

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 ~ IV before Lent*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### Old Testament: Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

#### Psalm 138 (BCP p. 753)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ♦ before the gods will I sing praise to you.

I will bow down towards your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness; ♦ for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

In the day that I called to you, you answered me; ♦ you put new strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, ♦ or they have heard the words of your mouth.

They shall sing of the ways of the Lord, ♦ that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he watches over the lowly; ♦ as for the proud, he regards them from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you will preserve me; ♦ you will stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand will save me.

The Lord shall make good his purpose for me; ♦ your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever; forsake not the work of your hands.

#### Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 15: 1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God, I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

## Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, 'Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.' Simon answered, 'Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.' When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So, they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

**Post Communion Prayer:** God of tender care, in this eucharist we celebrate your love for us and for all people. May we show your love in our lives and know its fulfilment in your presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

<b>HYMNS</b>				
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	316	358	419	257
<b>The Cathedral</b>	336	584	86	

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## SERVICES & EVENTS

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> <i>IV before Lent</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	15.00	Mothers' Union	St Michael's
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	11.00	Friends Coffee Morning	The Cathedral
	14.00	Healer Prayer Group	The Cathedral
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> <i>III before Lent</i>	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Priorities Sunday:** This Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> February is Priorities Sunday. Donations are made during Spring each year – it is a good time because it reflects a church with a mission and a family who shares. When this Fund was set up in 1980 it became an immediate success. The aim and purpose is to raise money throughout the Church of Ireland for use as seed capital for innovative projects within the Church of Ireland. Our parish target is around €1300 each year. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to Jill Storey and her family on the death of her aunt. We hold her and the family in our thoughts and prayers.

**Congratulations:** to Roland & Lindsay Boyle who celebrated the diamond jubilee of their wedding during the week.

**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.

**Mothers' Union:** Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February in St. Michael's Church Hall at 3pm when we will have a demo of Chair Yoga with Karina, followed by a cup of tea and goodies. All are very welcome and if anyone would like a lift please contact Lucy on 087 2078850.

**Friends of the Cathedral:** All Friends are invited to a Tea & Coffee morning on 13<sup>th</sup> February after service.

**Free lunchtime concert in the Cathedral:** A lunchtime concert will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February Alona Kliuchka (cello) and Irina Dernova (piano).

The next Lunchtime Concert will be held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Colette Delahunt (soprano) and John Doyle (tenor) with Irina Dernova (piano).

**The Evergreens:** The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Whist Drives:**

St Michael's Church Hall - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February @ 7.30pm.

Villiers Square - Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February @ 7.15pm sharp.

**Robes Keeper:** The Dean and Organist are looking for someone who would be interested in helping look after the choir robes in the Cathedral. More information from the Dean.

**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.

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

**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. 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 Worcester & Church of Norway: Diocese of Hamar. *Anglican:* The Anglican Church of Australia.

**Remembrance Book:** Alice McKee, Geraldine Lynch, Alfred Sparling, William Copley, David Mc Elderry, Nance Mc Lindon, Maureen Hayes and Joe Crowley.

**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, Shelia, Simon and Karine Egan and Alannah.

*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

	9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Shelia Cusack</i>	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth O'Connell</i>	<i>tbc</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Alyson McHugh</i>	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>	<i>Karen Wilson &amp; Evelyn Sloane</i>	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>
<b>READERS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Keith Morrow</i>	<i>Bernard Amaeze</i>	<i>Annabelle Griffin</i>	<i>Stephen Fairbrother</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Lindsay Boyle</i>	<i>Noreen Ellerker</i>	<i>David Thompson</i>	<i>Paul Cabel</i>

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