



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025 ~ The Baptism of our Lord*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us, who are born of water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Old Testament: Isaiah 43: 1-7

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth— everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

#### Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦ ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦ worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; ♦ the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦ the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦ the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦ and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦ the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; ♦ in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦ the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦ the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

#### Epistle Reading: Acts 8: 14-17

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

#### Gospel: Luke 3: 15-17, 21-22

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.' Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized

and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God, we seek your mercy: that by listening faithfully to your only Son, and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit, we may be your children in name and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

HYMNS				
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	295	645	421	481
<b>The Cathedral</b>	204	136	197	

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### SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Baptism of Jesus</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	8pm	Committee Meeting	St Michael's
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Epiphany II</i>	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Eucharist with Christingles	The Cathedral
	19.00	Epiphany Carol Service	The Cathedral

### THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Sympathy:** We extend our condolences to

- The family and friends of Leslie Atwater (nee Brislane) of Arvada, CO (in the USA), who died on 13th December 2024.
- David, Stephen and Valerie and the death of their father the Rev'd Arthur Nash (Canada) who grew up in Trinity Rectory and was ordained in the Cathedral.

We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

**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.

**Readers & Intercessors:** Anyone interested in reading or leading prayers in church, please speak with the Dean.

**St Michael's Church Fundraiser Sale and Raffle:** This sale via Villiers School Craft Fair and subsequent sales in St Michael's and St Mary's along with the Christmas Raffle brought in a total of €2,280 (Sale €1,480 and Raffle €800). We are extremely happy with this outcome and we very much appreciate all those who supported via their purchase - thank you. None of this would have been possible without the very generous donations of items for the raffle hampers and also especially to all those who donated and made all the various jams, chutneys and homebakes. Without these people the sale would not have been possible - you know who you are and it is very much appreciated. The winners of the Raffle were:- Wilf Eckhardt, Stephen Fairbrother, Jennifer Sheahan, Ger Naughton, Tony O'Connell, Richard Blennerhassett, Dermot Glynn and Richard Allen.

**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.

**Whist Drives:**

Villiers Square - Saturday 25th January @ 7.15pm sharp

St Michael's Church Hall - February drive Sat 8th February @ 7.30pm.

**An Abhainn:** The winter edition has now been published, with thanks to the Editor (Jeanne). You may request an electronic version or hard copy by contacting the Cathedral office (see contact details below)

**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.

**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 30<sup>th</sup> 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:* Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, Church of Norway: Diocese of Sør-Hålogaland & Church of England: Diocese of Coventry. *Anglican:* The Church of the Province of West Africa.

**Remembrance Book:** Patrick Moore, Breda Thompson, Tom Meany, Phil Brosnahan, James Clancy, John Pomeroy, Jane Brisbane, James Sheehan, James Hanley, Donal O'Brien, Trevor William Craig, Daniel (Dom) Quinlivan, Tom O'Donnell, Helen McMahon, Finnula Graydon, Mary Newman, Maureen Clancy, Florence Boyle, Patrick Hearne, Bella Bingham, Lois Margery Wyse Jackson, Peg Inns, Ellen Bond, Derek Crowe, Matilda Campion, Fredrick Oakly, Reginald Pearse Hassell, Florrie Trousdell, Antoinette Byrne, Micheal Mason, Rita McNamara, Valentina Dernova, Madame Marion Griffin, Terence (Terry) Cusack, Lillah Ellerker, Theo Saunders, Violet Hanley, Michael Noel Ryan, Edward Ruddock, Kumico, George Fairbrother, Marion Power, Malcom Santley & Maxwell Stringer.

**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 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

	12 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	19 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	26 <sup>th</sup> Jan.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb.
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Daire McNamara &amp; Jill Storey</i>	<i>Justin &amp; Edel O'Connor</i>	<i>Gillian Cheatley</i>	<i>Richard/Sheila Allen</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Liz Lynam</i>	<i>Keith O'Neill</i>	<i>Brian Sheppard</i>	<i>Lillian Okechukwu</i>
<b>READERS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>John Shier</i>	<i>Daire McNamara</i>	<i>Sheelagh Morrow</i>	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Alan Bunworth</i>	<i>John St George</i>	<i>Heather Peirce</i>	<i>Frank Sheahan</i>

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