnell, Gloria Bezuidenhout, Odile Knight, Fritz Eckhardt, Sylvia Morrow, Joe Connelly, Roy Mc Cormack and Marie Louise Beckers-Kearney.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, vacant, Archbishop's Commissaries Ven Stephen McWhirter and Very Rev Niall Sloane, and the Episcopal Electoral College called to fill the vacant see. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Canada. *Diocese:* The Roscrea Group of parishes, Canon Jane Galbraith and the congregations of St Cronan's Roscrea, St Burchin's Bourney, Christ Church Corbally and St Molua's Kyle.

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, Kathleen Leddin, Eddie Chamney and Laura Gill.

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