



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 16th January 2022
The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens and your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; you, Lord, shall save both man and beast. How precious is your loving mercy, O God! All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; they shall drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the well of life and in your light shall we see light. O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

Epistle: I Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel/New Testament: John 2: 1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of 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 16 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
<i>Epiphany II</i>	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	12.00	Holy Communion	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	19.00	Epiphany Carol Service	The Cathedral
Monday 17 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 18 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 19 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 20 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	20.00	Select Vestry Meeting	Zoom
Friday 21 st	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 22 nd	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 23 rd	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Epiphany III</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral

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From the Dean

Whilst it doesn't seem like it, we are still in the season of Christmas (until the 2nd February!). I wanted to thank all those who helped with the Christmas preparations in our churches. Particular thanks to our musicians and decorators. Thank you to the Brickenden family for the tree in the Cathedral and to Pakie Ryan Forestry for the tree in Abington. As always we are deeply appreciative of all those in the parish who give so freely and lovingly of their time, talents and treasures.

Changes in the Cathedral

Please note that on Sunday, the congregation are invited to enter and exit the building via the West Door.

Cathedral Ministry

If you are interested in learning more about the workings of the Cathedral and perhaps helping out with some light duties, please speak to the Dean or Noreen Ellerker.

Congratulations

To Paschal O'Grady who celebrated a 'significant' birthday last week!

Register of Vestry Persons

The Register of Vestrypersons is open for revision until the 20th January 2022. If you are over 18 and subscribe to parish funds and are not yet registered, please see one of the Churchwardens and fill in the registration form. This will enable you to vote at the meeting of the General Vestry.

NEWSLINK 2022

As you are aware, the Newslink magazine covers news and information from the churches and schools around the United Dioceses of Limerick, Killaloe and Ardfert.

Newslink is a bright colourful magazine which is full of news and events. The Newslink team of Ros, Janet and Jennifer are working very hard to improve the magazine, please continue to support them.

COST : €40 for 10 issues Or €30 for the e-Newslink (PDF) for 10 issues.

Cheques must be made payable to 'St. Michael's Church' or if you wish to do a credit transfer, please contact Gillian for details.

If you need more information or would like to receive Newslink 2022, please contact Gillian Cheatley (LCP Local Distributor) on 087 1254687.

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: George Fairbrother, Malcolm Santley- Dilley, Marian Power, James Mc Cormack,, Dorothy Knott, Baby Tom Stokes, Margaret Lennox, Camilla Mitchell, Henry Bingham, Peter Keane, Tom Ryan, Agnes O' Callaghan, Martha Gray-Stack and Margaret Hayes.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Armagh and Archbishop John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of England. *Diocese:* The Birr Group of parishes at this time of vacancy, Priest-in-Charge Rev Denis Sandes, and the congregations of St Brendan's Birr, St Ruadhan's Lorrha, and Loughleen and Dorra churches.

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, Alan, Teresa O'Connell 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.

A gentle reminder...

Whilst the past week has seen some changes in Covid guidelines, may we kindly remind members of the congregation that Covid procedures in Church remains unchanged. We would kindly remind those attending services that the gather of groups, etc before/after services is still discouraged, particularly at entrances and exits. We all look forward to socialising after services, but for the moment we will have to find alternative means.

In normal times the wardens or others would go around the church taking up the collection. Due to the pandemic, we have had to cease this practice. However, collection plates are located at the church doors should you wish to leave an offering.

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