



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 2nd March 2025 ~ The Sunday before Lent

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament: Exodus 34: 29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm 99 (BCP p.705)

The Lord is king: let the people's tremble; ♦ he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion ♦ and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; ♦ the Lord our God is holy.

Mighty king, who loves justice, you have established equity; ♦ you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Exalt the Lord our God; ♦ bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.

Moses and Aaron among his priests and Samuel among those who call upon his name; ♦ they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ♦ they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God; ♦ you were a God who forgave them and pardoned them for their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill, ♦ for the Lord our God is holy.

Epistle Reading: 2 Corinthians 3: 12 - 4: 2

Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah'—not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Post Communion Prayer: Holy God we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	325	205	331	496
The Cathedral	52	316	205	

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SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 2 nd <i>Sunday before Lent</i>		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	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
Wednesday 5 th <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	07.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	19.00	Service for Beginning of Lent	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 <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	16.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral

THISWEEK'S NOTICES

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

Today: Godly Play meets in the Cathedral Office from 11.15am – all children are very welcome to attend.

Lent: Wednesday begins the solemn season of Lent. Details of services to be held that day are outlined above.

Choral Evensong with a celebration of bell ringing: On Sunday 9th March at 4pm a special service will be held in the cathedral to give thanks for the gift of bells in our cathedral. During the service recent works to the tower will be dedicated and all are invited to afternoon tea afterwards.

Parish Table Quiz: Advance notice that this is planned for Friday 28th March in Saint Michael's Hall – more details to follow.

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

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/>

Free lunchtime concert in the Cathedral: A Lunchtime Concert will be held on Wednesday 5th March at 1.15pm, Colette Delahunt (soprano) and John Doyle (tenor) with Irina Dernova (piano).

The next Lunchtime Concert will be on Tuesday 11th March at 1.15pm with Lorraine Galvin (soprano) and Irina Dernova (piano).

The Church's Ministry of Healing Ireland: Is delighted to announce that Dr Jessica Brown, is facilitating its online Lenten course, "Invitation into Wholeness". This will be held on Zoom at 7.30pm on March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, and April 9th. These are gentle, reflective and nourishing sessions exploring the concept of wholeness in new ways: Week 1: Brokenness and Newness; Week 2: Trees, Stone, Seas; Week 3: Sounding out the Heart and Trusting our Voice; Week 4: Joy & Sorrow on the Same Page. Our facilitators are Dr Jessica Brown and Ms Lydia Monds. Jessica is a second-year ordinand in the Church of Ireland, who also works in the creative writing field as a poet, novelist, singer-songwriter, teacher, mentor, and narrative practitioner. Go to our website, www.ministryofhealing.ie, for the Eventbrite link to book a place or email lydia@ministryofhealing.ie if you have any problems with Eventbrite

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.

Cathedral Flowers: The flower rota is being updated. If you wish to have your name added or removed to the list of arrangers; or would like to 'sponsor a Sunday'/donate flowers. please contact the Cathedral office on 310293 or speak to the flower co-ordinator, Adrienne Baron.

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.

Whist Drives:

Villiers Square - Saturday 22nd March @ 7.15pm

St Michael's Church Hall - Saturday 8th March @ 7.30pm

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.

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 individual.

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Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo* Church of England: Diocese of Canterbury & Church of Ireland: Diocese of Down and Dromore. *Anglican:* The Anglican Church of Burundi.

Remembrance Book: Marjorie Stokes, Aubrey Jackson, Henrietta Blennerhasset, Patricia Donnellan, Edward Harris and Denis Bugler.

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Jerry Murphy, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, Kathleen Leddin, John Sparling, Patricia Bourke, David, Elayne and Hilary Noonan, Hazel, Mac, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Pashcal, Karine Egan and Jason Cooke. *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 March	9 th March	16 th March	23 rd March
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	<i>Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin</i>	<i>Susi Eckhardt</i>	<i>Keith & Sheelagh Morrow</i>	<i>John & Kayt Shier</i>
Cathedral	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>	<i>Liz Lynam</i>	<i>Keith O'Neill</i>	<i>Brian Sheppard</i>
READERS				
St Michael's	<i>Stephen Fairbrother</i>	<i>Tracey Lyttle</i>	<i>Richard Allen</i>	<i>Margaret Schutz</i>
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