



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
5th March 2023: The Second Sunday in Lent*

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth that they may return to the way of righteousness: Grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Genesis 12: 1-4a: Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Psalm 121 (BCP p.743)

I lift up my eyes to the hills; ♦ from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, ♦ the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not suffer your foot to stumble; ♦ he who watches over you will not sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel ♦ shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord himself watches over you; ♦ the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, ♦ neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil; ♦ it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, ♦ from this time forth for evermore.

Romans 4: 1-5, 13-17: What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

John 3: 1-17: Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

Post-Communion Prayer: Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries given us by our Lord Jesus Christ, by which we receive your grace and are assured of your love, which is through him now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns:	Saint Michael’s	211	323	240	242
	Saint Mary’s	59	319	108	211

Service Notes

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: www.churchservices.tv and the Cathedral website (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 and 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 5 th <i>Lent II</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Monday 6 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 8 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	St Michael's Committee meeting	Zoom
Thursday 9 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 10 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 11 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Whist Drive	Saint Michael's
Sunday 12 th <i>Lent III</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

From the Dean:

As we continue our journey through Lent, I invite you to consider engaging with one (or even more!) of the following

- Attending a daily service in the Cathedral (times above)
- Joining the diocesan webinar on St Matthew (details attached on the e-zine)
- Engaging with the Lenten talks hosted by Killaloe Cathedral (details attached on the e-zine)

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 several annual events (e.g. our Christmas Fair, and Parish BBQ). 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.

Whist Drive in St Michael's Church will take place in the hall on Saturday 11th of March at 7.30 p.m. Our last Whist drive took place in March 2020 so we are looking forward to seeing all the old faces and some new too!! We are planning to run a raffle on the night also.

Cathedral Tie: A bespoke silk tie for the Cathedral has been designed (mock-up on the e-zine). Those interested in purchasing one (€30) are invited to place an order with the Dean. A minimum order is required to ensure production.

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.

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

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*)

	5 th March	12 th March	19 th March
Saint Michael's	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden
The Cathedral	Jemimah Egbulam	Joni & Amy O'Sullivan	Keith O'Neil

Livestreaming: www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys Services will be on air at 11.15 and 19.00 on Sunday.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Henrietta Blennerhassett; Patricia Donnelon; Albert Lyttle; Edward Harris; Denis Buglar; Chris Rice; Peggy Kavanagh, and George McElmurray.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Derry & Raphoe and the Rt Revd Andrew Forster. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of the Province of South East Asia. *Diocese:* for the terminally ill at home, in hospitals, and hospices, that the love of Christ may comfort them and those they love.

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. 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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