



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 19th December 2021 ~ Advent IV

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: God our redeemer, who prepared the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Micah 5: 2-5a

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labour has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace. If the Assyrians come into our land and tread upon our soil, we will raise against them seven shepherds and eight installed as rulers.

Canticle: Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, ■ my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his lowly servant; ■ from this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me ■ and holy is his name.
God has mercy on those who fear him, ■ from generation to generation.
The Lord has shown strength with his arm ■ and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones ■ and lifting up the lowly.
God has filled the hungry with good things ■ and sent the rich away empty.
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel ■ to remember the promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears, ■ to Abraham and his children for ever.

Epistle: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, 'Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings you have taken no pleasure. Then I said, "See, God, I have come to do your will, O God" (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).' When he said above, 'You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and sin-offerings' (these are offered according to the law), then he added, 'See, I have come to do your will.' He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-45

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and

exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

Post Communion Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have given us a pledge of eternal redemption. Grant that we may always eagerly celebrate the saving mystery of the incarnation of your Son. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son 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
Sunday 19 th	10.00	Carol Service	Saint Michael's
Advent IV	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	12.00	Carol Service	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	19.00	Civic Carol Service	The Cathedral
Monday 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.00	Lectio Divina	Saint Michael's
Wednesday 22 nd	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 23 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 24 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	23.00	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Saturday 25 th	09.30	Holy Communion	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Sunday 26 th Christmas I	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
As the Cathedral will be closed, there will be no services during the week			
Sunday 2 nd Christmas II	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
		No Service	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington

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Newsletter: There will be no Newsletter for the next 2 Sundays.

Message: A Christmas message from the Dean may be found attached or on the Church noticeboard

Sympathy: We express our sympathy to

- Victor Brown and his family on the death of his father, Archie, and on the death of his aunt, Mary McKie, both of whom died on 11th December; we also continue to offer sympathy on the death of Victor's aunt, Patsy McCarthy, who died on 3rd December.
- Patricia Hadnett and her family on the death of her sister, Gloria.

We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Bible Reading Fellowship Notes: These notes for daily Bible readings are issued three times a year at a charge of €6 per issue (€18 for the year). New Daylight provides a commentary on the daily reading with an appropriate prayer or thought for the day and Guidelines gives a more 'in depth' commentary. If anybody would like to order either New Daylight or Guidelines, please let me know as the order will be going in shortly. Margaret Schutz 087 2200216

Mothers' Union Christmas Appeal: Our sincere thanks to all who gave so generously in the Christmas Appeal for groceries and toiletries to be given to hostels for homeless people in the city.

Saint Michael's Church took part in the Georgian Christmas Market and are delighted to report a total of €2,180 was raised through a raffle, sale of preserves and cakes and some unwanted gifts. A big thank you to all who supported this event. Thank you to all who provided the preserves, cakes, bread, unwanted gifts and donations to the raffle. Also thank you to all the helpers (you know who you are). The winners of the Raffle were:

1st prize Christmas Hamper - Gerry Twomey, Fr. Russell Rd., 2nd prize - a trio of wine - Anthony O'Connell, Rosbrien and 3rd prize New Year's Eve hamper - Margaret Schutz, Castletroy.

From the Dean: Thank you to all those who ran, organised and supported this fundraiser.

The 12 Cribs of Christmas: This ecumenical initiative is running again this year. A copy of the booklet is attached or is available in the Cathedral.

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.

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: Olive Stanley-Wetzel, Jo Ischner, Edward Richardson, Jean O'Conner, Anne Woodrow, Patrick Moort, Phil Bronahan, Jimmy Clancy, John Pomeroy, Jane Brislane, James Hanley, Donal O'Brien, Tom O'Donnell, Helen Mc Mahon, Finnula Graydon, Mary Newman, Maureen Clancy, Florence Boyle, Bella Bingham, Lois Wyse Jackson, Peg Inns, Ellen Bond, Derek Crowe, Matilda Campion, Fredrick Oakley, Reginald Pearse Hassill, Florrie Trousdell, Antoinette Byrne and Michael Mason.

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.

19th December: *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of Central Africa. *Diocese:* The Kenmare & Dromod Union of parishes, Rev Michael Kavanagh and the congregations of St Patrick's Kenmare, the Church of the Transfiguration Sneem, St Michael & All Angels Waterville and St John the Baptist Valentia.

25th December: *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Diocese of North East India in the United Church of North India. *Diocese:* Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King; let every heart prepare him room, and heaven and nature sing.

26th December: *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America. *Diocese:* Diocesan and Parish Readers.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Rose McNamara, Andrew Prior, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Harold Armstrong, 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, Marie O'Connor, Laura Gill, and Eddie Chamney.

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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