

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 ~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent (Proper 27)*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### Old Testament Reading: 1 Kings 17: 8-16

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, 'As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.' Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.' She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

### Psalm 146 (BCP p.761)

Alleluia. Praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live will I praise the Lord; ♦ as long as I have any being, I will sing praises to my God.

Put not your trust in princes, nor in any human power; ♦ for there is no help in them.

When their breath goes forth, they return to the earth; ♦ on that day all their thoughts perish.

Happy are those who have the God of Jacob for their help, ♦ whose hope is in the Lord their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them; ♦ who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those that suffer wrong ♦ and bread to those who hunger:

The Lord looses those that are bound; ♦ the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; ♦ the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord watches over the stranger in the land; he upholds the orphan and widow; ♦ but the way of the wicked he turns upside down.

The Lord shall reign for ever, ♦ your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Alleluia.

### Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that

the judgement, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

### New Testament/Gospel Reading: Mark 12: 38-44

As he taught, he said, 'Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.' He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.'

**Post-Communion Prayer:** God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Hymns				
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	502	537	507	527
<b>The Cathedral</b>	529	469(i)	539	

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### Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Advent (Proper 27)	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent (Proper 28)	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Communion	The Cathedral
	16.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Baptism:** We welcome in Holy Baptism Aiden Jamieson, son of Shawn and Carrie who will be baptised in the Cathedral this morning.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> December in St Mark's Chapel (Cathedral). For more information please contact the Dean.

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

**Mothers' Union Remembrance Tea Party:** Our annual Tea Party will be held on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Jess Griffin will be bringing her Christmas cards, diaries and calendars to sell. We are looking forward to an afternoon full of chat and good company. Please feel free to bring a friend, and past members are very welcome to join us for a catch up. If anyone would like a lift please let me know on 087 2078850. *Lucy Kavanagh*

**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'.

**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.

**The Evergreens:** 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.

**Whist Drives:** St Michael's Church Hall - Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December @ 7.30pm sharp.  
Villiers Square - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November @ at 7:15pm hours sharp.

**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 pray earnestly today that wars throughout the world might cease, as we recall their cost and their pain in past generations. And so, as best we can, we find words to pray for Ukraine, Russia, Gaza, Israel ...longing for peace, freedom and justice where they are so desperately needed. We think of the peace - keeping work of the UN, and especially the contribution of our own Defence Forces. We remember too the Diocesan Conference planned by the Council for Mission next Saturday in Gort, concerned especially with issues in discipleship and Christian citizenship for young adults today, as they often face personal challenges such as loneliness and the implications of the crisis in housing. *Porvoo:* Church of England: Diocese of Norwich & Church of Sweden: Diocese of Luleå. *Anglican:* The Church of South India (United)

**Remembrance Book:** Louise Baker, Shane Geoghegan, Allan Williamson, Jim O' Mara, Rev. George Chambers, Violet Shier, Paddy Egan, Collette Pratt, Kathleen Lynch, Donald Pollard, Alec Brislane, Marie Fitzgerald, Eleanor Cleary, Ven. Malcolm Shannon, William Gimble, Nora Gray and Martin Clancy.

**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](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

	10 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>					
<b>St Michael's</b>	Sheila Cusack	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Daire McNamara
<b>Cathedral</b>	Liz Lynam	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh
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<b>St Michael's</b>	Tracey Lyttle	Jeff McNamara	Lucy Kavanagh	SV Readers	Margaret Brickenden
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