



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 27th February 2022
The Sunday Before Lent (Proper 3)

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; ♦ he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion ♦ and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; ♦ the Lord our God is holy.

Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity; ♦ you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; ♦ bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name; ♦ they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ♦ they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God; ♦ you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, ♦ for the Lord our God is holy.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being

transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah' – not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post-Communion Prayer: Holy God we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns

Saint Michael's	496	634	449	643	
Saint Mary's	52	325	634		

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 27 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>1 before Lent</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 1 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 2 nd	07.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	19.00	A service of preparation	The Cathedral
Thursday 3 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 4 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	World Day of Prayer Service	Christ Church
Saturday 5 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

Sunday 6 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
Lent I	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
		No service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

A prayer for the situation in the Ukraine: O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend to your merciful care the people and government of Ukraine that, being guided by your providence, they may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to their leaders and all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve their people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From the Dean: I am delighted to report that the Rev'd Bernie Daly has kindly agreed (with the permission of the Archbishop) to return to Limerick during Lent to assist the Clergy team with services and pastoral duties. I am grateful to Bernie for her support and look forward to welcoming her back to the parish.

Wanted: The Dean is looking (again!) for some items for the Cathedral

- A laptop or PC that has wireless access and HDMI sockets
- Donor(s) for new candlestands for use during Advent and Christmas
- Donor(s) for candles

Some of these items may be suitable as gift offering and/or gift in memory of a loved one. Please speak with him for more information.

Sympathy: We offer our condolences to Robert & Willie Downes and their families on the death of their sister, Kathleen McBryde. We uphold them all in our prayers.

Congratulations:

- To Ian and Meghan Mulvey on the birth of their daughter, Cecily.
- To Pat Mulcahy (a Cathedral bell ringer) on the birth of a grandchild.

The Bishop: As you are aware the new bishop has been elected but has not yet 'arrived' in the dioceses. He will officially begin his term here on Maundy Thursday, 14th April. Some other dates for your diary –

Enthronement Dates

Tuam Sunday 24th April - 4.00pm	Clonfert Thursday 19th May - 7.30pm
Killaloe Friday 29th April - 7.30pm	Kilfenora Sunday 22nd May - 4.00pm
Killala Sunday 1st May - 4.00pm	Tralee Saturday 11th June 7pm
Limerick Saturday 7th May - 3.00pm	

Other dates

Maundy Thursday Service via Zoom - 12 noon (with clergy & diocesan readers)

TLK Diocesan Synod Saturday 24th September in Tuam

Cathedral Shop: Thanks to Lindsay Boyle the Cathedral shop has undergone a significant 'makeover' in recent weeks. The area will be open on Sunday for parishioners to admire.

The Evergreens: It is the hope that this group can recommence activities shortly. More information will follow in due course.

Help wanted: The Cathedral is looking for volunteers to help

- serve refreshments on occasion
- assist with the cleaning and repairs to the nave seating.
- Help at the Welcome desk during the week

For more information please consult with a member of the clergy, a Churchwarden or Noreen Ellerker.

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.

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 7.30 p.m. on Friday 4th March. All are most welcome to attend.

Ss John & Ailbe, Abington: Please note that from March the service on the 3rd Sunday of the month will now be held at 9.30am (and not 12noon). The services on the 2nd and 4th Sundays will continue to be held at 11am.

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: Maria Cameron, Kay Devereux, Marjorie Stokes and Aubrey Jackson.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Clogher and Bishop Ian Ellis. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Kenya. *Diocese:* The Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop-elect of our united dioceses of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe; also, those in nursing homes within the diocese, and those who care for them.

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, Eddie Chamney, Martha McDermott 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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