



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022*  
*The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### **Old Testament Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10:**

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen', lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

#### **Psalm 19**

The heavens are telling the glory of God and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. One day pours out its song to another and one night unfolds knowledge to another. They have neither speech nor language and their voices are not heard, Yet their sound has gone out into all lands and their words to the ends of the world. In them has he set a tabernacle for the sun, that comes forth as a bridegroom out of his chamber and rejoices as a champion to run his course. It goes forth from the end of the heavens and runs to the very end again, and there is nothing hidden from its heat. The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter also than honey, dripping from the honeycomb. By them also is your servant taught and in keeping them there is great reward. Who can tell how often they offend? O cleanse me from my secret faults! Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get dominion over me; so shall I be undefiled, and innocent of great offence. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

## Epistle: I Corinthians 12: 12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

## Gospel/New Testament Reading: Luke 4: 14-21

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

**Post Communion Prayer:** Almighty Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;  
for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **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 23 <sup>rd</sup>	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
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	20.00	Select Vestry Meeting	Zoom
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Candlemas</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	17.00	Concert (see attached poster)	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

### Changes in the Cathedral

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

Recently a 'tap' facility was installed in the Cathedral. Should they wish, members of the congregation may use this facility to make an offering to the Cathedral.

### 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.

### 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](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: Peggy Martin, Baby Sophie Moore, Mary O'Connor, Det. Garda Adrian Donahue, Anne Copley, Bernie Long, Michael Roche, Tess Gloster, Hubert Lyons, Margaret [Peggy] Carey, Beatrice[Baz] Irwin.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Armagh and Archbishop John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui. *Diocese:* Our Diocesan Schools and all teachers and students, boards of management, school secretaries and cleaners.

**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, Sinead, 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](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.*

### A gentle reminder...

Whilst the past week has seen some changes in Covid guidelines, may we remind members of the congregation that Covid procedures in Church remains unchanged. We would kindly remind those attending services that the gathering 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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