



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe: 20th March 2022
The Third Sunday in Lent

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ♦ my soul is athirst for you.

My flesh also faints for you, ♦ as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, ♦ that I might behold your power and your glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself ♦ and so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live ♦ and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, ♦ and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed ♦ and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

For you have been my helper ♦ and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; ♦ your right hand shall hold me fast.

Epistle: I Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test,

as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’ Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

Post-Communion Prayer: Lord our God, you feed us in this life with bread from heaven, the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory. Grant that the working of this sacrament within us may bear fruit in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns

Saint Michael’s	666	611	576	646
Saint Mary’s	646	644	557	576

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	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Lent III	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	18.00	Confirmation candidates meeting	The Cathedral
Tuesday 22 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 23 rd	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 24 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	20.00	Select Vestry Meeting	Zoom

Friday 25 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 26 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 27 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
Lent IV /	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Mothering Sunday	11.15	Matins	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

From the Dean: The common cup is an important part of our worship in the Church of Ireland. As you are aware we have not been able to share in this since March 2020. I'm delighted to communicate with you the Pastoral letter from the House of Bishops which provides guidance on its reintroduction. In Limerick City Parish, I intend the common cup to be reintroduced on Easter Day – which I believe will be an added cause for joy. I would remind people that there is no obligation on anyone to receive from the cup and I shall explain more about this at our services in the lead up to Easter.

A prayer for the situation in 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.

Sympathy: To Tracey Lyttle, Colin Marsden and their family on the death of their father Tom, our most senior parishioner. His funeral took place in Saint Michael's on Friday. Please remember the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Saint Patrick's Weekend: Please note that due to the Band Parade on Sunday there may be some traffic disruption, please allow some time for arrival. Those attending worship in **St Michael's** are advised to park in the carpark opposite Colbert station and walk through Pery Square, as Pery Square & Barrington St. will be closed to traffic. At the **Cathedral**, we have been told that there will be no access issues before the 11.15am service; however, you will only be allowed to turn left (up Bridge St, towards Nicholas St.) after the service.

Easter General Vestry: Will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 3rd April following the 11.15am service. All are welcome to attend. An information handbook is attached for email recipients and is available in hard copy on request from the Cathedral office.

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

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.

Access to the Cathedral: Please note that with the opening of the West Door we are still adjusting to new access arrangements. A bell has been installed at the South West porch to alert those on duty for those who may wish to use that means entry. The South West porch door will be kept open while church services are in progress.

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

20th March - Keith O'Neil

27th March Brian Sheppard

Fire Drill in St Michaels: Will take place on Sunday 10th April at 10am - this will be a fitting way to begin the Palm Sunday procession!

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.

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: Harold Gordon Brown, Gordon Brickenden, Richard Lennox and Christine Houlihan.

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, 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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