



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe: 22nd May 2022
The Sixth Sunday of Easter : Rogation Sunday*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Joel 2:21-27: Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm 67

God be gracious to us and bless us ♦ and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth, ♦ your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦ for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦ and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us, ♦ and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Revelation 21: 10, 22-22: 5: And in the spirit one of the seven angels carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

Gospel: St John 14:23-29: Jesus answered him, “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, ‘I am going away, and I am coming to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.”

Post-Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: May we who also thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns:

Saint Michael's	295	695	442	341
Saint Mary's	695	675	672	

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 22 nd	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Easter VI</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Rogation Sunday</i>	11.15	Choral Matins and Holy Baptism	The Cathedral
Monday 23 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 26 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
<i>The Ascension Day</i>	20.00	Select Vestry Meeting	Zoom
Friday 27 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 29 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Easter VII</i>	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Sunday after Ascension Day</i>	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Welcome! We welcome in Holy Baptism, Cecily Hamilton Mulvey, daughter of Meghan and Ian, who will be baptised in the Cathedral on Sunday morning.

Sympathy: Fr Brian Murphy OSB of Glenstal died suddenly this week. We express our sympathy to the community and his family and hold them all in our prayers.

The Cathedral Graveyard: We are fortunate to have such a beautiful and peaceful space right in the middle of the city. In recent times the grounds have been enhanced by the inclusion of a wild-flower garden, new seating and planting. If you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep of the grounds, please do so through the Cathedral office or contact Lindsay Boyle or the Dean.

The Evergreens: Outing to Coole Park

This will take place on Wednesday, 1st June, 2022. If your name is on our list, you will have been contacted by Noreen Allen (085 733 58 55), Mary Howes (086 857 93 77), Sheila Cusack (085 805 64 40) or Ros Stevenson (086 85 75 459). They will arrange lifts for all who wish to go. Your allocated driver will contact you on Tuesday, 31st May to arrange the most suitable place to pick you up (most likely at your home). The time of departure will be about 10:15 am from Limerick. The cost of the outing is whatever you choose to have for your lunch at Coole Park! Or you may choose to bring a picnic! There is an Audio Visual presentation at the Visitors' Centre as well as an exhibition. This can be followed by walking to the lake or resting in the Walled Garden. We hope to have a brief meeting about 2:30 pm at the seating area in the Walled Garden. This is to hear your ideas as to what our programme should be for the rest of the year and into 2023. The return to Limerick should be about 4:00pm. (If you need to leave earlier, mention this to your allocated driver and arrangements may be made.) If you wish to change your mind about going or not going, please contact one of the four people above.

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.

Prayers for exams: As we approach the end of the School year, we hold in Prayer all those sitting exams. For those preparing such events – remember it is only an exam and we are all here to support you. The following prayer is for use by all those sitting an examination –

Dear Lord, I want to do my best to fulfil the potential you have given me. Help me:

- to stay calm
- to keep things in perspective and be content with the best I can do on the day
- to look out for my friends who need a bit of encouragement, and
- to always remember that the real test is how closely I can follow in your way.

Vocations Sunday: Next Sunday, the 7th Sunday after Easter (29th May) is Vocations Sunday. Anyone with an interest in exploring a vocation to ordained ministry is encouraged to speak with the Dean in the first instance. A range of resources is available at www.vocations.ireland.anglican.org along with the 'It's Your Call' video which highlights the call to ordained ministry. These resources include articles on pathways to ordination, lay ministry, pioneer ministry, and understanding selection, and posters for parishes to encourage people to think about the role to which God may be calling them.

Congratulations: To our former curate, the Rev'd Cliff Jeffers who has been appointed Dean of Ross.

Bishops' Appeal Sunday: Thank you to all those who have supported the work of this appeal.

The Cathedral Welcome desk: Are you interested in being part of the welcome team? Please speak with the Dean and/or Noreen Ellerker.

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 two Altar crosses for the Cathedral. This gift may be suitable as gift offering and/or gift in memory of a loved one. Please speak with him for more information.

Havergal and Roxboro Schools' Charity: These funds which help with education grants are now open for applications. For more information please contact the Dean.

Refreshments *(with thanks to those on duty)*

Saint Michael's	22 nd May	Gillian Cheatley	29 th May	tbc
The Cathedral	22 nd May	Brian Sheppard	29 th May	Cathedral Team

Those wishing to help out with refreshments in Saint Michael's are asked to speak with Tracey Lyttle who is kindly organising the rota.

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: Ben Carroll; Det. Garda Nicholas Dennihan; Lee Rigby; Elizabeth Franke; Ken Graydon; Nevitt Fogerty; Clement Thompson; Elizabeth (Rita) Harris; Marjorie Rolf, and Gerard Bourke.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Connor and Bishop George Davison. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of the Province of South East Asia. *Diocese:* all who are engaged in Agriculture.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Harold Armstrong; Sylvia Martin; Emily; Moira Lowry; Mac; Mike; Betty; Alan Kennedy; Jackie Grace; Zandra; Richard Brickenden; Kathleen Quinn; Stephen Richards; Kathleen Leddin; Marie O'Connor; Sinead; Martha McDermott; John Copley; Ava Colohan; Aileen Henderson; Flora Collins, Dean Sandra Pragnell and Barbara Famley.

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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