

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe*  
*7<sup>th</sup> April 2023: Easter V*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect of the week:** Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

#### First Reading ~ Acts 7: 55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this.

#### Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16 (BCP 623)

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; ♦ deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; ♦ make haste to deliver me.

Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; ♦ guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, ♦ for you are my strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit, ♦ for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

'My times are in your hand; ♦ deliver me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦ and save me for your mercy's sake.'

#### Epistle Reading ~ I Peter 2: 2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,' and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ St John 14: 1-14

Jesus said, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Eternal God, in word and sacrament we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life. In his strength may we ever walk in his way, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

<b>Hymns:</b>	<b>Saint Michael's</b>	<b>553</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>566</b>
	<b>Saint Mary's</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>529</b>	<b>566</b>	

### Service Notes

- Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: [www.churchservices.tv/meridismarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/meridismarys) 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 7 <sup>th</sup> Easter V	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
	16.00	Choral Evensong with Installations	The Cathedral
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	16.00	Cathedrals at Night	The Cathedral
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Easter VI	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins	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)

**Bishops' Appeal Donations:** Many thanks to all those who recently contributed to the following:

Bishops' Appeal General Funds: €1387

Bishops' Appeal Ukraine Appeal: €1325

Bishops' Appeal Syria/Turkey Earthquake Appeal: €1535

**Car show:** Thank you to all those involved in last weeks Car show. Particular thanks to Colin Williams and Noreen Ellerker.

**EGV news:** The Easter General Vestry was held last week (full results of elections will be publicised in Church porches within the coming days). A copy of the Rector's address is attached (ezine) or available by request from the Cathedral office.

**General Synod:** The General Synod of the Church of Ireland will meet in Wexford this coming Friday and Saturday. Please pray for all those attending and for the business that will be transacted at it.

**Mothers' Union Outing:** on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May we are going to Curraghchase Garden Centre and the Potting Shed Cafe. We will meet there at 3 p.m. for a look around and maybe some purchases and then enjoy a coffee afterwards in the Potting Shed Cafe. If anyone would like a lift, please let Lucy know asap, 087 2078850.

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

**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!

REFRESHMENTS	7 <sup>th</sup> May	14 <sup>th</sup> May	21 <sup>st</sup> May
Saint Michael's	Sheila Cusack	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell
The Cathedral	Karen Wilson, Evelyn Sloane & Catherine Smith	Joni & Amy O'Sullivan	Keith O'Neil

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Frank McGlone; Padhraig O'Conner; Yvonne Buchtrump and her daughter; Steve Gardiner; John Kernan; Carol Anne Cabel; Art O'Leary; David Hayes; Maureen Gaffney; Wilfred Maduchor; Eddie Ryan, and Alan Brislane.

**Cycle of Prayer:** *Church of Ireland:* the Diocese of Connor and the Rt Revd George Davison. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* the Church in Wales. *Diocese:* for the General Synod, taking place in Wexford on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>, that decisions made there may be for the praise and glory of God.

**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; Michael 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](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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