



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2022*  
*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for Mothering Sunday:** God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself. Strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Old Testament: Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

#### Psalm 34

Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦ I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is there who delights in life ♦ and longs for days to enjoy good things?

Keep your tongue from evil ♦ and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil, and do good; ♦ seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦ and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, ♦ to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry for help and the Lord hears them ♦ and delivers them out of their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted ♦ and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦ from them all will the Lord deliver them.

He keeps all their bones, ♦ so that not one of them is broken.

## Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

## New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 2: 33-35

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast, you feed us in this sacrament with spiritual food and drink. Help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Hymns

<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>454</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>462</b>	<b>361</b>	

## Service Notes

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: [www.churchservices.tv](http://www.churchservices.tv) and the Cathedral website ([www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://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](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://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 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
Lent IV	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Mothering Sunday	11.15	Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	11.15	Holy Communion United Service followed by EGV	The Cathedral
Lent V		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
		NO SERVICE	Saint Michael's

## 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.

**RTE Service:** The Dean, Curate and Cathedral Choir will be in Dublin this Sunday morning to record a service for RTE. It will be aired on TV and Radio next Sunday.

**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.

**Congratulations:** To Gillian Johnston and Jason Downes who recently got engaged! Every blessing to both of them.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to June Empey and her family on the death of her brother, Malcolm McCarthy. Please remember them in your prayers.

**The Diocesan Council for Mission:** Will hold a 'Quiet Day' on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April in St Flannan's Cathedral Killaloe. More details on attached notice (email) or on church notice boards.

**UDYC News:** The Church of Ireland National Youth Forum 2022 will take place at City North Hotel, Dublin from Friday evening 8<sup>th</sup> to Saturday evening 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022. This event will be an opportunity for 15- 18 year olds to come together with delegates from each of the dioceses of the Church of Ireland. It is hoped that each Diocese will have approximately eight delegates and two adult leaders. This year there will be a focus on mental health & faith & church. UDYC will organise transport to / from the event from Limerick, Nenagh, Roscrea and Portlaoise etc. The food and accommodation is organised by CIYD for the event. There is no actual cost of attending the event, just time and energy. The group will leave after schools, colleges and work finish on Friday and everyone should be back home by 8 pm on Saturday evening. Please see email attachment for more information. Please contact the Dean if you would like to attend.

**Easter General Vestry:** Will take place in the Cathedral on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April following the 11.15am service. All are welcome to attend.

**Confirmation:** Thank you to those to attend the confirmation explorers evening. A letter will be going our shortly to those who attended or are on the list.

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

**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.

**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.

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

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

27<sup>th</sup> March Brian Sheppard

3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Lillian Okechukwu	17 <sup>th</sup> April	Keith O'Neil
10 <sup>th</sup> April	Alyson McHugh + Shawn/Carrie Jamieson	24 <sup>th</sup> April	Karen Wilson + Catherine Smith

**Livestreaming:** Log onto [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://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: David Charles Pragnell, Otto Haselbeck, James Bond, Muriel Howes, Ruth Mc Cann, Rev'd Samuel Roundtree, John Sparling and Norman Long

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Derry & Raphoe and Bishop Andrew Forster. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). *Diocese:* the Rt Revd Michael Burrows, Bishop-elect; students, teachers and support staff in our local schools.

**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, Ethel 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](mailto: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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