



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss. John & Ailbe: 20th February 2022
The Second Sunday Before Lent (Proper 2)*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Genesis 2: 4b-9, 15-25

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up – for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground – then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, 'You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.' Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.' So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, 'This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.' Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦ to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.

To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦ when our misdeeds prevail against us, you will purge them away.

Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦ We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house, even of your holy temple.

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, ♦ O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦ and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas, ♦ the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels; ♦ the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

You visit the earth and water it; ♦ you make it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water; ♦ you prepare grain for your people, for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦ you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness, ♦ and your paths overflow with plenty.

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦ and the hills be girded with joy.

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦ and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

New Testament: Revelation 4

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, 'Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.' At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and comelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God; and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal. Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human face, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing, 'Holy, holy, holy, the Lord God the Almighty, who was and is and is to come.' And whenever the living creatures give glory and honour and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives for ever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives for ever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, 'You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.'

Gospel: St Luke 8: 22-35

One day he got into a boat with his disciples, and he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side of the lake.' So they put out, and while they were sailing he fell asleep. A gale swept down on the lake, and the boat was filling with water, and they were in danger. They went to him and woke him up, shouting, 'Master, Master, we are perishing!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and the raging waves; they ceased, and there was a calm. He said to them, 'Where is your faith?' They were afraid and amazed, and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that he commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him?' Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me' – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid.

Post-Communion Prayer: God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the Bread of life at the heart of your Church. May we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's Cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns

Saint Michael's	293	581	584	527	
Saint Mary's	346	675	612		

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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Services & Events:

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 20 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
2 before Lent	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	12.00	Holy Communion	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	19.00	Choral Evensong, Community Awards	The Cathedral
Monday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 22 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 23 rd	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 24 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 25 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 26 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 27 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
1 before Lent	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Matins	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Help wanted: The Dean is looking for volunteers in the Cathedral 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 2nd 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 23rd 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 1st March. More details on attach flyer (e-version) or on the church notice boards.

Ash Wednesday: Lent begins on 2nd March. There will be services in the Cathedral at 7.30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Villiers Square: Expressions of interest for those considering accommodation in the Square are welcome. Please contact the Dean.

World Day of Prayer: This day originated in North America in the second half of the nineteenth century and the interdenominational movement is now worldwide. Prepared this year by the women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, our service in Limerick will be held in Christchurch, O'Connell Street, starting at 7.30pm on Friday 4th March. All are most welcome to attend.

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: Denis O'Malley, Eileen Kingston, Kathleen and Thomas Fitzpatrick, Gerald Cooper, Ned Cullen, Rev'd Bill Olmstod, Dorothy Carey, Thomas Gardiner, Nora Howes, Ronald Howes and Gordon Cowpar.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Clogher and Bishop Ian Ellis. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. *Diocese:* The Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop-elect of our united dioceses of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe. For the Killaloe & Stradbally Union of parishes; Dean Rod Smyth; Dean's Vicar, the Rev Paul Fitzpatrick; the Rev Lucy Green, and for the congregations of St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe; All Saints, Castleconnell; St Senan's, Clonlara; St Caimin's, Mountshannon, and St Cronan's, Tuamgraney.

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, 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. 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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