



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 19th January 2025 ~ Epiphany II

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament: Isaiah 62: 1-5

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

Psalm 36: 5-10 (BCP p.631)

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens ♦ and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; ♦
you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God! ♦ All mortal flesh shall take refuge
under the shadow of your wings.

They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; ♦ they shall drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the well of life ♦ and in your light shall we see light.

O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you ♦ and your righteousness to those who
are true of heart.

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 12: 1-11

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Gospel: John 2:1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Post Communion Prayer God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	638	445	197	96
The Cathedral	197 (omit v4)	438	125	

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie within the following 90 days. After that time recordings will be destroyed; however, exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral requires it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on www.churchservices.tv and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie other Cathedral communication channels. If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office. If you do not wish to appear in the recording, please advise Churchwardens who will guide you to an area which will not be filmed and will make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion there. *NRSV (Anglicized Edition), copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America; Material in this service reproduced from BCP under licence © RCB 2004; One License Number: A738650; Use QR code to donate to Saint Mary's online.*



SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 19 th <i>Epiphany II</i>	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
	7.00pm	Epiphany Carol Service	The Cathedral
Monday 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	1.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 23 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

Saturday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 26 th <i>Epiphany III</i>	10.00	Moring prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Moring Prayer	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

Sympathy: We extend our deepest sympathy to Sheelagh & Keith Morrow and their family on the death of Sheelagh's aunt, Sally Willoughby. We hold them in our thoughts & prayers at this time.

Free lunchtime concert in the Cathedral: Tuesday 21st January John O'Shea (guitar) and Peter Barley (piano)-*Concierto de Aranjuez – Rodrigo*.

The next Lunchtime Concert will be held on Tuesday 4th February with Emma English (soprano) and Sarah-Ellen Murphy (mezzosoprano).

Cassettes: The shop has some cassette recordings of the choir. Anyone interested in obtaining a copy may do so by contacting the Cathedral shop. A small donation would be appreciated.

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.

Readers & Intercessors: Anyone interested in reading or leading prayers in church, please speak with 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.

Whist Drives:

Villiers Square - Saturday 18th January @ 7.15pm sharp

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

An Abhainn: The winter edition has now been published, with thanks to the Editor (Jeanne). You may request an electronic version or hard copy by contacting the Cathedral office (see contact details below)

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.

Notice of the annual revision of the register of vestry members: Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the select vestry of this parish has been arranged for Thursday the 30th day of January, 2025, to revise the register of vestry members, by adding the names of any qualified persons, and removing the names of those no longer qualified, since the last revision of the register.

Parking Bollard: As many readers will be aware this has recently been installed in the Cathedral grounds. It will be in action shortly.

Choir Supervision: The Dean and Organist are looking for volunteers to help with supervision (a panel of adults that can be present in the room to adhere to Safeguarding guidelines) of the Junior Choir. Enquires to either individuals.

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: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Tampere, Bishop Matti Repo. Church of England: Diocese of Manchester, Bishop David Walker, Bishop Matthew Porter, Bishop Mark Davies. Anglican: The Church in the Province of the West Indies.*

Remembrance Book: James McCormack, Baby Tom Stokes, Dorothy Boyle, Margaret Lennox, Camilla Mitchell, Henry Bingham, Peter Keane, Tom Ryan, Agnes O'Callaghan, Rev. Martha Gray-Stack, Margaret Hayes, Maureen Bramwell, Peggy Martin, Baby Sophie Moore, Pa Fitzgerald, Gilbert Smith, Mary O'Connor.

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 and Karine Egan. *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

	19 th Jan.	26 th Jan.	2 nd Feb.	9 th Feb
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	<i>Justin & Edel O'Connor</i>	<i>Gillian Cheatley</i>	<i>Richard/Sheila Allen</i>	<i>Shelia Cusack</i>
Cathedral	<i>Keith O'Neill</i>	<i>Brian Sheppard</i>	<i>Lillian Okechukwu</i>	<i>Alyson McHugh</i>
READERS				
St Michael's	<i>Daire McNamara</i>	<i>Sheelagh Morrow</i>	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>	<i>Keith Morrow</i>
Cathedral	<i>John St George</i>	<i>Heather Peirce</i>	<i>Frank Sheahan</i>	<i>Lindsay Boyle</i>

CONTACT DETAILS

The Very Rev'd Niall J.W. Sloane (Dean): The Deanery, 7 Kilbane, Castletroy

Email: dean@limerick.anglican.org; Tel: 061-338697. Day off: Friday

Clergy Emergency Number: Tel: 087-3524046. (Strictly Emergency Calls Only).

The Parish Office: Saint Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street, Limerick, V94 E068.

Email: cathedral@limerick.anglican.org; Tel: 061-310293. www.lcp.limerick.anglican.org

Limerick City Parish ~ Weekly Newsletter – Deadline for notices 12 noon every Wednesday.

To be added to the email circulation list: please email limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com