



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 9th January 2022 ~ The Baptism of our Lord

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us, who are born of water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon; He makes Lebanon skip like a calf and Sirion like a young wild ox. The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh. The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!' The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore. The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Epistle Reading: Acts 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor

and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

Post Communion Prayer: Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God, we seek your mercy: that by listening faithfully to your only Son, and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit, we may be your children in name and in truth; through 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 9 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael’s
<i>Baptism of our Lord</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 10 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	St Michael’s Committee Meeting	Zoom
Tuesday 11 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 12 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 13 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 14 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 15 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 16 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
<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

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Sympathy: We express our deepest sympathy to

- Joan, Brian, Simon, Jennifer, Christopher, and the Craig family on the death of Trevor.
- John Thompson on the death of his mother
- The family and friends of Mary Pickford (late of New Zealand and formerly of Limerick City Parish)

We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

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.

Saint Michael's Committee Meeting

A meeting of the committee will take place on Zoom tomorrow night (Monday 10th January) at 8pm. Those wishing to join the meeting should email the Dean (dean@limerick.anglican.org) for the Zoom link.

Chalking the Door: An Epiphany House Blessing

On or near the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6th) every year, many houses throughout the world bless their home.

We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows.

A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 20. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2019 is the year.

Instructions for Blessing the Home

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 22 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.

Amen.

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

Leprosy Mission

In 2021, Saint Michael's raised €500 for the Leprosy Mission. We want to give a big thank you to all who contributed, and in particular to Tracey Lyttle who made sure the giving took place. Thank you for all that you have done for people affected by leprosy during this extraordinary year. Thank you for giving. Thank you for praying. Thank you for helping make leprosy a thing of the past.

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: Rita McNamara, Valentina Dernova, Madam Marian Griffin, Terry Cusack, Lillah Ellerker, Theo Saunders, Violet Hanley, Noel Ryan, Edward Ruddock and Kumico.

Cycle of Prayer: The Electoral College will meet in Dublin this coming Friday, please remember it in your prayers. *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Armagh and Archbishop John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Diocese of Northern Ison in the Church of Nigeria, Anglican Communion (Niger Delta Province) *Diocese:* O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!

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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