



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect of the week:** Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Isaiah 9: 1-4:** There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time the Lord brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

### **Psalm 27: 1, 4-12 (BCP p.619)**

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? ♦ The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: ♦ that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord ♦ and to seek his will in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall hide me in his shelter; ♦ in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me and set me high upon a rock.

And now shall he lift up my head ♦ above my enemies round about me;

Therefore will I offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness; ♦ I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; ♦ have mercy upon me and answer me.

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.' ♦ Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me, ♦ nor cast your servant away in displeasure.

You have been my helper; ♦ leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

**I Corinthians 1: 10-18:** Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Matthew 4: 12-23:** Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.' From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Almighty Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns:**

<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>501</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>358</b>	<b>491</b>	
	<b>(T&amp;P)</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 22nd	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
Epiphany III	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
		No Service	Saint Michael's
		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

## 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 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**Ordinand placement:** We welcome today Siobhán Wheeler, an ordinand from this diocese, who will be joining us for a placement in the parish for the next number of weeks. We welcome Siobhán and I hope she enjoys her time with us.

**Parish Lunch:** Will take place in the Absolute Hotel next Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2023 after a united service in Saint Mary's Cathedral. Tickets (adult €30, child €12) available in each church. This is a social event and will give parishioners a chance to meet up and chat!!

**Car show:** There are tentative plans to hold a charity vintage car show in the Cathedral grounds in May/June. If you are interested in volunteering your help on the day (eg stewarding, etc). Please speak with the Dean for more details.

**Cumann Gaeilge na hEaglaise/The Irish Guild of the Church:** Anyone interested in the Irish language and its role within the life of the Church of Ireland is invited to speak with a member of the Clergy team.

**Readers & Intercessors:** If you would be interested in reading at services and/or leading the Prayers of the People at Parish Communion once a month please speak to a member of the Clergy.

**Congratulations** to Gillian Johnston and Jason Downes on their marriage in Castletown Church last Saturday afternoon.

**Vocations Retreat:** For those exploring vocation, a retreat will be held on 27-29 January 2023 in Dromantine, Co. Down. More information attached (on ezine).

**Services next Sunday:** Due to a united service in the Cathedral next Sunday (at 11.15am), there will be no services in Saint Michael's or Abington. **The Sunday club** (for pre-schoolers and primary school children) will be in operation in the Cathedral during the service.

**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.

**Thursdays in Black:** Resistance and Resilience: The campaign is simple but profound. Wear black on Thursdays - declare you are part of the global movement resisting attitudes and practices that permit rape and violence. Show your respect for women who are resilient in the face of injustice and violence. Encourage others to join you. Often black has been used with negative racial connotations. In this campaign Black is used as a colour of resistance and resilience.

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

	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	29 <sup>th</sup> January	5 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	Richard Allen	x	Sheila Cusack
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Brian Sheppard	tbc	Lillian Okechukwu

**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: Tom Ryan; Agnes O'Callaghan; Revd Martha Gray-Stack; Margaret Hayes; Det. Garda Adrian Donahue; Anne Copley; Martha Creamer; Bernie Long, and Michael Roche.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Armagh and the Most Revd John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of North India (United). *Diocese:* schools in the united dioceses, for their pupils, students, and teachers, that they may be places of happiness and learning.

**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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