



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
11th December 2022: The Third Sunday of Advent / Gaudete Sunday*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: Grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Isaiah 35: 1-10: The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Psalm 146: 4-10 (BCP p. 762)

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ♦ whose hope is in the Lord their God;
Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; ♦ who keeps his promise for ever;
Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦ and bread to those who hunger.
The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦ the Lord loves the righteous;
The Lord watches over the stranger in the land;
he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦ but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.
The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦ your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

James 5: 7-10: Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 11: 2-11: When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.” As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

Post-Communion Prayer: Father, we give you thanks for these heavenly gifts. Kindle us with the fire of your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns:

Saint Michael’s	139	113	140
Saint Mary’s	136	535	104

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 11 th	10.00	Gift Service	Saint Michael’s
<i>Advent III</i>	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins followed by shortened Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	14.00	Lutheran Service	The Cathedral
Monday 12 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 13 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 14 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 15 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	20.00	Christmas with Ancór	The Cathedral
Friday 16 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Christmas with Muireann & the ICO	The Cathedral
Saturday 17 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 18 th	9.30	Carol Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Advent IV</i>	10.00	Carol Service	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	15.00	A Blue Christmas Service	The Cathedral
	19.00	Civic Carol Service	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

From the Dean:

As Christmas approaches we are delighted to provide 'Twelve Cribs of Christmas'. This is a simple resource intended primarily for young families to use during the Christmas Season. We hope it encourages them to visit churches in the area and pray together. Copies available in all participating churches (including the Cathedral).

Sympathy

Our condolences to

- Tony O'Connell and his family on the death of his aut, Teresa
- The Brislane Family on the death of Derek Brislane [brother of Bryan and uncle of Kieron], who died 5th December in Golden, Colorado (aged 90). Derek was a boy chorister and a bell ringer in the Cathedral before emigrating to USA in 1952 at the young age of 20. On regular visits home he always returned to the Cathedral to join with the ringers for Sunday Service. As he served with the USAF for some years, he is being accorded a military funeral on a date yet to be decided.

We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Newslink: The 2023 subscriptions are now open for renewals. Have you considered purchasing a subscription for someone as a Christmas present? More details in the churches.

Click & Collect: Saint Michael's Church - orders are coming in fast and we are already sold out on some of our jams. Please remember to send you order to traceylytle@gmail.com.

United Diocesan Youth Council: We have two day fun-filled trips to Dublin taking place this month: for those from 3rd to 6th Class National School and upwards, a multi-activity trip to Dublin on Saturday 10th December; and for those aged ten and upwards, a mega Christmas Day trip to Dublin, on Wednesday 28th December. (Please find further information and booking forms in attached posters and, for further information please contact Edward at 087 2907553, email: edhardy70@gmail.com or Valerie Walker at 085 2832487, email udyc.info@gmail.com.)

Mothers' Union: Warm thanks to all parishioners for their generous donations to our appeal for homeless people in the City. The Limerick City Branch Annual General Meeting took place in St Michael's Hall on Tuesday next (6th December).

FUNraising: The next Social event will take place on Sunday 28th of January 2023 in the way of a parish Sunday lunch in the Absolute Hotel – more information will follow in due course.

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!

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, i.e. €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.

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*)

	11 th December	18 th December	25 th December
Saint Michael's	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Dara McNamara/Jill Storey	<i>no refreshments</i>
The Cathedral	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	<i>no refreshments</i>

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: Archie Brown, Mary McKie, William Carey; Peggy Stockil; Tommy Hayes; Jimmy Keays; Gladys Blackledge; Margaret McDonnell; Gloria Bezuidenhout; Odile Knight; Fritz Eckhardt; Sylvia Morrow; Joe Connolly; Bridget Casey, and Roy McCormack.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe and The Rt Revd Michael Burrows. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church in Wales. *Diocese:* The Tuam and Omey group of parishes.

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; Catherine Coulter, Michael Downes, Norman Wheeler, and Emma Meelin.

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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