



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 30th January 2022
The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany / Candlemas*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty and everliving God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the temple in the substance of our mortal nature: May we be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Ezekiel 43: 27-44: 4

When these days are over, then from the eighth day onwards the priests shall offer upon the altar your burnt-offerings and your offerings of well-being; and I will accept you, says the Lord God.

Then he brought me back to the outer gate of the sanctuary, which faces east; and it was shut. The Lord said to me: This gate shall remain shut; it shall not be opened, and no one shall enter by it; for the Lord, the God of Israel, has entered by it; therefore it shall remain shut. Only the prince, because he is a prince, may sit in it to eat food before the Lord; he shall enter by way of the vestibule of the gate, and shall go out by the same way. Then he brought me by way of the north gate to the front of the temple; and I looked, and lo! the glory of the Lord filled the temple of the Lord; and I fell upon my face.

Psalm 48

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised, in the city of our God. His holy mountain is fair and lifted high, the joy of all the earth. On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place, stands the city of the great king. In her palaces God has shown himself to be a sure refuge. For behold, the kings of the earth assembled and swept forward together. They saw, and were dumbfounded; dismayed, they fled in terror. Trembling seized them there; they writhed like a woman in labour, as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish. As we had heard, so have we seen in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God: God has established her for ever. We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of your temple. As with your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth; your right hand is full of justice. Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgements, O Lord. Walk about Zion and go round about her; count all her towers; consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels, That you may tell those who come after that such is our God for ever and ever. It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

Epistle: I Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know

only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 'Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord'), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.' Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, 'Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.' And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem. When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

Post-Communion Prayer: God, for whom we wait, you fulfilled the hopes of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah. Complete in us your perfect will, that in Christ we may see your salvation, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **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 30 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
<i>Candlemas</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Sung Eucharist	The Cathedral
	17.00	Concert (see attached poster)	The Cathedral
Monday 31 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 1 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 2 nd	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 3 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 4 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 5 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 6 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
<i>4 before Lent</i>		No Service	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Sung Eucharist	The Cathedral

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The next steps...

As you are aware several significant changes to restrictions occurred last week. As we have not yet received any direction from Central Church, a few office holders within the parish reviewed the guidelines and we hope the guidelines below will help us transition back to 'normal' and ensure that everyone feels safe and at ease in our church buildings

The group decided that with the current level of transmission and cases that we still adhere to the following restrictions:

- *Contact tracing*: This now ceased
- *Physical distancing*: Current seating arrangements may remain to help maintain a physical distance between pods, which is still encouraged.
- *Masks*: The wearing of masks is still encouraged in line with Gov.ie recommendations for similar settings.
- *Prayer & Hymn Books*: Remain as is but will add Hymn Books to pews
- *Singing*: We are cautiously (but joyously) returning to singing. If you wish to sing, we ask that this be done quietly behind a face mask.
- *Exiting and Entering*: Remain as is ... please remember to avoid congregating around entrance and exits points to avoid congestion.
- *Greeting*: The clergy will return to the church entrances from Sunday to greet people as they leave and/or enter church (please be mindful of maintaining distance and blocking entrance/exit areas)
- *Hand shaking*: We shall refrain from physical contact for the moment
- *Hand sanitizer*: Remain as is at church doors and for Holy Communion – please use.
- *Holy Communion*: Format to remain as is – we will keep under review.
- *Collection*: This will remain as is with collection point at church door should you wish to make an offering. We will keep this under review.
- *Refreshments*: We hope to reintroduce to our churches as soon as possible

This plan will be revised on an ongoing basis.

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to

- Ger Fitzgerald on the sudden death of his father
- The Creamer family on the death of Martha

We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Saint Michael's access

Due to some anti-social behaviour a lock has been fitted to the external gates of the church, for access code please speak with the clergy or churchwardens.

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: Audrey Watts, Kathleen Craig, Betty Chambers, Ellen Devlin, Maureen Mulcahy, Wally Battrick, Patrick Clayton, Gerry Duffy, Rosslyn Faull and Bill Topham.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Armagh and Archbishop John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean. *Diocese:* Growth, unity, and service in the united dioceses of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe.

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, 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. 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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