



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 23rd March 2025
3rd Sunday in Lent

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Merciful Lord, Grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Old Testament: Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 27 (BCP p.619)

○ God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; ♦ my soul is athirst for you.

My flesh also faints for you, ♦ as in a dry and thirsty land where there is no water.

So would I gaze upon you in your holy place, ♦ that I might behold your power and your glory.

Your loving-kindness is better than life itself ♦ and so my lips shall praise you.

I will bless you as long as I live ♦ and lift up my hands in your name.

My soul shall be satisfied, as with marrow and fatness, ♦ and my mouth shall praise you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed ♦ and meditate on you in the watches of the night.

For you have been my helper ♦ and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

My soul clings to you; ♦ your right hand shall hold me fast.

Epistle Reading: I Corinthians 10: 1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Gospel: Luke 13: 1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.' Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Post Communion Prayer: Lord our God, you feed us in this life with bread from heaven, the pledge and foreshadowing of future glory. Grant that the working of this sacrament within us may bear fruit in our daily lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	606	95	427	668
The Cathedral	557	311	576	

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie within the following 90 days. After that time recordings will be destroyed; however, exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral requires it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on www.churchservices.tv and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie other Cathedral communication channels. If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office. If you do not wish to appear in the recording, please advise Churchwardens who will guide you to an area which will not be filmed and will make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion there. *NRSV (Anglicized Edition), copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America; Material in this service reproduced from BCP under licence © RCB 2004; One License Number: A738650; Use QR code to donate to Saint. Mary's online.*



SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 23 rd <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins with Baptism	The Cathedral
Monday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.00	SMNS Board of Management	On-Line
Tuesday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	MU Service	The Cathedral
Wednesday 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Friends of Abington meeting	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Thursday 27 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	20.00	Select Vestry	On-Line
Friday 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Table Quiz	St Michael's
Saturday 29 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Sunday 30 th <i>4th Sunday in Lent Mothering Sunday</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Service of the word	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral

THISWEEK'S NOTICES

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

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian family, Robin & Míla Guihen, children of Kian and Naomi, who are to be baptised in the Cathedral this morning.

Wanted: for use in the cathedral a small, high (approx. 1m) table. For more information, please speak with the Dean.

Last call for Table Quiz: we are now nearly at full capacity so please let Pip know if you wish to attend on Friday 28th March - 7.30pm!!

Anyone willing to donate a prize - please contact Tracey @ 086-6486197. Thank you so much to those who have already donated.

Parish Table Quiz: This is your chance to get your brains working for our fun table quiz. For your comfort and safety, numbers will be limited to 15 tables (60 persons) - 4 to each table. Please reserve your place/table by email to pipdoc2@gmail.com. The cost is only €10 per person (which includes supper), which should be paid to your Churchwardens in advance. As of Friday 14th, tables are selling fast and places are limited, so please ensure an early booking to avoid disappointment. There will be a raffle for amazing prizes (tickets available on the night), and we look forward to your support for this. Where: St Michael's Church Hall . When: Friday March 28th at 7.30 pm
If you are unable to attend, perhaps you would be willing to donate a prize for the raffle, please contact Tracey on 0866486197.

Mothers' Union: Our joint Lady Day Service with Adare Branch will be held on Tuesday 25th March in St. Mary's Cathedral at 7.30pm. This will be followed by a cup of tea. If anyone would like a lift please contact Lucy 078 2078850. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

Free lunchtime concert in the Cathedral: A Lunchtime Concert will be on on Thursday 27th March at 1.15pm with the ICO Academy. The next concert will be Tuesday 8th April 1.15pm ~ Catherine O'Carroll (Soprano)

Congratulations:

- to choir alto Rebecca O'Gorman who has auditioned successfully for the Irish Youth Choir (14-17 age group). She will be taking part in their annual summer course towards the end of June. Rebecca is in her second year at secondary school and has been a member of the cathedral choir for over two years.
- to choir bass Pierce he also was successful in his audition for the Irish Youth Choir (14-17 yo) and is also in second year and has been in the choir for over two years.

Gazette: The Select Vestry has agreed to support the Church of Ireland Gazette by purchasing 3 subscriptions (one for each church). A copy will be left in each church for parishioners to read and pass around. This initiative is designed to encourage people to take out their own personal subscription.

EGV: Notice is given that the annual Easter General Vestry (in effect the AGM of the Parish), will be held on Sunday 6th April 2025 in St Mary's Cathedral at 12noon. The meeting will be preceded by a united service of Holy Communion beginning at 11.15am.

The Evergreens: The next meeting of The Evergreens is on Tuesday, 25th March, 2025 at 2:30 pm in Saint Mary's Cathedral. The speaker will be Derek Mulcahy and he will talk about Saint Mary's Pipe Band. Please bring along a friend and publicise the meeting. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Cathedral Flowers: The flower rota is being updated. If you wish to have your name added or removed to the list of arrangers; or would like to 'sponsor a Sunday'/donate flowers. Please contact the Cathedral office on 310293 or speak to the flower co-ordinator, Adrienne Baron.

Whist Drives: Villiers Square - Saturday 22nd March @ 7.15pm.

SafeTALK Training: Friday 2nd May at Mount St.Anne's Retreat Centre, Killenard, Co.Laois, 10am-4pm. The Church of Ireland Youth Department, supported by the Church of Ireland Mindmatters campaign, is offering free training in supporting people with thoughts of suicide. The content will apply to all people, including teenagers and adults, at risk of suicide. Given the content, SafeTALK is not recommended for anyone bereaved by suicide in the last 12 months. SafeTALK is open for anyone who is likely to come into contact with people suffering from suicidal ideation: clergy, volunteer leaders, chaplains, youth leaders and DYOs. The training is completely free and includes a 3-course lunch at Mount St.Anne's. Places are limited so please book soon by contacting Luke on Luke@CIYD.org.

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo Church of Sweden: Diocese of Lund, Church of Ireland: Diocese of Cashel, Ferns & Ossory, Church of England: Diocese of Ely. Anglican: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

Remembrance Book: Frances Lynch, Richard Lennox, David Charles Pragnell, Otto Haselbeck, and Norman Russell.

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Jerry Murphy, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, Kathleen Leddin, John Sparling, Patricia Bourke, David, Elayne and Hilary Noonan, Hazel, Mac, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Pashcal, Layla, Karine Egan.
NOTE: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email it to 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 rd March	30 th March	6 th April	13 th April
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	<i>Susi Eckhardt</i>	<i>Trevor & Tracey Lytle</i>	x	<i>Daire McNamara & Jill Storey</i>
Cathedral	<i>Brian Sheppard</i>	<i>Shawn & Carrie Jamieson</i>	<i>Lillian Okechukwu</i>	<i>Alyson McHugh</i>
READERS				
St Michael's	<i>Margaret Schutz</i>	<i>Daire McNamara</i>	<i>Sheelagh Morrow</i>	<i>Margaret Brickenden</i>
Cathedral	<i>John St George</i>	<i>Heather Peirce</i>	<i>Frank Sheahan</i>	<i>Lindsay Boyle</i>

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