



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe  
12<sup>th</sup> February 2023: The Second Sunday before Lent (Proper 3)*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect of the week:** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 3:** In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights – the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night – and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the

seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation.

### Psalm 136: 1-9 (BCP p.751)

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the God of gods, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever.  
Give thanks to the Lord of lords, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who alone does great wonders, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who by wisdom made the heavens, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who laid out the earth upon the waters, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever;  
Who made the great lights, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever;  
The sun to rule the day, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever;  
The moon and the stars to govern the night, ♦ for his mercy endures for ever.

**Romans 8: 18-25:** I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

**Matthew 6: 25-34:** Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."

**Post-Communion Prayer:** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the Bread of life at the heart of your Church. May we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's Cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>3</b>
	<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>324</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 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
II before Lent	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	15.00	Mothers' Union meeting	Saint Michael's
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	20.00	Select Vestry	Zoom
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
I before Lent	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
	19.00	Choral Evensong and Community Awards	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

**From the Dean:** Last Friday, we learned with deep sadness the death of our former parishioner and Cathedral Churchwarden and choir-member, Emma Melin. She died after a short illness in her beloved Orkney. As we mourn her loss, we extend our sympathy, love and prayers to Mats, Solveig, Ingrid and Magnus.

**Priorities Sunday:** Today, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> February is Priorities Sunday. Donations are made during Spring each year – it is a good time because it reflects a church with a mission and a family who shares. When this Fund was set up in 1980 it became an immediate success. The aim and purpose is to raise money throughout the Church of Ireland for use as seed capital for innovative projects within the Church of Ireland. Our parish target is around €1300 each year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Part-Time Supervisor/Caretaker** wanted for complex of sheltered housing units in the city centre. Principal duties include: Liaising with residents on a daily basis. Management of on-site requirements of residents and buildings. Management of any emergencies that arise. Reporting to the board of trustees. Apply in writing to: The Secretary, The John Nash Charity, Richmond Terrace, Henry Street, Limerick.

**Mothers' Union:** We will be holding our next meeting on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 3 p.m. in St Michael's Church Hall when Gillian Sheehan will give us a very interesting demonstration in quilting. This will be followed by a cup of tea and a chat. All are very welcome! If anyone needs a lift please contact Lucy on 087 2078850.

**Evergreens:** The next meeting of the Evergreens is on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. in St Mary's Cathedral. As this is Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Tuesday!), we hope to have pancakes that day! The speaker will be confirmed in next week's parish newsletter. Some of the Evergreens suggested that we do a book swop so if you want to swap books, please bring one! Looking forward to seeing you (plus a friend or two) on the 21<sup>st</sup>!

**Volunteers** wanted in the Cathedral for extra events – moving chairs, etc. Please speak to the Dean or Noreen.

**World Day of Prayer Services:** This year the service has been compiled by the women of Taiwan and it is the turn of the Church of Ireland to act as hosts at the services here in Limerick. It is hoped that parishioners (men as well as women) will show their support by attending one of the two services which have been arranged: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, Villiers Square at 10.30 a.m.; Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, St Mary's Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.

**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.

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

	12 <sup>th</sup> February	19 <sup>th</sup> February	26 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Susi Eckhardt
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson + Catherine Smith

**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: Peggy McKee; Alfred Sparling; William Walter Copley; David McElderry; Nance McLindon; Maura Meleedy; Joe Crowley; Tom Marsdon, and Billy Macken.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Clogher and the Rt Revd Dr Ian Ellis. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Episcopal Church in the Philippines. *Diocese:* for the Tuam and Omev Group of parishes in their vacancy, Priest-in-Charge The Very Rev Lynda Peilow, and the congregations of St Mary's Cathedral, Tuam; St Mary's, Cong; St John the Baptist, Aasleagh; Christ Church, Clifden; Holy Trinity, Errislannan; St Thomas', Moyard (Ballinakill), and St Mary's, Roundstone (Moyrus).

**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; Catherine Slattery; Helen; Oliver Stapleton; William Downes, and Tim O'Leary.

**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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