



Limerick City Parish WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 1st December 2024 ~ Advent Sunday

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 33: 14-16

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Psalm 25 1-9 (BCP p.617)

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; ♦ let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame, ♦ but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ♦ and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦ for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦ for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, ♦ but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦ therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right ♦ and teach his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth ♦ to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

New Testament/Gospel Reading: Luke 21: 25-36

'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.' Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with

dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Post-Communion Prayer: God our deliverer, awaken our hearts to prepare the way for the advent of your Son, that, with minds purified by the grace of his coming, we may serve you faithfully all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns							
Saint Michael's	135	324	121	128	126	468	132
The Cathedral	126	509	132	129			

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 1 st Dec. <i>Advent 1</i>		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	7pm	Advent Procession	The Cathedral
Monday 2 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 3 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 4 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 5 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 6 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 8 th Dec. <i>Advent 2</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Gift Service	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

THISWEEK'S NOTICES

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

Congratulations:

- To Sylvia Cowpar on the recent birth of her great grandson
- To Naomi and Kian Guihen on the recent birth of their son
- To Paul Clayton on his marriage to Christina

Every blessing to all of them on these happy occasions

Sympathy: To Dr Tom Peirce and his family on the recent death of his niece. We hold him and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

Abington Concert: The Slieve Felim Choir are holding their annual Pre Christmas concert in Abington church on this Sunday Dec. 1st at 3pm. €10 admission at the door. Proceeds to a local Leukaemia bone marrow treatment fund.

Villiers Christmas Fair: Friday 6th December, 1pm to 4pm. Please see attached flyer for more information.

Childrens' Gift Service: This will be held in Saint Michael's on Sunday 8th December at 10am. You (adults and children) are invited to bring a wrapped gift for child (with note on front of gender and age appropriateness) to place under the Christmas Tree. All gifts collected will be donated to a local children's charity. Thank you.

Cathedral Shop: There will be a Christmas Table in the Consistorial Area on Sunday 8th December with gifts suitable for Christmas. Come and look.

Raffle for St Michaels: St Michael's Church is running some fundraisers to assist in ongoing operating costs. The first is a Preserves/Bake Sale which will be held at the Villiers School Craft Fair on Friday 6th of December and the second is a Raffle for a hamper. In this regard we are asking for donations of items suitable for a Christmas hamper e.g. wine, biscuits, chocolates, crackers, pringles, jam, napkins etc. Hamper items can be put in the basket in the church hall till Sunday 1st of December.

Healer Prayer Group: The next gathering will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 5th December in St Mark's Chapel (Cathedral). For more information please contact the Dean.

2025 Bible Reading Notes: The Irish supplier of the BRF notes would like to have our order for 2025. Unfortunately, there will be an increase in the cost of the magazine to €19.50 per year plus postage of €2.50. Could regular readers please let me know if you don't want to continue taking the notes. Orders from new readers are most welcome. Please contact me on 087 2200216. *Margaret Schutz.*

Batteries for Barretstown: Recycling tubes for your used batteries can be found in each of the three churches.

Christmas Whist Drives: St Michael's Church Hall - Saturday 7th December @ 7.30pm.
Villiers Square - Saturday 14th December @ 7.15pm sharp. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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 not be in action until the New Year. More details attached.

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: *Diocese:* A new liturgical year dawns ... we pray for grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light. We pray for those who find these weeks difficult and 'blue' ... the lonely, the cold, the homeless, those who dread Christmas because of its apparently inevitable economic demands. *Porvoo:* Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of St Andrews, Dunkeld and Dunblane. Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Porvoo. *Anglican:* Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan.

Remembrance Book: Linda O'Donoghue, Patsy, Alice Hanley, Edward McCorkey, Jonathan White, James Howes, Stuart Gray, Olive Casey, Robert Evans and Carol Cable.

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, Pascal 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

	1 st Dec.	8 th Dec	15 th Dec	22 nd Dec	29 th Dec
REFRESHMENTS					
St Michael's	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Daire McNamara	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Gillian Cheatley	Richard & Sheila Allen
Cathedral	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson	Cathedral
READERS					
St Michael's	SV Readers	Margaret Brickenden	Annabelle Griffen	Stephen Fairbrother	Oliver Deegan
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