

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe  
15<sup>th</sup> January 2023: The 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect of the week:** Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading ~ Isaiah 49:1-7:** Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.' And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

### Psalm 40: 1-12 (BCP, p.637)

1. I waited patiently for the Lord; ♦ he inclined to me and heard my cry.
2. He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; ♦ he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.
3. He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; ♦ many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.
4. Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, ♦ who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.
5. Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God. How great your designs for us! ♦ There is none that can be compared with you.
6. If I were to proclaim them and tell of them ♦ they would be more than I am able to express.
7. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire ♦ but my ears you have opened;
8. Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; ♦ then said I: 'Lo, I come.
9. 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; ♦ I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
10. I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; ♦ behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.
11. Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; ♦ I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.
12. Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; ♦ let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me.

**Epistle Reading ~ I Corinthians I: 1-9:** Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ John I: 29-42:** The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, ‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, “After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.’ And John testified, ‘I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, “He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.” And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.’ The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, ‘Look, here is the Lamb of God!’ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’ They said to him, ‘Rabbi’ (which translated means Teacher), ‘where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and see.’ They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, ‘We have found the Messiah’ (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, ‘You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas’ (which is translated Peter).

**Post-Communion Prayer:** God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<b>Hymns</b>	<b>Saint Michael’s</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>694</b>	<b>341</b>	<b>580</b>
	<b>Saint Mary’s</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>332</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

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
<i>Epiphany II</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	19.00	Epiphany Carol Service	The Cathedral
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	St Michael's Committee meeting	Zoom
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	20.00	Select Vestry	Zoom
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Epiphany III</i>	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

### **Villiers Housing Association Limited, Church Street, Kings Island, Limerick**

Job Title: Liaison Support Officer (Part-time Fixed Term Contract)

Role: Liaising with the residents of Villiers Square and managing on-site requirements.

Hours of Work: 10 hours per week Mon – Fri (flexible) located at Villiers Square, Limerick

Full particulars and details are available from: [VilliersHousing@villiers-school.com](mailto:VilliersHousing@villiers-school.com)

before 25th January 2023.

**Epiphany Carol Service** at 7pm in St Mary's Cathedral, this Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

**Saint Michael's Committee:** A meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm. Please email [limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto:limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com) for the link to join the meeting.

**Church Giving:** Many thanks to all for your continuing financial support during 2023, this is much appreciated. This is just a gentle reminder to all to possibly review their giving where possible and importantly to review the method of giving. If not already in either the Stewardship Envelope Scheme, Monthly Electronic Transfer, Annual Sustentation, etc. perhaps you could consider joining one of these schemes. By using one of these methods each church can get a Revenue Rebate on any recorded giving of greater than €250 per calendar year - this is all managed confidentially. This "Free Money" annual Revenue Rebate is a key income stream in the church's annual turnover, and we encourage all regular givers to consider using one of these giving methods where possible. Should anyone be interested in joining any of these schemes please contact the parish office ([cathedral@limerick.anglican.org](mailto:cathedral@limerick.anglican.org)) for further details.

**Mothers' Union Meeting:** Our first meeting of the year will be on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January when we will meet for the service of Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 10.30am and then followed by lunch in The Locke at around 12pm. Please contact Lucy on 087 2078850 if you would like a lift.

**Mothers' Union Hampers:** Our very sincere thanks to all those who donated so generously to our Christmas Hamper Appeal. The hampers were very gratefully received by Thomond House and Brother Russell Home and they really do appreciate our continued support.

**The Church of Ireland National Youth Forum 2023:** will take place at City North Hotel, Dublin from Friday evening 27<sup>th</sup> to Saturday evening 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023. This event will be an opportunity for 15-18 year olds to come together with delegates from each of the dioceses of the Church of Ireland. It is hoped that each Diocese will have approximately eight delegates and two adult leaders. UDYC will organise transport to / from the event from Limerick. The food and accommodation is organised by CIYD for the event. Thus there is no actual cost of attending the event, just time and energy. The group will leave after schools, colleges and work finish on Friday and everyone should be back home by 8pm on Saturday evening. It would be excellent to have delegates from UDYC and our diocese. If you or your son/daughter are interested and available to attend please let Ed at 087 2907553.

**Newslink 2023:** A reminder to all regular subscribers of the Newslink magazine that your subscription is now due. €45 for the magazine or €35 for the e-Newslink copy. The Newslink team put huge work and effort into each edition, we must continue to support them. New subscribers are always welcome. Please contact Gillian Cheatley (087 1254687) for more details.

**FUNraising:** The next Social event will take place on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> of January 2023 in the way of a parish Sunday lunch in the Absolute Hotel. Tickets (adult €30, child €12) available in each church.

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

	15 <sup>th</sup> January	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	29 <sup>th</sup> January
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	Gillian Cheatley	Richard Allen	X
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	tbc

**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: Edward Ruddock, Kumico, George Fairbrother, Marian Power, Malcolm Santley- Dille, James Albert Mc Cormack, Baby Tom Stokes, Dorothy Knott, Margaret Lennox, Camilla Mitchell, Henry Bingham and Peter Keane.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* Church of Ireland: The Diocese of Armagh and Archbishop John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion). *Diocese:* The Birr Union of parishes, Rev Arthur Minion, and the congregations of St Brendan's Birr, St Ruadhan's Lorrha, and Loughen and Dorra churches.

**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, Oliver Stapleton 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](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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