



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 6th February 2022
The Fourth Sunday Before Lent

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8 [9-13]

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. 5 And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!' [And he said, 'Go and say to this people: "Keep listening, but do not comprehend; keep looking, but do not understand." Make the mind of this people dull, and stop their ears, and shut their eyes, so that they may not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears, and comprehend with their minds, and turn and be healed.' Then I said, 'How long, O Lord?' And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is utterly desolate; until the Lord sends everyone far away, and vast is the emptiness in the midst of the land. Even if a tenth part remains in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak whose stump remains standing when it is felled.' The holy seed is its stump.]

Psalms 138

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; | before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; | for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; | you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, | for they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, | that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; | as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; | you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; | your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 5: 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Post-Communion Prayer: God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns

Saint Michael's	331	358	370	454
Saint Mary's	7	86	454	

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 6 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
4 before Lent	11.15	Sung Eucharist	The Cathedral
		No Service	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
Monday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 8 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 9 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 10 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 11 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 12 th	09.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 13 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
3 before Lent	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss. John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	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.

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

Priorities Sunday – 13th 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 target is around €1300 each year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.

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.*

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: William Millar; Trevor Morrow; John Carey; John Mc Conkey; Ernest Lyons; Frank Shier; Jim Manning; and Alice Mc Kee.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Clogher and Bishop Ian Ellis. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of Ireland. *Diocese:* Those in our dioceses suffering from despair, depression and addiction.

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 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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