

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 2nd February 2025 ~ Candlemas

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Creator God, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: We pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament: Malachi 3: 1-5

I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple, the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come, says the Lord Almighty. But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the Lord will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness, and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the Lord as in days gone by, as in former years. So, I will come to put you on trial. I will be quick to testify against sorcerers, adulterers and perjurers, against those who defraud labourers of their wages, who oppress the widows and the fatherless, and deprive the foreigners among you of justice, but do not fear me, says the Lord Almighty.

Psalm 24 1-10 (BCP p. 616)

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it ♦ the compass of the world and all who dwell there in.

For he has founded it up on the seas ♦ and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

Who shall ascend the hill of the lord ♦ or who can rise up in his body place?

Those who have clean hands and a pure heart ♦ who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
nor sworn an oath to a lie.

They shall receive a blessing from the lord ♦ a just reward from the god of their salvation.

Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦ of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates, be lifted up, you everlasting doors, ♦ and the King of glory shall come in.

Who is the King of glory? ♦ The Lord of hosts he is the King of glory.

Epistle Reading: Hebrews 2:14-18

Since the children have flesh and blood he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death – that is, the devil and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them fully human in everyway, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40

When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, ('Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord'), and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the

Lord: 'a pair of doves or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Messiah. Moved by the Spirit, he went into the temple courts. When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: 'Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel'. The child's father and mother marvelled at what was said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to Mary, his mother: 'This child is destined to cause the falling and rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be spoken against, so that the thoughts of many hearts will be revealed. And a sword will pierce your own soul too.' There was also a prophet, Anna, the daughter of Penuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him.

Post Communion Prayer: Generous Lord, in word and eucharist we have proclaimed the mystery of your love. Help us so to live out our days that we may be signs of your wonders in the world; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	88	202	691	203
The Cathedral	52	544	191	634

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SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 2 nd Presentation		No service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 3 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 4 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

	1.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 5 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 6 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 8 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 9 th IV before Lent	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

(Where attachments are mentioned, hard copies are available through the parish office upon request)

Sympathy: We extend our condolences to Henry, Sylvia and the Musgrave family on the death of Henry's mother, Gertie. We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Friends of the Cathedral: All Friends are invited to a Tea & Coffee morning on 13th February after service.

Free lunchtime concert in the Cathedral: A Lunchtime Concert will be held on Tuesday 4th February with Emma English (soprano) and Sarah-Ellen Murphy (mezzosoprano) with Irina Dernova (piano). The next lunchtime concert will be held on Tuesday 25th February Alona Kliuchka (cello) and Irina Dernova (piano).

The Evergreens: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 25th February.

Whist Drives:

Villiers Square - Saturday 22nd February @ 7.15pm sharp.

St Michael's Church Hall - February drive Sat 8th February @ 7.30pm.

Robes Keeper: The Dean and Organist are looking for someone who would be interested in helping look after the choir robes in the Cathedral. More information from the Dean.

Batteries for Barretstown: Now that Christmas is over, we are sure there are plenty of spent batteries around from Christmas tree lights, toys, etc., etc, - please remember the people in Barretstown will be very grateful to have all these dud batteries collected and deposited in the battery recycling tubes at the back of all the churches. Remember by recycling the batteries here, you are helping on two fronts (1) contributing to the Limerick City Parish environmental project and (2) helping raise money for Barretstown. Thanking you in participation for your support.

Healer Prayer Group: The next gathering will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 13th February in St Mark's Chapel (Cathedral). For more information, please contact the Dean.

Sunday Club: If any post primary children would be willing to help out with children's activities, please speak with the Dean. Sunday Club meets during the 11.15am Service in the Cathedral on the First and

Third Sundays of the month with vacation breaks. Normally on the First Sunday of the month it takes the form of Godly Play. It is open to primary school going children. Preschoolers are welcome if accompanied by a carer and the assistance of post primary schoolers would be greatly appreciated.

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Church in Wales: Diocese of Bangor & Church of Ireland: Diocese of Dublin and Glendalough. *Anglican:* The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

Remembrance Book: Patrick Clayton, Gerry Duffy, Rosslyn Faull, Bill Topham, Martin Bezuidenhout, William Millar, Trevor Morrow, John Carey, John McConkey, Ernest Lyons, Samuel (Frank) Shier, Jim Manning and Joe McEvoy.

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Jerry Murphy, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, Kathleen Leddin, John Sparling, Pat & Mary O' Donnell, Patricia Bourke, David, Elayne and Hilary Noonan, Hazel, Mac, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Pashcal, Shelia, Simon and Karine Egan and Alannah.

NOTE: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email it to limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com. Under GDPR please ensure you have the consent of the named person(s). 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.

ROTAS

	2 nd Feb	9 th Feb	16 th Feb	23 rd Feb
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	<i>Richard/Sheila Allen</i>	<i>Shelia Cusack</i>	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth O'Connell</i>
Cathedral	<i>Lillian Okechukwu</i>	<i>Alyson McHugh</i>	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>	<i>Karen Willson</i>
READERS				
St Michael's	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>	<i>Keith Morrow</i>	<i>Bernard Amaeze</i>	<i>Annabelle Griffin</i>
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