



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
30th April 2023: Easter IV

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading ~ Acts 2: 42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 (BCP p.616)

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Epistle Reading ~ I Peter 2: 19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ St Luke 24: 13-35

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

Post-Communion Prayer: Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again. Keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymns:	Saint Michael’s				
	Saint Mary’s	336	438	20	

Service Notes

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Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 30 th Easter IV	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Sung Eucharist	The Cathedral
		No Service in Saint Michael’s	
Monday 1 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 2 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 3 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	Committee Meeting	St Micheal’s
Thursday 4 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Friday 5 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 6 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 7 th Easter V	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael’s
		No Service	
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
	16.00	Choral Evensong with Installation of new Chapter members	

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

VACANCY

We are now recruiting for the position of Cathedral/Parish Secretary.
If you are interested in this role and wish to find out more,
please contact the Dean (contact details below)

St Michael's: Due to the Great Limerick Run there will be no service on 30th April.

St Michael's Committee: A meeting of the Committee will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 3rd May. For the link, please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com

Emma Melin: There will be a service to honour the memory of Emma and to support Mats & the family on Tuesday 2nd May in the UL Contemplative Centre at 4pm. This will be followed by light refreshments in Teach Fáilte. This will be an opportunity to share stories and memories of Emma. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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). For those interested in attending, tickets may be purchased in advance from www.eventbrite.ie/e/cars-at-the-cathedral-tickets-582291689117?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

The Evergreens: Thank you to Noreen Allen for sussing out a super venue for afternoon tea on Tuesday last, 25th April, 2023. 27 of the Evergreens enjoyed a splendid repast at the Woodlands Hotel, Adare and many went home with "doggie bags" - waste not, want not being the order of our times! The staff were so pleasant and helpful and it was a lovely occasion. This afternoon tea was instead of our Christmas Dinner. Everyone seemed to enjoy the informality of the afternoon and the chat.

Skip at St Michael's: We plan to organise a clear out of the crypt in St Michaels within the coming weeks, offers of help to do this should be directed to the Dean.

Wanted: Anyone interested in gifting special candles for use in Advent in the Cathedral? For more information, please contact the Dean.

Contact details: We have a number of people with eircom.ie e-mail addresses in the contact lists. These addresses are no longer active so emails bounce back. If you would like to update your contact details please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com

Used Batteries: Each church now has a recycling drum for used batteries. Donations welcome!

The Evergreens: There will be an outing to the Woodlands Hotel in Adare for Afternoon Tea on Tuesday, 25th April, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. (Please note the time.) Contact Noreen Allen (085 7335855) if you wish to go or let us know at the meeting next Tuesday in the cathedral. The cost of the tea is €30 per person and this amount will be subsidised from our funds, reducing the cost to €20 per person. The final date for a decision to go and to pay Noreen is Sunday 16th April, 2023. If you wish to cancel, let Noreen know by this date as well.

REFRESHMENTS	30 th April	7 th May	14 th May
Saint Michael's	x	Sheila Cusack	Tony O'Connell
The Cathedral	Jemimah Egbulam	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Joni & Amy O'Sullivan

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Robert O'Neil, Joan Marsden, Edna Mc Elveen, Amanda Armstrong, Muriel Blennerhassett and Thalia White

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Down & Dromore and the Rt Revd and David McClay. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Episcopal Church (USA). *Diocese:* We pray for those preparing for confirmation, that they may be blessed in their faith.

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; Pat O'Donnell; Trevor Richmond; Terry Gibson; Rosaleen Moloney; Catherine Coulter; Michael Downes; Catherine Slattery; Helen; Tim; William Downes; Anne Plowman; Maureen Bramwell; Daniel O'Connell; Jim K; Stephanie K, and Marie M.

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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