



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025*  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent / Sexagesima Sunday

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

#### Old Testament: Sirach 27: 4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so do a person's faults when he speaks. The kiln tests the potter's vessels; so the test of a person is in his conversation. Its fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so a person's speech discloses the cultivation of his mind. Do not praise anyone before he speaks, for this is the way people are tested.

#### Psalm 92: 1-4, 12-15 (BCP p.699)

It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord ♦ and to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

To tell of your love early in the morning ♦ and of your faithfulness in the night-time,

Upon the ten-stringed instrument, upon the harp, ♦ and to the melody of the lyre.

For you, Lord, have made me glad by your acts, ♦ and I sing aloud at the works of your hands.

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, ♦ and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

Such as are planted in the house of the Lord ♦ shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall still bear fruit in old age; ♦ they shall be vigorous and in full leaf;

That they may show that the Lord is true; ♦ he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

#### Epistle Reading I Corinthians 15: 51-58

Listen, I will tell you a mystery! We will not all die, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable body must put on imperishability, and this mortal body must put on immortality. When this perishable body puts on imperishability, and this mortal body puts on immortality, then the saying that is written will be fulfilled: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory. 'Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?' The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

#### Gospel: Luke 6: 39-49

He also told them a parable: 'Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher. Why do you see the speck in your neighbour's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbour, "Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye", when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbour's eye. 'No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit; for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from

thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks. 'Why do you call me "Lord, Lord", and do not do what I tell you? I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built. But the one who hears, and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house.'

**Post Communion Prayer:** God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the Bread of life at the heart of your Church. May we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's Cross and enjoy the delights of eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	311	384	409	526	
<b>The Cathedral</b>	557	683	311	646	

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### SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2nd before Lent Sexagesima	10.00	Moring Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	14.30	Evergreens	The Cathedral
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 1st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March Sunday before Lent Quinquagesima	10.00	No service	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)*

**Choral Evensong with a celebration of bell ringing:** On Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm a special service will be held in the cathedral to give thanks for the gift of bells in our cathedral. During the service recent works to the tower will be dedicated and all are invited to afternoon tea afterwards.

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

**Childrens & Families Ministry:** The Spring Newsletter came out this week. View it as an online magazine by clicking here: <https://bit.ly/CFMSpring25> or you can download the PDF here: <https://cfm.ireland.anglican.org/spring-2025-newsletter/>

**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.

**World Day of Prayer:** "I Made You Wonderful" is the theme of this years' service which has been prepared by the Christian women of the Cook Islands. There will be a service in Villiers Square on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am and in Christchurch, O'Connell Street on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. Each service will be followed by light refreshments. All are Welcome so please come along to one of the services.

**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.

**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. Pre-schoolers are welcome if accompanied by a carer and the assistance of post primary schoolers would be greatly appreciated.

### **Whist Drives:**

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

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

**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.

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**Cycles of prayer:** *Porvoo:* Church of England: Diocese of Peterborough & Church of Ireland: Diocese of Meath and Kildare. *Anglican:* Greja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil.

**Remembrance Book:** Eileen Kingston, Kathleen Fitzpatrick, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Gerald Cooper, Ned Cullen, Rev'd Bill Olmsted, Dorothy Carey, Thomas Gardener, Nora Howes, Ronald Howes, Gordon Cowpar, Det. Ben O'Sullivan and Catherine Devereux.

**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

	23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	16 <sup>th</sup> Mar
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>	<i>Nicholas &amp; Annabelle Griffin</i>	<i>Susi Eckhardt</i>	<i>Keith &amp; Sheelagh Morrow</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Cathedral</i>	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>	<i>Liz Lynam</i>	<i>Keith O'Neill</i>
<b>READERS</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Annabelle Griffin</i>	<i>Stephen Fairbrother</i>	<i>Tracey Lyttle</i>	<i>Richard Allen</i>
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