

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 1<sup>7</sup><sup>th</sup> November 2024 ~ 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent (Proper 28)*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12: 1-3

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

#### Psalm 16 (BCP p.606)

Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦ I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦ upon those who are noble in heart.

Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦ their drink offerings of blood I will not offer;  
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.

The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦ in your hands alone is my fortune.

My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦ indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦ and in the night watches he instructs my heart.

I have set the Lord always before me; ♦ he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦ my flesh also shall rest secure.

For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦ nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦  
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

#### Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10: 11-14, 15-18, 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, 'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds', he also adds, 'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.' Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

## New Testament/Gospel Reading: 13: 1-8

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.' When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

**Post-Communion Prayer:** Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope. Bring us at the last to that pure life for which we long, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Hymns				
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	694	519	372	652
<b>The Cathedral</b>	10(i)	398(ii)	281	

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## Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov. 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Advent <i>(Proper 28)</i>	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
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 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Last before Advent <i>(Proper 29)</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)

### Today:

- In the Cathedral we welcome the Director of Music and Choir of St Fin Barres Cathedral, Cork who will be joining our own choir in the services of the day. We also welcome the Dean's Vicar of Cork, the Rev'd Martin Steele.
- This afternoon at Choral Evensong, Mr Oliver Deegan will be commissioned as a prayer minister. We wish him well in this role.

**Next Sunday:** Is Mission Sunday within our Diocese, more information next week.

**Congratulations:** To Ms Irina Dernova who recently became an Associate of the Royal Schools of Music (ARSM)

### Youth News:

- Please find attached a selection of upcoming events being organised by the Diocesan Youth Council. Your attention is drawn in particular to the event being held in the Cathedral on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The Church of Ireland Youth Department (CIYD) is delighted to announce that a new version of its prayer journal is now available ahead of the Church of Ireland's Day of Prayer for Young People and Youth Ministry, coming up on Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. To order a copy of the journal, please contact your Diocesan Youth Officer or Diocesan Youth Council representative. For further information please visit [www.ciyd.org](http://www.ciyd.org)

**Cathedral Shop:** There will be a Christmas Table in the Consistorial Area on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November and 8<sup>th</sup> December with gifts suitable for Christmas. Come and look.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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:** Kirsten Corbett (violin) and Peter Barley (piano), Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 1.15pm.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.*

**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:* As we near the end of the Church's year, we pause to give thanks for all that has been good and true in our common life over the last twelve months . . . opportunities seized, green shoots glimpsed, visions shared. We think of those who have come among us to new tasks in ministry and service over the past year, and especially we think of Mark Blakely arriving in these days in Kerry and preparing to commence his ministry in Kilcolman. *Porvoo:* Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church & Church of England: Diocese of Rochester. *Anglican:* The Anglican Church of Africa

**Remembrance Book:** Henry Faro, John Copely, James O'Callaghan, William Sirr; Fr. Andrew Nugent OSB and Marian O'Sullivan

**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

	17 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	24 <sup>th</sup> Nov.	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec.	8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	15 <sup>th</sup> Dec
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>					
<b>St Michael's</b>	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Daire McNamara	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle
<b>Cathedral</b>	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil
<b>READERS</b>					
<b>St Michael's</b>	Jeff McNamara	Lucy Kavanagh	SV Readers	Margaret Brickenden	Paul Cabel
<b>Cathedral</b>	Noreen Ellerker	Frank Sheahan	Lindsay Boyle	David Thompson	Annabelle Griffen

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