



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2023: The Epiphany (observed)*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect of the week:** O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading ~ Isaiah 60: 1-6:** Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms. Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

### Psalm 72: 1-7, 10-15 (BCP p. 672)

- 1 Give the king your judgements, O God, ♦ and your righteousness to the son of a king.
- 2 Then shall he judge your people righteously ♦ and your poor with justice.
- 3 May the mountains bring forth peace, ♦ and the little hills righteousness for the people.
- 4 May he defend the poor among the people, ♦ deliver the children of the needy and crush the oppressor.
- 5 May he live as long as the sun and moon endure, ♦ from one generation to another.
- 6 May he come down like rain upon the mown grass, ♦ like the showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall righteousness flourish, ♦ and abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute; ♦ the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.
- 11 All kings shall fall down before him; ♦ all nations shall do him service.
- 12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out, ♦ the needy and those who have no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor; ♦ he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- 14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, ♦ and dear shall their blood be in his sight.
- 15 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba; ♦ may prayer be made for him continually and may they bless him all the day long.

**Epistle Reading ~ Titus 2: 11-14:** This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given to me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. Of this gospel I have become a servant

according to the gift of God's grace that was given to me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

**Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ Matthew 2: 1-12:** In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: May we, who with the wise men have been drawn by your light, discern the glory of your presence in your incarnate Son; who suffered, died, and was buried, and who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Hymns:**

<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>294</b>	<b>263</b>
<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>634</b>	<b>125</b>

**Service Notes**

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## Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
<i>Epiphany</i>	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
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

### THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

**Chalking the Door: An Epiphany House Blessing:** On the Feast of the Epiphany (January 6<sup>th</sup>) every year, many houses throughout the world bless their home. We invite you to adopt this custom in your family. The family gathers to ask God's blessing on their home and on those who live in or visit the home. It is an invitation for Jesus to be a daily guest in our home, our comings and goings, our conversations, our work and play, our joys and sorrows. A traditional way of doing this is to use chalk to write above the home's entrance, 20 + C + M + B + 23. The letters C, M, B have two meanings. They are the initials of the traditional names of the three magi: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar. They also abbreviate the Latin words *Christus mansionem benedicat*, "May Christ bless the house." The "+" signs represent the cross and 2023 is the year.

#### *Instructions for Blessing the Home*

Using the blessed chalk mark the lintel of your front door (or front porch step) as follows:

20 + C + M + B + 23 while saying:

The three Wise Men, Caspar, Melchior, and Balthazar followed the star of God's Son who became human. May Christ bless our home and remain with us throughout the new year.

**Amen.**

Then offer the following prayer: Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Bless all who live or visit here with the gift of your love; and grant that we may manifest your love to each other and to all whose lives we touch. May we grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort, and strengthen us in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Sympathy:** We extend our condolences to Grainne Keays, Frank Sheahan Norman Birdthistle and their families who suffered family bereavements over the Christmas period. 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 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 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.

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

	8 <sup>th</sup> January	15 <sup>th</sup> January	22 <sup>nd</sup> January
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Gillian Cheatley	Richard Allen
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Joni & Amy O'Sullivan	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard

**Livestreaming:** [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys) Service will be on air at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday.

**Thanks:** To all those involved in the recent Saint Michael's 'Click n Collect' – over €700 was raised.

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Florrie Trousdell, Antoinette Byrne, Michael Mason, Rita Mc Namara, Valentina Dernova, Madame Marion Griffin, Terence[Terry] Cusack, Lillah Ellerker, Theo Saunders, Violet Hanley and Michael Noel Ryan.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* Church of Ireland: The Diocese of Armagh and Archbishop John McDowell. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma). *Diocese:* The Cloughjordan & Borrisokane Group of parishes and the congregations of St Kieran's Cloughjordan, and Borrisokane, Borrisnafarney, and Ballingarry churches, as they await the installation of Rev Gary Paulsen as Rector.

**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](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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