

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 3rd November 2024 ~ Trinity XXIII (Proper 26)*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: Grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that the Lord your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children may fear the Lord your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the Lord, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

#### Psalm 119 (BCP p.731)

Blessed are those whose way is pure, ♦ who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his testimonies ♦ and seek him with their whole heart,

Those who do no wickedness, ♦ but walk in his ways.

You, O Lord, have charged ♦ that we should diligently keep your commandments.

O that my ways were made so direct ♦ that I might keep your statutes.

Then should I not be put to shame, ♦ because I have regard for all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, ♦ when I have learned your righteous judgements.

I will keep your statutes; ♦ O forsake me not utterly.

#### Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9: 11-14

But when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

#### New Testament/Gospel Reading: Mark 12: 28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself",—this is much more important than all whole burnt-

offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect. As in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns				
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	485	9	349	528
<b>The Cathedral</b>	459	683	537	

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### Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov. <i>Trinity XXIII</i> <i>(Proper 26)</i>		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Parade Service	The Cathedral
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	Committee Meeting	St Michael's
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent <i>(Proper 27)</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	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)*

**Sympathy:** We extend our deepest sympathies to Ian & Meghan Mulvey and their family on the death of Ian's father, John. We hold them all in our prayers.

**St Michael's Committee meeting:** Will meet in the Church on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov. at 8pm. All welcome.

**Bishops Appeal:** The Church of Ireland has launched a fresh appeal to help to provide humanitarian aid for people in need across the Middle East. Full details attached. In addition to the donation methods outlined, donations to the appeal may be given in through the church plate in a dedicated envelope marked 'BA'.

**All Saints:** November has traditionally been a time when, as the Church's year draws to its conclusion, our thoughts and liturgies turn to Remembrance. November 1st is observed as All Saints' Day, and November 2nd as All Souls' Day. All Saints'-tide provides an opportunity for us, as a parish and as individuals, to remember before God, all those whom we know and love, and who are now in God's nearer presence. It will be an opportunity both to express our thanks for their lives, and our sadness and loss at their departing. During services this Sunday there will be a commemoration where we have a space to remember, individually by name, those who were loved by us. All those from our parish who have died in the past year will be commemorated, and all are invited to list other names they would like to be added to the list through the sheets at the church entrances.

**The Evergreens:** had an interesting afternoon with Drs Helene Bradley Davies & Ursula Callaghan of the Mary Immaculate College Oral History Centre. These two researchers are collecting oral history reminiscences of Limerick people and would love to have further material for their next collection. A project on memories of shops and shopping in Limerick City started in May 2018 - coordinated by Dr Bradley-Davies and Dr Cronin who were joined by Dr Ursula Callaghan and supported by Limerick City and County Council. All three researchers are now working on a follow-up to that publication and are interested in hearing from anyone who would like to share their memories. Ursula Callaghan can be contacted through her e-mail address which is: [urscal@gmail.com](mailto:urscal@gmail.com) or on her mobile phone the number of which is: 086 342087.

The Evergreens will have a Winter Lunch at Aubergine, Croom, Co. Limerick on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024. If you would like to join us, please contact a member of the committee: Noreen Allen, Helena Burrowes, Sheila Cusack, Mary Howes, Tony O'Connell or Ros Stevenson. Further details will be given in future newsletters. All are welcome whether or not you have attended an afternoon before.

**Murroe-Boher Historical Society:** Our next talk is on Thursday, 31 October 2024 at 8 p.m. sharp in the Fitzgerald Room, Muintir na Tíre Hall, Murroe. We are pleased to host Mr Alf Monaghan who will speak to us on "Finding the Divine in Nature: Legacy of Our Past/Challenge for Our Future." Admission €5 to non-members including refreshments. All welcome.

**Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral:** Students on the MA in Classical String Performance (UL), Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November at 1.15pm.

**St Michael's Whist Drives** Venue: St Michael's Church Hall. Time: 7.30pm. Admission: €8. Meetings on 9<sup>th</sup> November; 7<sup>th</sup> December; 4<sup>th</sup> January; 8<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> March. Looking forward to seeing you all.

**Whist Drives in Villiers Square:** All Saturdays, 23<sup>rd</sup> November; 14<sup>th</sup> December; 18<sup>th</sup> January; 22<sup>nd</sup> February; 22<sup>nd</sup> March. All Whist Drive start at 19:15 hours sharp! Any queries please contact Hilary Park on 0868430024.

**Healer Prayer Group:** The next gathering will be at 2.30pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November in St Mark's Chapel (Cathedral). A renewed call of interest for those who might be interested in being a part of this group. Please let the Dean know.

**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.

**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 in the coming weeks.

**Stamps:** What great collectors of stamps you are! I am intrigued by the sheer volume I have received recently. Thank you very much for continuing to collect. With my bundles of stamps I am always very well received in Barnardos in Dublin! Thank you to the Cathedral for taking them in and please do keep collecting! *Claire Jackson*

**Diocesan Conference:** The Diocesan Council is delighted to announce a one day conference, “Community Futures,” which will be held on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November, in the Lady Gregory Hotel, Gort, 10am-4pm. It is aimed specifically at the 25-50 age group. Topics discussed will include: ethical agriculture, welcome/sanctuary, a shared island, mental health and loneliness, the housing crisis, and inclusion and funding in the arts. All welcome! And please encourage anyone you know who would enjoy the day to put the date in their diary!

**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:* We give thanks in these days for the whole church, seen and unseen, for those who have been saints for us and pointed us along the Way of Christ. We remember those whom we love but see no longer, whose voices still seem to sound in our ears, whose examples we cherish. We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and heroes of every age, thinking especially of those whose sanctity has been displayed in the context of great courage and cost. We pray too for Valerie Raitt, now inaugurating her Pioneer Ministry among us as our coordinator and mentor in the area of spiritual tourism and pilgrimage. *Porvoo:* Church of England, Diocese of Winchester Church of Norway, Diocese of Agder and Telemark. *Anglican:* Church of the Province of SE Asia

**Remembrance Book:** Eileen Nelson, Emily Groves, Jack Hennessy, Gerry Browne, Lennon Howes, Patricia Deegan, Gladys Blackledge, Phyllis Gale, Fredrick Pragnell, Annie Maria Battle, John Nix, Mary Copley, Frank Penny and Rahema Nabiwemba.

**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 and Hazel. *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

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov.	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>					
<b>St Michael’s</b>	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack	Tony O’Connell	Ruth Lillie O’Connell	Justin & Edel O’Connor
<b>Cathedral</b>	Jemimah Egbulam	Liz Lynam	Keith O’Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu
<b>READERS</b>					
<b>St Michael’s</b>	John Shier	Tracey Little	Jeff McNamara	Lucy Kavanagh	SV Readers
<b>Cathedral</b>	Parade Service Readers	Heather Peirce	Noreen Ellerker	Frank Sheahan	Lindsay Boyle

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