



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe: 3rd March 2022
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
Passion Sunday

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for Mothering Sunday: Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Isaiah 43: 16-21

Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honour me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦ then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦ and our tongue with songs of joy.

Then said they among the nations, ♦ 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦ and therefore we rejoiced.

Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦ as the river beds of the desert.

Those who sow in tears ♦ shall reap with songs of joy.

Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦ will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Epistle: Philippians 3: 4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

New Testament/Gospel: St John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Post-Communion Prayer: God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Hymns

Saint Mary's	248	108	101
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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 3 rd	11.15	Holy Communion United Service followed by EGV	The Cathedral
<i>Lent IV</i>		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Passion Sunday</i>		NO SERVICE	Saint Michael's
Monday 4 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 5 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 6 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 7 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 8 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 9 th	9.00	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 10 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Lent VI</i>	9.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	11.15	Holy Communion	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.

RTÉ Service: Will broadcast (RTE 1 television) a service with the Clergy and Choir of the Cathedral on Sunday 3rd April at 11am.

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.

UDYC News: The Church of Ireland National Youth Forum 2022 will take place at City North Hotel, Dublin from Friday evening 8th to Saturday evening 9th 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 3rd April following the 11.15am service. All are welcome to attend. The Book of Reports will be sent out by email on Saturday 2nd April and some hard copies will be available at the meeting. An information handbook is available on request from the Cathedral office.

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.

Help wanted: The Cathedral is looking for volunteers to help

- Serve refreshments on occasions
- 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)*

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

Irish Cancer Society: The Irish Cancer Society is looking to recruit Daffodil Centre volunteers for University Hospital Dooradoyle, Limerick. Daffodil Centre volunteers welcome, assist and signpost visitors to the appropriate information they required. If you are available to commit a minimum of 4 hours per month and are interested in this role, you can find further information on their website: <https://www.cancer.ie/form/vol-form-daffcenter>. If you would like further information please email volunteer@irishcancer.ie for more details.

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: Clement Thompson; George Bond; Canon Edgar Turner; Marion Ishner; Amy Nicholson; Rachel Cullen; Wyndham Tardivel; The Revd Alan Shaw, Mabel Lyttle, Dorothy Dodie Reid, Lieut. Archie Maynard Brown and Eirwin Dendikkon.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Down & Dromore and Bishop David McClay. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). *Diocese:* those in the diocese suffering from mental illness or depression.

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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