

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
14th April 2023: Easter VI: Rogation Sunday

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading ~ Acts 17: 22-31

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Psalm 66: 7-18 (BCP p.663)

Bless our God, O you peoples; ♦ make the voice of his praise to be heard,

Who holds our souls in life ♦ and suffers not our feet to slip.

For you, O God, have proved us; ♦ you have tried us as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; ♦ you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water; ♦ but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

I will come into your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, ♦ which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices with the smoke of rams; ♦ I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

Come and listen, all you who fear God, ♦ and I will tell you what he has done for my soul.

I called out to him with my mouth ♦ and his praise was on my tongue.

If I had nursed evil in my heart, ♦ the Lord would not have heard me,

But in truth God has heard me; ♦ he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, ♦ nor withheld his loving mercy from me.

Epistle Reading ~ I Peter 3: 13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned,

those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ St John 14: 15-21

Jesus said, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Post-Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: May we also thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns:	Saint Michael's	6	29	492	680
	Saint Mary's	336	307	294	

Service Notes

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: www.churchservices.tv/meridstmrys 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 14 th Easter VI	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 15 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 16 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 17 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 18 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 19 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 21 st Sunday after the Ascension	10.00	Morning Prayer with Baptism	Saint Michael's
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

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)
Deadline for applications 5pm on 18th May 2023

Bishops' Appeal Sunday – 14th May 2023: A Bishop writes, "Night after night our TV screens tell of one disaster after another, and our hearts go out to the victims and the suffering. But how do we respond? What's the best way? Emergency relief or long-term aid to prevent further disasters? Bishops' Appeal can help by receiving donations from across the Church of Ireland and then channelling funds direct to whatever agency is on the ground in a disaster, and supporting long-term sustainable projects to bring meaningful change. A donation to Bishops' Appeal is the most effective way to respond to tragedy and need in the developing world." For those in the envelope scheme, a donation envelope is included in your box. Alternatively, you may wish to place something aside that can be included in the collection when church services resume. Thank you!

EGV results: Full election/nomination results may now be viewed in the Church porches.

Prayers for exams: As we approach the end of the School year, we hold in Prayer all those sitting exams. For those preparing such events – remember it is only an exam and we are all here to support you. The following prayer is for use by all those sitting an examination –

Dear Lord, I want to do my best to fulfil the potential you have given me. Help me:

- to stay calm
- to keep things in perspective and be content with the best I can do on the day
- to look out for my friends who need a bit of encouragement, and
- to always remember that the real test is how closely I can follow in your way.

United Diocesan Youth Council: Will hold their AGM on 10th June in St. Nicholas N.S., Adare at 2.30pm. All Welcome

Congratulations: To Naomi O'Neil and Cian Guihen who were married by the Dean last Saturday in St Catherine's Church, Tullamore.

Thy kingdom come: Is a Lambeth palace initiative for the whole Anglican Communion in the pre - Pentecost days inviting all of us to prayer. A booklet is attached (ezine) or available by request from the Cathedral office.

Skip at St Michael's: We plan to organise a clear out of the crypt in St Michael's on Friday 19th May at 3 p.m. To help out please let the clergy team know.

Wanted: Anyone interested in gifting special candles (costing €370) for use in Advent in the Cathedral? For more information, please contact the Dean.

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

Evergreens: The next meeting is on Tuesday, 23rd May, 2023 at 2.30 p.m. in Saint Mary's Cathedral. At the request of some of our members, who asked us about mobile/smartphones, we have organised that a parishioner, Art O'Leary and a friend of his, Bianca Marais, to come in to help anyone who has a query about the applications on the phone, e.g. how to turn on/off the torch, set the alarm, set up a new WhatsApp group and how to remove a name from the group, how to block a number, etc. Art and Bianca will go around the tables and deal with your query individually, while you are having your tea!! If you have any other

queries to the ones listed above, could you text them in to Noreen Allen (085 733 5855), so we can pass them on to Art & Bianca. Looking forward to seeing you (plus a friend or two) on 23rd May in the cathedral.

World premiere in the Cathedral: On June 18th at 11.15 a.m., the world premiere of Brendan Moir's "Mass of Reverence" in the Anglican Tradition will be held in Saint Mary's Cathedral.

REFRESHMENTS	14 th May	21 st May	28 th May
Saint Michael's	Tony O'Connell	Nicholas Griffin	Susi Eckhardt
The Cathedral	Joni & Amy O'Sullivan	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Seán Deegan; Winifred (Winnie) Barrington; Yolanda Dolton; Joe Boyle; Francis Sparling; Joan Clancy; Fr Brian Murphy OSB; John Ruddock; Joe O'Connor; Madeline Brislane; Veitch Maiden, and Sarah.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Connor and the Rt Revd George Davison. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church of the Province of West Africa. *Diocese:* for the Skreen Group of parishes; for the Revd Andrew Pierce, and the congregations of Christ Church, Dromard; St Mary's, Kilmacshalgan, & Skreen Parish Church.

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

NOTE

At the end of May the Prayer list will be cleared and a new list created. If you wish to have a name remain or add a new one, please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com or let the Clergy team know.

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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