

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's, and Ss John & Ailbe
23rd July 2023: Trinity VII, Proper 11

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect of the week: Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading ~ Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

Neither is there any god besides you, whose care is for all people, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; For your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when people doubt the completeness of your power, and you rebuke any insolence among those who know it. Although you are sovereign in strength, you judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose. Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous must be kind, and you have filled your children with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Psalm 86: 11-17 (BCP p. 691)

Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; ♦ knit my heart to you, that I may fear your name.

I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, ♦ and glorify your name for evermore;
For great is your steadfast love towards me, ♦ for you have delivered my soul from the depths of the grave.

O God, the proud rise up against me and a ruthless horde seek after my life; ♦ they have not set you before their eyes.

But you, Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, ♦ slow to anger and full of kindness and truth.
Turn to me and have mercy upon me; ♦ give your strength to your servant and save the child of your handmaid.

Show me a token of your favour, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; ♦ because you, O Lord, have helped and comforted me.

Epistle Reading ~ Romans 8: 12-25

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh – for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we

ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ St Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

Post-Communion Prayer: Lord God, whose Son is the true vine and the source of life, ever giving himself that the world may live: May we so receive within ourselves the power of his death and passion that, in his saving cup, we may share his glory and be made perfect in his love; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Hymns:	Saint Michael’s	385	382	435	670
	Saint Mary’s	146 (T&P)	687	37	285

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Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 23 rd Trinity VII	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael’s
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 27 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

Friday 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 29 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 30 th <i>Trinity VIII</i>	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	10.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Important note for those attending worship in Saint Michael's this Sunday: As some of you will be aware there will be road closures in the Pery Square area on Sunday to facilitate events around the All Ireland Hurling Final. We have been in touch with the organisers and those attending worship in Saint Michael's on Sunday morning should not be affected – if there are any issues you are encouraged to remind the stewards that the Church has discussed access, etc. with the organisers, Blue Streak.

A message from the Brickenden family: The Brickenden family would like to thank Dean Niall for all his help and support in the past couple of weeks. Thank you to all those who helped with Emma's funeral, Dean Niall, Rev. Leonard, Peter Barley, Noreen, the bellringers and the churchwardens in Saint Mary's Cathedral. Many thanks to all who attended at Thompsons and at Emma's funeral service and for all your kind messages and support, which the family greatly appreciated.

Sympathy: Our sympathy and condolences to

- Vaughn Bezuidenhout and his family following the death of his father, Martin Bezuidenhout, on 2nd July.
- Peter Griffin and his family on the death of his brother, the Rev'd Niall Griffin.

Our thoughts and prayers are with them at this time.

Congratulations: To Shawn and Carrie Jamieson on the birth of their son Aiden.

An Abhain Parish Magazine: Next edition will be available in September. Please e-mail any contributions to: anabhainparish@gmail.com by Friday, 18th of August. Please also email us at anabhainparish@gmail.com if you want your name added to our mailing list or if your e-mail address has changed.

UDYC: A reminder that the UDYC Summer Camps are taking place shortly. Full details on attachments (ezine).

Children's Ministry: Please find attached (ezine) some resources from the Church of Ireland Children & Families Board or at this link - <https://heyzine.com/flip-book/e236600cc6.html#page/1>

Choir recruitment: We are currently in the process of recruiting new singers to start in the choir in September, so if you know of anyone who likes singing and who might be interested in joining the cathedral choir do please encourage them to be in touch with the Choirmaster and Organist, Peter Barley.

Mothers' Union: Please find attached (ezine) notice of an upcoming conference in partnership with some other missionary organisations.

Wanted: A defibrillator for Saint Michael's Church and Hall. Anyone interested in gifting one is invited to speak with the Dean.

Cathedral Clean up: Volunteers for a clean-up of the grounds are invited to speak with the Dean.

Plant a Plant: The Dean is exploring an idea (stolen from our friends in Galway) of inviting people to donate and 'plant a plant' in the grounds of the Cathedral and Abington. If you are interested, please speak with him.

REFRESHMENTS	23 rd July	30 th July	6 th August	13 th August
Saint Michael's	Gillian Cheatley	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Sheila Cusack	Tony O'Connell
The Cathedral	Brian Sheppard	Shawn & Carrie Jamieson	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh
READERS				
Saint Michael's	Stephen Fairbrother	Bernard Amaeze	Richard Allen	Oliver Deegan
The Cathedral	Lindsay Boyle	Alan Bunworth	Seán Casey	Sarah Jane Lusk
FLOWERS				
The Cathedral	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>	Christine O'Neil	Christine O'Neil

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time among them: Fintan MacCarthy; Kathleen Thompson; Valentine Lohan; Thomas Houlihan; Kingsmill Pennefather; Alan Lillington; Peter Elms; Charles Obyaker, and Patrick Conroy.

Cycle of Prayer: *Church of Ireland:* The wider church is praying for our diocese and for Bishop Michael. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer/Diocese:* We pray for unfolding plans for the 'empowerment of women through literacy' diocesan initiative now being planned for the autumn, for the selected projects and partner agencies and for our Diocesan Council of Mission.

Prayers for the Sick: Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Emily; Mac; Alan Kennedy; Zandra; Kathleen Leddin; Martha McDermott; Dean Sandra Pragnell; Daniel O'Connell; Danny Stone; Josh Stone; Terry Gibson; Sarah B; Cyril Foster; Frances (Kokie) Moore, Patrick Hastings; Patricia Bourke; Jim 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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