



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
18th December 2022: The Fourth Sunday of Advent*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: God our redeemer, who prepared the blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: Grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Isaiah 7: 10-16: Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, I Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Psalm 80 (BCP p. 685)

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, ♦ you that led Joseph like a flock;

Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, ♦ before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

Stir up your mighty strength ♦ and come to our salvation.

Turn us again, O God; ♦ show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

O Lord God of hosts, ♦ how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

You feed them with the bread of tears; ♦ you give them abundance of tears to drink.

You have made us the derision of our neighbours, ♦ and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

Turn us again, O God of hosts; ♦ show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Let your hand be upon the man at your right hand, ♦ the son of man you made so strong for yourself.

And so will we not go back from you; ♦ give us life, and we shall call upon your name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; ♦ show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Romans 1: 1-7: Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1: 18-25: Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned

to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: “Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means, ‘God is with us.’” When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Post-Communion Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have given us a pledge of eternal redemption. Grant that we may always eagerly celebrate the saving mystery of the incarnation of your Son. We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns:

Saint Michael's	Carols			
Saint Mary's	695	462	135	153

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 18 th	9.30	Carol Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Sunday 18 th	10.00	Carol Service	Saint Michael's
<i>Advent IV</i>	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	15.00	A Blue Christmas Service	The Cathedral
	19.00	Civic Carol Service	The Cathedral
Monday 19 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	Community Carol Service	Ss John & Ailbe
Tuesday 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 22 nd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 23 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
<i>Christmas Eve</i>	22.00	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
Sunday 25 th	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Christmas Day</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Sunday 1 st	11.15	A Christmas Service	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Please note that there will be no Newsletters on 25th December or 1st January

Cathedral opening & services: Please note the Cathedral will close fully following the Christmas Day Eucharist and will reopen the following Sunday (New Year's Day) at 10.30am

From the Dean:

- As Christmas Day draws closer may I take this opportunity to extend to you all a warm invitation to join us for worship on Christmas Eve and Day. After 2 years of very 'different' Christmases, it will be good to worship together, with our families, as a parish family. To you and your loved ones may I extend a very happy Christmas and every blessing for 2023.
- 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)
- Thank you to those who provided decorations and trees for our churches (in particular David & Richard Brickenden who supplied the splendid tree in the Cathedral) and to all those who helped decorate for the festive season.
- Finally, as we enter the season of peace and goodwill it is incumbent on all of us to pray for those affected by conflicts and homelessness in this land and throughout the world. Although there are actually dozens of conflicts going on throughout the world at present, the situation in Ukraine deserves particular mention. To those who have been displaced, bereaved and bewildered, we might offer up the following prayer for them:
Lord of All, we give you thanks for your abundance, and for all the great things you have given us, especially the birth of Your Son at this time. We pray that in your great mercy, you would look kindly upon all those in need this day. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Sympathy: We extend our condolences to David Bannister and his family on the death of his sister, Gladys Doyle. May they all know God's love at this time.

Used stamps: The bags of used stamps collected from the Limerick City Parish were received with great enthusiasm by Barnardos in Dublin! Thank you so much. Please continue to collect and leave for the attention of Claire Jackson in the Cathedral.

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 traceylyttle@gmail.com.

United Diocesan Youth Council: For those aged ten and upwards, there's to be 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.)

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!

Refreshments *(with thanks to those on duty)*

	18 th December	25 th December	1 st January
Saint Michael's	Dara McNamara/Jill Storey	No refreshments	No refreshments
The Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	No refreshments	No refreshments

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: Marie Loise Beckers Kearney, Olive Stanley Wetzel, Jo Ischner, Edward Richardson, Jean O'Connor, Anne Woodrow, Patrick Moort, Breda Thompson, Phil Brosnahan, Jimmy Clancy, John Pomeroy, Jane Brislane, James Sheahan, James Hanley, Donie O'Brien, Trevor Craig, Dom Quinlivan, Tom O'Donnell, Helen Mc Mahon, Finnula Graydon, Mary Newman, Maureen Clancy, Florence Boyle, Bella Bingham, Lois Wyse-Jackson, Peg Inns, Ellen Bond, Derek Crowe, Matilda Campion, Fredrick Oakley, Reginald Pearse Hassell

Cycle of Prayer for week beginning 18th December: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe and The Rt Revd Michael Burrows. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Anglican Church of Korea. *Diocese:* the Kenmare & Dromod Union of parishes; The Revd Michael Kavanagh and The Revd Barbara Irrgang Buckley; and the congregations of St Patrick's, Kenmare; the Church of the Transfiguration, Sneem; St Michael & All Angels, Waterville, and St John. the Baptist Valentia.

Cycle of Prayer for week beginning 25th December: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe and The Rt Revd Michael Burrows. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Anglican Church of Melanesia. *Diocese:* for parents & families, for all who travel to greet loved ones, and for diocesan and parish readers.

Cycle of Prayer for week beginning 1st January: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Armagh and The Most Revd John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* la Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico. *Diocese:* for the poor and the homeless, that 2023 may bring them relief..

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; Emma Meelin; Catherine Slattery; Helen, and William 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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