



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe  
3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022: The Second Sunday of Advent*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect of the week:** Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 11: 1-10:** A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fating together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### Psalm 72 (BCP p. 672)

Give the king your judgements, O God, ♦ and your righteousness to the son of a king.

Then shall he judge your people righteously ♦ and your poor with justice.

May the mountains bring forth peace, ♦ and the little hills righteousness for the people.

May he defend the poor among the people, ♦ deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.

May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, ♦ from one generation to another.

May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, ♦ like the showers that water the earth.

In his time shall righteousness flourish, ♦ and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, ♦ who alone does wonderful things.

And blessed be his glorious name for ever. ♦ May all the earth be filled with his glory. Amen. Amen.

**Romans 15: 4-13:** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, 'Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name';

and again he says, 'Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people'; and again, 'Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him'; and again Isaiah says, 'The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Matthew 3: 1-12:** In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."' Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, "We have Abraham as our ancestor"; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of life. Through our sharing in this holy sacrament teach us to judge wisely earthly things and to yearn for things heavenly. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Hymns:**

<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>384</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>146</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 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
<i>Advent II</i>	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
		<i>Godly Play meet</i>	
	14.45	Piano concert	The Cathedral
		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	17.00	Aoide Concert	Saint Michael's
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	18.30	SMNS BofM	Zoom
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	16.30	“Come and Sing”	Saint Michael’s
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Gift Service	Saint Michael’s
<i>Advent III</i>	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
	14.00	Lutheran Service	The Cathedral
	17.00	Slieve Felim Concert	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

## THIS WEEK’S NOTICES

### From the Dean:

*Private Communion over Christmas:* The Clergy will gladly bring communion to those unable to come out to church over Christmastide. Please contact them through the details below so that a suitable time can be arranged.

*Thank you:* To those who generously contributed towards the cost of the painting of the Cathedral railings. Works commenced last week and they are already looking great.

**Congratulations:** To Keith and Molly O’Neil on the recent birth of a grandchild.

**An Abhainn:** The Parish magazine is now available. Please email ([limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com)) if you would like to receive a copy.

**Mothers' Union:** Warm thanks to all parishioners for their generous donations to our appeal for homeless people in the City. The baskets will remain in the Cathedral and St Michael's until next Sunday. Our Annual General Meeting will take place in St Michael's Hall on Tuesday next (6<sup>th</sup> December) at 3.00 p.m. We hope as many members as possible will come along to help us plan our programme for 2023.

**Parish Table quiz:** The Parish table quiz on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October was a full house. It was great to see so many parishioners and friends attend. Thank you to Philip Cullen, Quiz Master and his helpers and to all those who supplied traybakes, helped with the supper and raffle prizes. A thoroughly enjoyable night was had by all. The "Fundraising/Funraising group" are delighted that €860 has been raised for Focus Ireland. Our next Social event will take place on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:margaretschutz22@gmail.com).

**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.

**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*)

	4 <sup>th</sup> December	11 <sup>th</sup> December	18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Dara McNamara & Jill Storey
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil

**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: Jonathon White; James Fredrick Howes; Stuart Gray; Olive Casey; Robert Evans; Carol Anne Cable; Adelaide Sirr; Jack Shorten, and Muriel Williams.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe and The Rt Revd Michael Burrows. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East. *Diocese:* We pray for all who have been abused, and pray that each and every person who has been abused may receive justice and be comforted; and we pray for all engaged in safeguarding within the diocese, that our parishes and diocesan organisations may be places of safety for all.

**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, 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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