



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe  
27<sup>th</sup> November 2022: The First Sunday of Advent*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect of the week:** Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 2: 1-5:** The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

### Psalm 122 (BCP p743)

I was glad when they said to me, ♦ 'Let us go to the house of the Lord.'

And now our feet are standing ♦ within your gates, O Jerusalem;

Jerusalem, built as a city ♦ that is at unity in itself.

Thither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, ♦ as is decreed for Israel,  
to give thanks to the name of the Lord.

For there are set the thrones of judgement, ♦ the thrones of the house of David.

O pray for the peace of Jerusalem: ♦ 'May they prosper who love you.

'Peace be within your walls ♦ and tranquillity within your palaces.'

For my kindred and companions' sake, ♦ I will pray that peace be with you.

For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, ♦ I will seek to do you good.

**Romans 13: 11-14:** Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Matthew 24: 36-44:** Jesus said, 'But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be

left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** God our deliverer, Awaken our hearts to prepare the way for the advent of your Son, that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming, we may serve you faithfully all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymns:**

<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>132</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>119</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:**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Advent Service	Saint Michael's
Advent Sunday	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
	19.00	Advent Carol Service	The Cathedral
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
Advent II	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

**THIS WEEK'S NOTICES**

**From the Dean:** Thank you to all those who organised and supported last Friday's Table Quiz in Saint Michael's Hall. It was a packed house and great fun. €820 was raised for Focus Ireland.

If you considering a vocation to ministry within the Church, please speak with myself or Leonard. A Vocations Retreat is being organised for next January. More details attached (ezine only).

**Condolences:** We offer our sympathy and prayers to Noreen Ellerker and her family on the sudden death this week of her brother, James.

**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.

**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](mailto:edhardy70@gmail.com) or from Valerie at 085 2832487 or [udyc.info@gmail.com](mailto: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/margaretschutz22@gmail.com](mailto: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.

**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.

**Children's Advent Newsletter:** Please see attached (ezine), hard copies available upon request from the Cathedral Office.

**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](mailto:oliverdeegan67@outlook.ie)

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

**Youth Club:** Those in second level education within the parish who would be interested in being part of a Youth Club are invited to speak with the Dean.

**Saint Michael's National School:** In respect of admissions to the 2023/2024 school year: The school has commenced accepting applications for admission since 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Please visit [www.smnslimerick.ie](http://www.smnslimerick.ie) for more information.

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

	27 <sup>th</sup> November	4 <sup>th</sup> December	11 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Justin & Edel O'Connor
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh + Shawn/Carrie Jamieson

**Livestreaming:** [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://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: Christopher Taylor; Tom Cusack; Anne O'Reilly; Elma McMillen; Gabrielle Hanrahan; Denis Leonard; Anne Reidy; Linda O'Donoghue; Alice Hanley, and Edward McConkey.

**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](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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