

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
19th March 2023: The Fourth Sunday in Lent / Mothering Sunday

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for Mothering Sunday: God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: Strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament: Exodus 2: 1-10

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Psalm 34: 11-20

Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦ I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is there who delights in life ♦ and longs for days to enjoy good things?

Keep your tongue from evil ♦ and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil, and do good; ♦ seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦ and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, ♦ to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry for help and the Lord hears them ♦ and delivers them out of their troubles.

The Lord is near to the broken-hearted ♦ and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦ from them all will the Lord deliver them.

He keeps all their bones, ♦ so that not one of them is broken.

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 1: 3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you

experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

New Testament/Gospel: St Luke 2: 33-35

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.

Post-Communion Prayer: Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast, you feed us in this sacrament with spiritual food and drink. Help us who have tasted your goodness to grow in grace within the household of faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns:	Saint Michael’s	541	611	235	472
	Saint Mary’s	350	462	472	361

Service Notes

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Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 19 th Lent IV	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 23 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 26 th Lent V Passion Sunday	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael’s
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	Saint Michael’s

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Easter General Vestry: The General/Easter Vestry of Limerick City Parish will be held on Thursday 27th April 2023 in Saint Michael's Church, Pery Square, Limerick at 7.30pm.

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to

- Vicki Wills and her family on the sudden death of her father, Ivor Wills.
- Lyn, Maureen, Brian, Aileen and the extended family members and many friends of the Cathedral Tower Captain, Mike Pomeroy

We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

Car show: This will now take place on Saturday 29th April in the Cathedral grounds (as part of Riverfest). If you are still interested in helping out with stewarding, etc, please let the Dean know. Your help will be required from 11am-4pm (lunch provided).

Bishops' Appeal for Turkey & Syria: Thank you to those who have already supported the appeal. Envelopes are available in your service booklets or at church entrance areas should you wish to make a donation. It is our intention to send off monies collected thus far at the end of the month (if you wish to make a donation, we kindly ask that this might be done before then); however, the appeal will remain open for donations until further notice.

The Evergreens: The next meeting of the Evergreens is on Tuesday, 28th March, 2023 at 2:30 pm in St Mary's Cathedral. The speaker will be Perry Keane from CIS and he will talk in general about its work and will be delighted to answer more specific questions afterwards (Further details next week.) 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 28th March.

Co-ordinator of the Fund-raising/Fun-raising Committee: LCP wishes to express our thanks to Tracey Lyttle for the enthusiasm she has brought, and hard work she has given to co-ordinating the parish's fund-raising/fun-raising for nearly fourteen years. Tracey has decided to step aside from this position, and the Committee is now looking for someone else to take on the role. The position is voluntary. Although there is some organizational work throughout the year, the fund-raising/fun-raising is centred on annual events. The role includes – but is not limited to – chairing Committee meetings, liaising with relevant bodies (e.g. An Garda Síochána for event licences), and general oversight. Offers are requested before Mothering Sunday, 19th March.

Sunday School/Childrens' Easter Services: Parents, please note changes to **Sunday school** times and **special childrens' service** on Good Friday as follows; Sunday, March 26 @ 11.15 - Sunday School, on the meaning of Holy Week. Friday, April 7 – Childrens' (aimed especially for 4 to 9y.o.) service for Good Friday. All are welcome to attend, but at least one parent should accompany the children. Easter day, April 9 @ 11.15 – Sunday school, on the meaning of the Resurrection. NB change in time on Good Friday.

Meals on Wheels: The meals on wheels service is run by Limerick Island Community Partners. Meals delivered to your door daily (Monday to Friday). When you are ready to sign up for this service simply ring us on (061) 318 106. See full details on attachment (ezine).

Saint Michael's balcony: Whilst we appreciate this support (for fundraising sales, etc) we would kindly ask that people do not leave items in the balcony area of St Michael's without consulting with Churchwardens or a member of the Clergy team. Thank you.

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

Murroe-Boher Historical Society:

Invites you to take part in their upcoming table quiz, which will be held at the Valley Inn, Murroe, on Fri, March 24, 2023, at 8 p.m., with first question to be called at 8.30 p.m. sharp. €20 per table of four people. Raffle on the night.

The next talk will be held in the Fitzgerald Room, Muintir na Tíre Hall, Murroe, on Thursday, March 23, at 8 p.m. Our own Philip Dee, M.A., will speak to us on the intriguing topic of “Death in Murroe.” Admission €5 to non-members, including refreshments. All welcome.

Refreshments (with thanks to those on duty)

	19 th March	26 th March	2 nd April
Saint Michael's	R. & M. Brickenden	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Daire McNamara/Jill Storey
The Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Marianne Fenner, Harold Gordon Brown, and Gordon Brickenden.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Derry & Raphoe and the Rt Revd Andrew Forster. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Southern Africa. *Diocese:* The Kilcolman Union of parishes, Rev Isabel Keegan and Rev Ann-Marie Stuart as they prepare to retire in April, and the congregations of St Michael's Killorglin and St Carthage's Castlemaine.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Harold Armstrong; Sylvia Martin; Emily; Tom, Moira Lowry; Mac; 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; Tim; 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. 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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