



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 1st June 2025 ~ Sunday after the Ascension Day

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O God the King of Glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen..

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 16:16-34

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

Psalm 97 (BCP p.704)

The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice; ♦ let the multitude of the isles be glad.

Clouds and darkness are round about him; ♦ righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

Fire goes before him ♦ and burns up his enemies on every side.

His lightnings lit up the world; ♦ the earth saw it and trembled.

The mountains melted like wax at the presence of the Lord, ♦ at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

The heavens declared his righteousness, ♦ and all the peoples have seen his glory.

Confounded be all who worship carved images and delight in mere idols. ♦ Bow down before him, all you gods.

Zion heard and was glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoiced, ♦ because of your judgements, O Lord.

For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth; ♦ you are exalted far above all gods.

The Lord loves those who hate evil; ♦ he preserves the lives of his faithful and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous ♦ and joy for the true of heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous, ♦ and give thanks to his holy name.

THE EPISTLE READING: REVELATION 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

The angel said to me, "See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates. "It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift. The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 17:20-26

Jesus said, "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Giver of love and power; your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	34	381	518	263
The Cathedral	86	398	281	

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SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 1 st <i>Sun after Ascension</i>		No service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
	17.00	Choral Evensong	St Mary's, Nenagh
Monday 2 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 3 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 4 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 5 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Friday 6 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 8 th <i>Pentecost</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	19.30	Ordination of Scott Elliott	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

Sympathy: We extend our sympathy to the Howes family on the death of Leslie Roberts. Formerly of this parish, Leslie lived and worked in England for most of his life but was a regular visitor to Limerick and to St Mary's Cathedral. Leslie was the eldest son of the late Anne Roberts and brother to the late Muriel Howes. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers.

Prayers for exams: As we approach the end of the School year, we hold in Prayer all those sitting exams. For those preparing such events – remember it is only an exam and we are all here to support you. The following prayer is for use by all those sitting an examination –

Dear Lord, I want to do my best to fulfil the potential you have given me. Help me:

- to stay calm
- to keep things in perspective and be content with the best I can do on the day
- to look out for my friends who need a bit of encouragement, and
- to always remember that the real test is how closely I can follow in your way.

Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral: An outing is being organised to Scatterry Island (Shannon Estuary, Kilrush, Co. Clare) by the Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral on Friday 4th July 2025. (This will be dependent on the weather and the time of sailing will depend on the tides!). The cost will be €20 for members of the Friends or €30 for non-members (all parishioners are invited). Payment needs to be made by Sunday, 15th June to the parish office, stating clearly your name and contact number.

Ordination: Please remember in prayer our soon-to-be curate-assistant, Scott Elliott, who will be made deacon on Sunday 8th June at 7.30pm the Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to this special service.

Exhibition: The 'Everyday Objects Transformed by the Conflict' project and exhibition brings together many views and experiences of the recent conflict in and about Northern Ireland. It will run until mid-June.

Dea Sceala: The Summer edition of the diocesan magazine is now available. A hard copy for each household is available in the churches.

Wanted: A set of fronts for the altar in the chapel of St James in the Cathedral. This might suit a donor wishing to present a memorial gift in remembrance of a loved one. For more information please speak with the Dean.

The Cathedral graveyard: We are fortunate to have such a beautiful space in the middle of the city and it serves as a place of quiet, reflection and prayer. If you would like to make a contribution towards its upkeep, please do so through the Cathedral office.

St Michael's update: A report on planned building works will be available shortly.

Spiritual Tourism in our diocese: You will find more information on Spiritual Tourism and Pilgrimage here: www.tlk.ie/spiritualtourism/ Also, for your information, details on the two upcoming Spiritual Tourism events can be found on the Diocesan Website - please share this information far and wide and encourage sign-ups if possible. Both promise to be fulfilling and interesting days out. A Pilgrim's Walk on Sleah Head - Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry will take place on 21st June, 2025 - more information can be found at <https://tlk.ie/a-pilgrims-walk-on-sleah-head-dingle-peninsula-co-kerry/>

Volunteers: The cathedral is looking for volunteers to help out in the shop and on the welcome desk (especially during the Summer months) if interested please email cathedrallimerick@gmail.com

The Evergreens' Outing An outing has been arranged for Wednesday, 4th June 2025 to Old Irish Ways, Bruff with refreshments afterwards locally. The meeting time will be earlier in the day and will be confirmed when we know the numbers. Return time will be mid-afternoon. The change of normal date is to facilitate those taking off to the neighbouring county for a few days!! Also Wednesday is just a once off choice as the previous day is following on from the Bank Holiday weekend when people might be still visiting or with visiting family members. We hope that you will be able to come. All are welcome including those who do not usually come to the Evergreens get-togethers. Please let Noreen Allen know if you are interested as we have to arrange lifts. Noreen Allen Contact No.: 085 733 5855

The Pioneer Ministry Leadership Team has organised two Info Days for our Diocese. These days are to help us cast the net wider and update everyone on the Pioneer Ministry people and projects across the Island. They also provide opportunities for individual churches to think about how they could be pioneering in their setting and ways in which each parish can support the Diocesan Pioneer Minister, Valerie Raitt, and the Diocesan Pioneer Ministry Project of Pilgrimage and Spiritual. The meeting will be held in the Woodstock Hotel, Ennis on Saturday, 27th September 2025 at 10.30am. A representative from each church is encouraged to attend. Please speak with the Dean if you would be interested in representing our parish at this.

Cycles of prayer: *Provoo:* Church of England: Diocese of Hereford, The Lusitanian Church (Portugal) & The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide *Anglican:* The Anglican Church of Korea

Remembrance Book: Pamela Harvey, Emily Shermin, Des Mc Carthy, Conor Myles O' Brien [Lord Inchiquin] Rosemary Nash, Margaret Gladys Walsh and Fred Bond.

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Jerry Murphy, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, John Sparling, Patricia Bourke, David, Elayne and Hilary Noonan, Hazel, Mac, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Pashcal, Layla, Karine Egan, Uzoma Kabi, Amy.
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

	1 st June	8 th June	15 th June
REFRESHMENTS			
St Michael's	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>	<i>Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin</i>	<i>Susi Eckhardt</i>
Cathedral	<i>Lillian Okechukwu</i>	<i>Alyson Mc Hugh</i>	<i>Keith O Neill</i>
READERS			
St Michael's	<i>Bernard/Vivian Amaeze</i>	<i>Keith Morrow</i>	<i>Annabelle Griffin</i>
Cathedral	<i>Muyiwa Okeneye</i>	<i>John St George</i>	<i>Frank Sheahan</i>

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