



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
20th November 2022: The Sunday before Advent: The Kingship of Christ*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Jeremiah 23: 1-6: Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalm 46 (BCP p.644)

God is our refuge and strength, ♦ a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ♦ and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

Though the waters rage and swell, ♦ and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ♦ the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; ♦ God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦ but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦ the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦ what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦ he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦ I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦ the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Colossians 1: 11-20: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers

or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23: 33-43: When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Post-Communion Prayer: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works they may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns:

Saint Michael's	250	220	396	325
Saint Mary's	97	86	281	

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
<i>The Kingship of Christ</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	18.00	Sagittarius Hiberniensis Concert	The Cathedral
Monday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 22 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	14.30	Evergreens	The Cathedral
Wednesday 23 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 24 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 27 th	10.00	Advent Service	Saint Michael's
<i>Advent Sunday</i>	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
	19.00	Advent Carol Service	The Cathedral
		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

From the Dean: Today is Mission Sunday with its associated endeavours in terms of charitable giving and intercession, directed this year towards Protestant Aid and SVP. Your support is very much appreciated.

Advent and Christmas: A full programme of events and services are coming up over the next number of weeks, please see attached (ezine) or posters in churches

Sympathy: We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of those who have died recently among them

- Former Dean of Limerick, the Very Rev'd George Chambers
- Former Archdeacon of Limerick, the Venerable Malcolm Shannon
- Cancer campaigner, Vicky Phelan
- From our own parish, John Copley

May all those who mourn know God's love and peace.

The Cathedral Shop: Is now stocked with lots of gifts for Christmas, including a number of specially produced Christmas Cards. Call in for a look!

United Diocesan Youth Council: Annual Christmas Dinner Dance is to take place on Saturday 3rd December 2022, at Fitzgerald's Woodlands House Hotel, Adare. Join us for a delicious Christmas dinner followed by DJ entertainment. Please note that this event will commence at 7:45pm sharp. This event will be an Over-18's event. Neat Dress is essential. Tickets are €30. Tickets must be booked by Monday 28th November 2022. Further Information and Ticket Bookings from Ed at 087 2907553 or edhardy70@gmail.com or from Valerie at 085 2832487 or udyc.info@gmail.com.

Bible Reading Fellowship: The Bible Reading Notes will shortly be ordered for next year. Currently the cost of the booklet remains at €6 per issue, ie €18 per year. If anybody would like to start using the notes which provide a daily bible reading and commentary, or if a current reader would like to discontinue, please let me know as soon as possible. Margaret Schutz, 087 [2200216](tel:2200216)/margaretschutz22@gmail.com.

Mothers' Union Christmas Hampers: Mothers' Union Hampers Our annual appeal for homeless people in Limerick City will take place early in December. Baskets for non-perishable groceries, toiletries, etc. will be in the Cathedral and St. Michael's on Sundays 27th November, 4th and 11th December and all donations will be most gratefully received.

The Evergreens: The next meeting of the Evergreens is on Tuesday, 22nd Nov., 2022 at 2:30 pm in St Mary's Cathedral. Tim Evans, a storyteller, will bring us down memory lane of stories from Christmases Past, among other ones. It should be very entertaining and bring along a friend who might enjoy stories and mince pies! Also the committee hopes to organise a lunch (in lieu of a Christmas dinner) towards the end of January – date to be confirmed. Names and a deposit of €10:00 will be taken to secure a hotel booking, as numbers are required. Some of the Evergreens suggested that we do a book swop so if you want to swap books, please bring one! Looking forward to seeing you (plus a friend or two) on 22nd!

Abington Lighting: It has been suggested floodlighting Abington Church, this project would cost about €700. Anyone interested in sponsoring/contributing towards the project is invited to contact the Dean.

Christmas Flowers: As we make plans for Christmas anyone who would be interested in helping out with floral decorating in any of our churches is invited to speak to a member of the clergy.

Men's Shed, Women's Shed, Friend's Shed: At our last Evergreens meeting we were introduced to the idea of forming or joining a "shed." The theme was well received, and the idea floated about forming our own, either a men's shed, a women's shed, or a joint one. All that is needed to start is a kettle, biscuits and a roof. The running and rules are decided by our members. To establish if there is support for a "shed" (people, not a building) please contact me in the first place to show interest. No age limits. A meeting may follow to decide our plans. Contact Oliver Deegan: Tel. 0862043296 or oliverdeegan67@outlook.ie

Sunday School: Will meet in Saint Michael's on the 2nd Sunday of the month and in the Cathedral on the 3rd Sunday. Godly play will run in Abington on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. All children of primary school age and under are very welcome to attend.

Refreshments (*with thanks to those on duty*)

	20 th November	27 th November	4 th December
Saint Michael's	K & S Morrow	John & Kayt Shier	R & M Brickenden
The Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Cathedral

Livestreaming: www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Service will be on air at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: William James Sirr; Fr Andrew Nugent OSB, and Marian O'Sullivan.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Cork, Cloyne & Ross and The Rt Revd Dr Paul Colton. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Church in Japan). *Diocese:* engineers, technologists and ecologists, that their work may both enhance human life and protect the earth and all its creatures.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Harold Armstrong; Sylvia Martin; Emily; Tom; Moira Lowry; Mac; Mike; Alan Kennedy; Zandra; Stephen Richards; Kathleen Leddin; Marie O'Connor; Sinead; Martha McDermott; Ava Colohan; Aileen Henderson; Rose McNamama; Dean Sandra Pragnell; Patrick; Brian; Barbara Farnley; Terry Gibson; Susan Whelan; Rosaleen Moloney; Sophie Baker; Catherine Coulter, and Michael Downes.

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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