

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 24th November 2024 ~ Sunday before Advent (Proper 29)

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 7 9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousand served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Psalm 93 (BCP p.700)

The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; ♦ the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

He has made the whole world so sure ♦ that it cannot be moved.

Your throne has been established from of old; ♦ you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; ♦ the floods lift up their pounding waves.

Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, ♦ the Lord on high is mightier.

Your testimonies are very sure; ♦ holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

Epistle Reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

New Testament/Gospel Reading: John 18: 33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Post-Communion Prayer: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works they may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hymns				
Saint Michael's	34	90	433	281
The Cathedral	97	263 (omit*vv)	281	

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Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 24 th Nov. Last before Advent (Proper 29)	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	1.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 27 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 28 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 29 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 30 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 1 st Dec. Advent I		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	7pm	Advent Procession	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

Welcome: To the Director and Governors of the Anglican Centre in Rome who are visiting Limerick this week. In particular, we are delighted to have the Director, Archbishop Ian Ernest preaching in the Cathedral today.

Thanks: Sincere thanks to all those who helped with the clean-up in St Michael's on Friday. We are delighted to back worshipping in the Church and thank all those involved with the project, in particular Richard Brickenden and Trevor Lyttle.

Sunday: Is Mission Sunday within our Diocese – an informative video on this year's work may be found at <https://tlk.ie/mission-sunday-2024/>. This year the Council is promoting good mental health and to this end is supporting the work of The Church's Ministry of Healing and the Samaritans. Thank you for your support.

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 30th.

- 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, 24th 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

Cathedral Shop: There will be a Christmas Table in the Consistorial Area on Sunday 24th November and 8th 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 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 5th December in St Mark's Chapel (Cathedral). For more information please contact the Dean.

Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral: Celia Donoghue (clarinet) and Ethna Tinney (piano) *Music by Saint-Saens, Messager and Debussy*, Tuesday 26th November at 1.15pm.

Murroe-Boher Historical Society: Our next talk is on Thursday, 28 November 2024 at 8 p.m. sharp in the Fitzgerald Room, Muintir na Tire Hall, Murroe. We are pleased to host Dr. Matthew Potter, Curator of Limerick Museum, who will speak to us on "Munster Princes: The Earls of Desmond." Admission €5 to non-members including refreshments. All welcome.

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, 25th 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.

Christmas Whist Drives: St Michael's Church Hall - Saturday 7th December @ 7.30pm - Super table and Raffle prizes. Villiers Square - Saturday 14th December @ 7.15pm sharp. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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.

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.

During the past Church Year Sunday Club members have been bringing in coins for a collection tin to raise money for their chosen charity which was St Vincent de Paul. As this Church Year comes to a close the tin has been opened and the contents counted. The sum raised was a very commendable €64.47 which will find its way to St Vincent de Paul, Limerick. The charity chosen for the coming year is Limerick Animal Welfare, a charity which rescues and rehomes dogs cats and other animals.

Cycles of prayer: *Diocese:* And so today the liturgical year ends on a note of triumph and glory. We also observe this Sunday once again this year as Mission Sunday, and we trust our worship will inspire generosity towards the designated good causes which reach out to the needs of the wider community in which we are set. We remember the work of the Samaritans and the Church's Ministry of Healing, agencies which seek to promote wholeness and mental health, and which combat loneliness and isolation. . . these being themes which resonate with the Council for Mission's diocesan conference held earlier in the month. *Porvoo:* Church of England: Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney. *Anglican:* The Anglican Church of South America

Remembrance Book: Christopher Taylor, Tom Cusack, Gerry Burke, Anne O'Reilly, Elmar McMillan, Gabrielle Harrington, Denis Leonard and Anne Reidy.

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. 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

	24 th Nov.	1 st Dec.	8 th Dec	15 th Dec	22 nd Dec
REFRESHMENTS					
St Michael's	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Justin & Edel O'Connor	Daire McNamara	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Gillian Cheatley
Cathedral	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson
READERS					
St Michael's	Lucy Kavanagh	SV Readers	Margaret Brickenden	Annabelle Griffen	Stephen Fairbrother
Cathedral	Frank Sheahan	Lindsay Boyle	David Thompson	Paul Cabel	Tamasin Plowman

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