



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 6th March 2022
The First Sunday in Lent

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: Give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm 91

Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High ♦ and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,
Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold, ♦ my God, in whom I put my trust.'
Because you have made the Lord your refuge ♦ and the Most High your stronghold,
There shall no evil happen to you, ♦ neither shall any plague come near your tent.
For he shall give his angels charge over you, ♦ to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, ♦ lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and adder; ♦ the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.
Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them; ♦ I will lift them up, because they know
my name.
They will call upon me and I will answer them; ♦ I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them
to honour.
With long life will I satisfy them ♦ and show them my salvation.

Epistle: 2 Romans 10: 8b-13

But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "One does not live by bread alone."' Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, 'To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.' Jesus answered him, 'It is written, "Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."' Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, 'If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,"' and "On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered him, 'It is said, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."' When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Post-Communion Prayer: Lord God, you renew us with the living bread from heaven. Nourish our faith, increase our hope, strengthen our love, and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns

Saint Michael's	On	Board		
Saint Mary's	207	652	554	

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 6 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
Lent 1	11.15	Holy Communion	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
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 9 th	9.00	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
Lent II	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Matins	The Cathedral
	19.00	Healing Service	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 €10,000 from its emergency funds to assist with the humanitarian response to the current crisis in Ukraine. It is partnering with Habitat for Humanity Ireland and Christian Aid, and encouraging parishes across the island to contribute in any of the following ways:

- Through a Bishops' Appeal Envelopes (available in the churches)
- An online donation at www.bishopsappeal.ireland.anglican.org/give
- Sending a cheque, payable to Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, to: Church of Ireland Bishops' Appeal, Church of Ireland House, Church Avenue, Rathmines, Dublin 6, D06 CF67;

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.

Lent: As lent gets underway may we draw your attention to two attachments (available in the churches)

- A series of talks in St Flannan's Cathedral, Killaloe
- *Count your blessings* – a Lenten challenge

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 (8-10pm) 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 (again!) for some items for the Cathedral

- Donor(s) for new candlestands for use during Advent and Christmas
- Donor(s) for candles
- A webcam with inbuilt microphone

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.

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.

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 9.30am (and not 12noon). The services on the 2nd & 4th Sundays will continue to be held at 11am.

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

6th March - Jemimah Egbulam
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: Henrietta Blennerhassett, Patricia Donnelan, Edward Harris, Denis Bugler, Albert Lyttle, Chris Rice, Peggy Kavagnagh, George Mc Elmurry.

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, 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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