



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe: 13th March 2022
The Second Sunday in Lent

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to the way of righteousness: Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18: After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness. Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

Psalm 27

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? ♦ The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, ♦ they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, ♦ and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: ♦ that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ♦ and to seek his will in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; ♦ in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.

And now shall he lift up my head ♦ above my enemies round about me;

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; ♦ I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; ♦ have mercy upon me and answer me.

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ♦ Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, ♦ nor cast your servant away in displeasure.
 You have been my helper; ♦ leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
 Though my father and my mother forsake me, ♦ the Lord will take me up.
 Teach me your way, O Lord; ♦ lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me.
 Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, ♦ for false witnesses have risen up against me, and those who
 breathe out violence.

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord ♦ in the land of the living.
 Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart; ♦ wait patiently for the Lord.

Epistle: Philippians 3: 17-4: 1: Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 13: 31-35: At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."'

Post-Communion Prayer: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries given us by our Lord Jesus Christ, by which we receive your grace and are assured of your love, which is through him now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns

Saint Michael's	676	232	396	566
Saint Mary's	52	670	566	

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 13 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
Lent II	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Matins	The Cathedral
	19.00	Healing Service	The Cathedral

Monday 14 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	St Michael's Committee	Zoom
Tuesday 15 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 16 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 17 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 18 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 19 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 20 th	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Lent III	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

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.

How you can help: The Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal for World Aid and Development has committed €20,000 from its emergency funds to assist with the humanitarian response to the current crisis in Ukraine. If you would like to support this work, please see the envelopes in Church.

Thank you: To all those who have supported projects so far including the Ecumenical Service in the Augustinian Church last Saturday (€3000 collected for the Irish Red Cross) and our School (Saint Michael's) which raised €700 for the Irish Red Cross on Friday through a pyjama day.

From the Dean: Welcome back to the Rev'd Bernie Daly!

Sympathy: To Sandra and Kieron Brislane on the sudden death of her mother. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers.

Saint Patrick's Day and Weekend: A service of Holy Communion will take place in the Cathedral on St Patrick's Day at 10.30am. Please note that due to events next Sunday there may be some traffic disruption, please allow some time for arrival and note any announcements this Sunday.

Confirmation: A number of candidates have approached us about Confirmation. Please see a separate email about a meeting.

Saint Michael's Committee Meeting: A meeting of the committee will take place on Zoom tomorrow night (Monday 14th March) at 8pm. Those wishing to join the meeting should email the Dean (limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com) for the Zoom link.

Confirmation: There is a significant interest in Confirmation – thank you to all those who have made contact. Due to the timing of the bishops arrival and student exams, Confirmation will take place in the Autumn. More details next week.

Wanted: House to Rent for 2 adults and one child. For more information contact Irina Demova.

Kilmurry Arts & Heritage Centre: Upcoming concert on Wednesday 16th March (8-10 p.m.) featuring local artists at Kilmurry Arts & Heritage Centre (behind the Hurlers' Pub in Castletroy). Admission free (donation to Ukraine fund). Light refreshments served. All most welcome.

Mothers' Union: Our first meeting this year will be an outing to the National Self Portrait Gallery in Plassey House in the University on the afternoon of Monday week (14th March). We will be given a short tour of the

house followed by light refreshments. If you would like to come, please contact Margaret Schutz on 087 2200216.

Wanted: The Dean is looking for a donor for new candlestands for use during Advent and Christmas. This gift may be suitable as gift offering and/or gift in memory of a loved one. Please speak with him for more information.

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

Ss John & Ailbe, Abington: Please note that from March the service on the 3rd Sunday of the month will now be held at 9.30 a.m. The services on the 2nd & 4th Sundays will continue to be held at 11 a.m.

Cathedral Refreshments (*with thanks to those on duty*)

13th March - Joni & Amy O'Sullivan

20th March - Keith O'Neil

27th March Brian Sheppard

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: Arthur Knight, Swig Stokes, Bill Mc Gowan, John Boyle, Robin Wakely, Alan Condell Mabel O'Toole, Michael Holland, Connie Gardiner, Teresa Barry and Marianne Fenner.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The Diocese of Derry & Raphoe and Bishop Andrew Forster. *Diocese:* We pray for Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop-elect of our united dioceses of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe, and look forward to welcoming him among us. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Melanesia. *Diocese:* All who work in communications, in particular our diocesan magazine editorial teams, contributors, printers and distributors.

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; Sinead; Martha McDermott, Tom Marsden, John Copley, Ava Colohan, Aileen Henderson 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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