



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

---

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022*  
*The Third Sunday Before Lent (Proper 1)*

---

### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: Give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise; that, among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Old Testament: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

### Psalm 1

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦ nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦ whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦ they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦ nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦ but the way of the wicked shall perish.

### Epistle: I Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

## New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Merciful Father, you gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger. Draw us to our Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### Hymns

<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>403</b>	<b>525</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>324</b>	

### 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.
- The New Revised Standard Version (Anglicized Edition), *copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America*
- *Material in this service is reproduced from The Book of Common Prayer under licence, copyright © RCB 2004*
- *One License Number: A-738650*

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

### Services & Events:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
3 before Lent	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
2 before Lent	11.15	Sung Eucharist	The Cathedral
	12.00	Holy Communion	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	17.00	Choral Evensong, Community Awards	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

### 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.*

**Priorities Sunday – 13<sup>th</sup> February:** Donations are made during Spring each year – it is a good time because it reflects a church with a mission and a family who shares. When this Fund was set up in 1980 it became an immediate success. The aim and purpose is to raise money throughout the Church of Ireland for use as seed capital for innovative projects within the Church of Ireland. Our parish target is around €1300 each year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Help wanted:** The Dean is looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments on occasion and with some cleaning and repairs to the nave seating. Please consult with him if you are interested.

**Confirmation:** Candidates (not their parents or guardians) interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation this year (date to be decided) should contact a member of the clergy. Confirmation is administered to those in 2<sup>nd</sup> year of second level education and above.

**LPAS EGM:** Notice is hereby given that an Extra Ordinary General Meeting of the Limerick Protestant Aid Association will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022 at 10.30am in St Michael's Church, Pery Sq. Limerick. *Agenda: The future of LPAS and The proposed merger with Dublin PA.*

**Cathedral Lunchtime Concerts:** Begin on the 1<sup>st</sup> March. More details on attach flyer (e-version) or on the church notice boards.

**The Mothers' Union:** The MU will hold their AGM in the Cathedral (St James' Chapel) on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb, following the 10.30 a.m. service.

**Ash Wednesday:** Lent begins on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be services in the Cathedral at 7.30am and 7pm.

**World day of prayer:** Will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. More details in the coming weeks

**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: Alfred Sparling; William Walter Copley; David McElderry; Nance McLindon; Maureen Melleady; Joe Crowley; Billy Macken, and Frank Prendergast.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Clogher and Bishop Ian Ellis. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Nippon Sei Ko Kai. *Diocese:* The Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop-elect of our united dioceses of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe; for the Tuam Group of parishes, for Dean Alistair Grimason, and for the congregations of St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam, of St Mary's, Cong, St John the Baptist, Aasleagh, and of Claremorris.

**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, Sinead, Teresa O'Connell, Eddie Chamney, and Irene Hobbs.

*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.*

## CONTACT DETAILS

- The Very Rev'd Niall J. Sloane (Dean): The Deanery, 7 Kilbane, Castletroy  
Email: [dean@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:dean@limerick.anglican.org); Tel: 061-338697. Day off: Friday
- The Rev'd Dr Leonard Madden (Curate-Assistant): The Curatage, 50 Ballinvoher, Fr Russell Road, Limerick  
Email: [curate@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:curate@limerick.anglican.org); Tel: 061-302038. Day off: Saturday
- Clergy Emergency Number: Tel: 087-3524046. (Strictly Emergency Calls Only).
- The Parish Office: Saint Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street, Limerick, V94 E068.  
Email: [cathedral@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:cathedral@limerick.anglican.org); Tel: 061-310293.

LIMERICK CITY PARISH ~ WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Deadline for notices 12 noon every Wednesday.

To be added to the email circulation list: Please email [limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com)  
[www.lcp.limerick.anglican.org](http://www.lcp.limerick.anglican.org)