



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021 ~ Advent II*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Old Testament: Baruch 5: 1-9

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven. For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'. Arise, O Jerusalem, stand upon the height; look towards the east, and see your children gathered from west and east at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that God has remembered them. For they went out from you on foot, led away by their enemies; but God will bring them back to you, carried in glory, as on a royal throne. For God has ordered that every high mountain and the everlasting hills be made low and the valleys filled up, to make level ground, so that Israel may walk safely in the glory of God. The woods and every fragrant tree have shaded Israel at God's command. For God will lead Israel with joy, in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him.

#### Benedictus

Blessèd be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free. The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour, born of the house of his servant David. Through the holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of those who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hand of our enemies. Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous before him all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, To give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

#### Epistle: Philippians 1: 3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that

on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

**Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6**

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, ‘The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.” ’

**Post Communion Prayer:** Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of life. Through our sharing in this holy sacrament teach us to judge wisely earthly things and to yearn for things heavenly. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Saint Michael’s	Morning Prayer
Advent II	11.15	Saint Mary’s Cathedral	Holy Communion
		Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington	No service
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	19.00	Lectio Divina	Saint Michael’s
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Saint Michael’s	Advent Service
Advent III	11.00	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington	Morning Prayer
	11.15	Saint Mary’s Cathedral	Holy Communion

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

**Sympathy:** We offer our condolences to Malcolm and the Galbraith family on the death of his grandfather, Cyril. Cyril had a long association with bell ringing in Ireland which began in Saint Mary's. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time.

**Christmas Market:** Pery Square Christmas Market is being held again this year on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December. Saint Michael's Church is taking part in this and we are having two stalls and we are looking for donations of preserves or traybakes please. Also, if anyone is willing to volunteer two hours of their time on either Saturday and Sunday, we would love to hear from you. Contact Tracey @ 0866486197 or Gillian @ 0871254687.

**Advent Calendars of Kindness:** Please find your copies attached (electronically) or in hard copy at the church doors. Why not have a go and try this advent 'challenge'?

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

**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 24<sup>th</sup> November) in Saint Flannan's Cathedral and online ([www.facebook.com/StFlannans](http://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 (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. 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?

- 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) - DONATED – THANK YOU!
- A new (small) dishwasher for the Cathedral - DONATED – THANK YOU!

**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: James Fredrick Howes, Stuart Gray, Olive Casey, Robert Evans, Adelaide Sirr, Jack Shorten, Muriel Williams, William Carey, Peggy Stokil, Tommy Hayes, Jimmy Keays and Gladys Blackledge.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, 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 Burundi. *Diocese:* The victims of abuse and all engaged in Safeguarding.

**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](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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