



Limerick City Parish WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 8th December 2024 ~ Advent Sunday 2

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: Give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

Canticle: Benedictus (BCP p121)

Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who has come to his people and set them free. The Lord has raised up for us a mighty saviour, born of the house of his servant David. Through the holy prophets God promised of old to save us from our enemies, from the hands of those who hate us, to show mercy to our forebears, and to remember his holy covenant. This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies. Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous before him all the days of our life. And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us. To shine on those who dwell in the darkness and the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:3-11

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

New Testament/Gospel Reading: Luke 3: 1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, 'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."'

Post-Communion Prayer: Lord, here you have nourished us with the food of life. Through our sharing in this holy sacrament teach us to judge wisely earthly things and to yearn for things heavenly. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns					
Saint Michael's	134	136	79	152	138
The Cathedral	136	126	140	119	

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 8th Dec. Advent 2	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Gift Service	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
Monday 9th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 10th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 11th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 12th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 13th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 14th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	17.30	Come and Sing Carols	The Cathedral
Sunday 15th Dec. Advent 3	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

THISWEEK'S NOTICES

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

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.

Help! We are looking for some missing items belonging to St Michaels'

- The Travelling Posada Nativity Set
- A medium sized teapot from the kitchen
- About a dozen mugs from the kitchen

No reward available, but information on whereabouts would be appreciated!!

The Evergreens had a very enjoyable outing to Croom on Tuesday last. The venue for the Winter lunch was Aubergine, Croom and the food was delicious, varied and promptly served. Thank you to Noreen Allen & her committee for arranging the venue and for organising lifts there. Our next meeting will be on fourth Tuesday in January, 2025.

Mothers' Union AGM & Planning meeting: We will be holding our AGM and Forward Planning meeting on Tuesday 10th December in St Michael's Church Hall at 3pm. This will be followed by a cup of tea and goodies. If you would like a lift please let Lucy know on 087 2078850.

Mothers' Union Hamper Appeal: It's that time of year again when we are asking for donations for our Christmas Hampers for Thomond House, Women's Refuge, Adapt House, Women's Refuge and Br. Russell House for Men. We are asking for non perishable food items, toiletries, biscuits, sweets etc. We also give items of **NEW CLOTHING** to the men's hostel, i.e. socks, tracksuit bottoms or underwear if you have any that are not needed. We are blown away with the generosity of everyone in the parish so "thank you" in advance! There will be a basket at the back of St. Michael's and St. Mary's or ring Lucy, 087 2078850 and I can collect from you. Many thanks!

Christmas Whist Drives: Please note St Michael's Whist Drive is changing to Monday 9th of December at 7.30pm in the Church Hall - Super table and Raffle prizes

Villiers Square - Saturday 14th December @ 7.15pm sharp

Your support would be greatly appreciated.

The St Michael's Christmas Raffle: for the lovely hampers takes place in St Michael's Church on Sunday 22nd December after the service. Lines are still available to buy up to and including 15th December. Thank you again to everyone for their generosity and support.

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

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: *Porvoo:* Church of England: Diocese of Chester. Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Kuopio. *Anglican:* Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.

Remembrance Book: Adelaide Sirr, Jack Shorten, Muriel Williams, William Carey, Peggy Stockil, Tommy Hayes, Jimmy Keays, Gladys Blackledge, Margaret McDonnell, Gloris Bezuidenhout, Archie Brown, May McKic, Odile Knight and Fritz Echardt.

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

	8 th Dec	15 th Dec	22 nd Dec	29 th Dec	5 th Jan
REFRESHMENTS					
St Michael's	Susi Eckhardt	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	
Cathedral	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Cathedral	Jemimah Egbulam
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