



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: Give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise; that, among the many changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Old Testament: Jeremiah 17: 5-10

Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. They shall be like a tree planted by water sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse—who can understand it? I the Lord test the mind and search the heart to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

#### Psalm 1 (BCP p.594)

Blessed are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, ♦ nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.

Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦ and they meditate on his law day and night.

Like a tree planted by streams of water bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦ whatever they do, it shall prosper.

As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦ they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦ nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦ but the way of the wicked shall perish.

#### Epistle Reading I Corinthians 15: 12-20

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

## Gospel: Luke 6: 17-26

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Merciful Father, you gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger. Draw us to our Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

HYMNS				
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	56	649	667	281
<b>The Cathedral</b>	630	10	324	

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## SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> 3 before Lent	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Moring Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2 before Lent	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

### THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Sunday Club:** The club meets this Sunday in the Cathedral from 11.15am. All children are welcome to attend.

**Childrens & Families Ministry:** The Spring Newsletter came out this week. View it as an online magazine by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/CFMSpring25> or you can download the PDF here: <https://cfm.ireland.anglican.org/spring-2025-newsletter/>

**Lovebirds Concert** on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February with Eve Stafford. See brochure attached for details.

**Free lunchtime concert in the Cathedral:** A lunchtime concert will be held on Tuesday 25th February Alona Kliuchka (cello) and Irina Dernova (piano)  
The next Lunchtime Concert will be held on Wednesday 5th March, Colette Delahunt (soprano) and John Doyle (tenor) with Irina Dernova (piano).

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

**World Day of Prayer:** "I Made You Wonderful" is the theme of this year's service which has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. There will be a service in Villiers Square on Thursday 6th March at 11.00am and in Christchurch, O'Connell Street on Friday 7th at 7.30pm. Each service will be followed by light refreshments. All are Welcome so please come along to one of the services.

**Wanted:** The Dean is looking for a sponsor/donor for a Bookcase and Music stand for the Cathedral. Please speak to him for further information.

**Sunday Club:** If any post primary children would be willing to help 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. Pre-schoolers are welcome if accompanied by a carer and the assistance of post primary schoolers would be greatly appreciated.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7.15pm

St Michael's Church Hall - Saturday 8th March @ 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)

**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.

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**Cycles of prayer:** *Porvoo:* Church of Ireland: United diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe; Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Roskilde. *Anglican:* The Church of Bangladesh.

**Remembrance Book:** Billy Macken, Frank Prendergast and Denis O'Malley.

**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](mailto: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

	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Karen Wilson &amp; Evelyn Sloane</i>	<i>Cathedral</i>	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>	<i>Liz Lynam</i>
<b>READERS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Bernard Amaeze</i>	<i>Annabelle Griffin</i>	<i>Stephen Fairbrother</i>	<i>Tracey Lyttle</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Noreen Ellerker</i>	<i>David Thompson</i>	<i>Paul Cabel</i>	<i>Tamasin Plowman</i>

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