



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
4th September 2022: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18)

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire, or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask save through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament ~ Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Psalm I [p. 594]

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦ nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦ whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦ they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦ nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦ but the way of the wicked shall perish.

Epistle ~ Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith towards the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love—and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back for ever, no longer as a slave but as more than a slave, a beloved brother—especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Gospel ~ St Luke 14: 25-33

Now large crowds were travelling with him; and he turned and said to them, ‘Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

Post-Communion Prayer: God of compassion, in this eucharist we know again your forgiveness and the healing power of your love. Grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that forgiveness and healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns:

Saint Michael’s	56	492	700	658
Saint Mary’s	601	593	599	

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 4 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael’s
Trinity XII	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	11.15	Godly Play	The Cathedral
		No service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	17.00	Confirmation Class	The Cathedral
Monday 5 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 6 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	St Michael’s Committee Meeting	Zoom

Thursday 8 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	19.30	Select Vestry Meeting	Zoom
Friday 9 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 10 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 11 th	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Trinity XII</i>	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Patronal Eucharist	The Cathedral
	15.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral
	17.00	Confirmation Class	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

From the Dean: As we slowly emerge out of Covid and begin a new term, we are looking at recommencing Sunday School in St Michaels and the Cathedral (Godly play has already recommenced in Abington). Expressions of interest to the Dean please.

Dean Sirr: Our former Dean, the Very Rev'd Maurice Sirr, celebrated a significant birthday this weekend. To mark the occasion he celebrated Holy Communion this morning and afterwards planted a tree in the grounds. Happy Birthday Maurice!

He responds: Thank you so much to the Dean for allowing me to celebrate the Eucharist in the Cathedral on my eightieth birthday. The gesture was greatly appreciated. What a surprise it was to be presented with the lovely gift (from the parishioners) of a fused glass image of the Cathedral logo by Clare Beck - a memento that I will treasure. Also, what another surprise and honour to be asked to plant a magnolia tree in the Cathedral grounds. I look forward to being around to admire its beauty in the coming years.

Sympathy: We extend our thoughts and prayers to Adi Gilmour on the recent death of her sister-in-law, Ethel.

Cathedral patronal festival: We shall be celebrating the Cathedral's Patronal Festival this year on Sunday 11th September. On the day:

11.15am Choral Eucharist / 12.15pm Reception / 12.45pm Lunch (*booking required - please email* dean@limerick.anglican.org) *if you would like to attend*) / 2pm AGM / 3pm Choral Evensong

I extend a warm invitation to you to join us on the day!

If you are in a position to help with the lunch, please contact the Dean.

Lunchtime Concerts: The Autumn series will begin shortly, poster attached/in church porch.

Cathedral Clean-up: A clean up of the grounds is being organised for the end of September – more details in the coming weeks. In the meantime, we are looking for volunteers to help with the cleaning of the chairs inside the Cathedral. Please contact Noreen Ellerker for more information.

Congratulations: Sending congratulations and very best wishes all the way to Cologne in Germany, to David Howes (former chorister) and Martha O'Brien who announced their engagement recently.

St Michael's Committee meeting: A meeting will be held on-line on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 8pm. All are welcome to attend. Please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com if you would like the link to the meeting.

The Evergreens: Date for your diary - Trip to Portumna Castle and Famine Museum on Tuesday the 27th September. Further details to follow.

LPAS: Limerick Protestant Aid Society is in the process of winding up the charity and transferring its assets to Protestant Aid Ireland. We thank those who have supported LPAS over the years and invite you to an EGM of the society on Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 10 o'clock in St Michael's Church Hall, Pery Square, Limerick.

Wanted: A second hand computer for use in the Cathedral. Please contact the Dean for more information.

Thursday service: Please note that there will be no service in the Cathedral on Thursday 22nd September.

Refreshments (*with thanks to those on duty*)

	4 th September	11 th September	18 th September
Saint Michael's	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Daire McNamara & Jill Storey
The Cathedral	Jemimah Egbulam	Joni & Amy O'Sullivan	Keith O'Neil

Wanted: Children's books in good condition for Saint Michael's National School classroom libraries. The school is starting a new reading initiative this year and are seeking to augment the selection of books in the three senior classrooms (2nd - 6th Classes), and would greatly appreciate donations of books from any parish members wishing to find a new home for used books.

Dates for your diary: 18th September: Harvest Thanksgiving in Saints John & Ailbe, Abington at 3pm.

2nd October: Harvest Thanksgiving in Saint Michael's at 10am.

2nd October: Harvest Thanksgiving in Saint Mary's at 11.15am

Abington: It is the intention to change the service times on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays to 10.30am for a trial period (beginning 28th August). The service on the 3rd Sunday will remain at 9.30am. The change in time is to allow more social time after worship. Enquiries to the Dean or the Churchwardens.

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: Ruth Bannister, Ruth Haselbeck, Fredrick Bingham, John Jennings, George Bingham, Juliet Maduchor, Loretta Byrne Dent and Conway Jarvis.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Meath & Kildare and Bishop Pat Storey. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Anglican Church of Australia. *Diocese:* those in our communities dreading food or energy poverty in the coming months.

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; Zandra; Richard Brickenden; Stephen Richards; Kathleen Leddin; Marie O'Connor; Sinead; Martha McDermott; John Copley; Ava Colohan; Aileen Henderson; Rose McNamama; Dean Sandra Pragnell; Patrick; Brian; Barbara Farnley; Terry Gibson; Leslie Cowpar, and Gladys Farrell. *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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