



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Easter 4*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### THE FIRST READING: ACTS 9:36-43

Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she was sick, and died: whom when they had washed, they laid her in an upper chamber. And forasmuch as Lydda was nigh to Joppa, and the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent unto him two men, desiring him that he would not delay to come to them. Then Peter arose and went with them. When he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning him to the body said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes: and when she saw Peter, she sat up. And he gave her his hand, and lifted her up, and when he had called the saints and widows, presented her alive. And it was known throughout all Joppa; and many believed in the Lord. And it came to pass, that he tarried many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

#### Psalm 23 (BCP 616)

The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.

He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.

He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my  
head with oil and my cup shall be full.

Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the  
house of the Lord for ever.

#### THE EPISTLE READING: REVELATION 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb! 'And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'men! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen. 'Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes

and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

### THE GOSPEL: JOHN 10:22-30

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again. Keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS				
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	20	644	432	662
<b>The Cathedral</b>	336	20	332	

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys) and [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://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](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://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 May 11 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 4</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	16.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	1.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedeal
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	No Service	The Cathedral
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> <i>Easter 5</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

## THISWEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Appointments:** The Dean is pleased to announce two appointments:

- Mr Scott Elliott as curate-assistant of Limerick City Parish. Mr Elliott is from County Fermanagh, and grew up on his family farm there. He studied theology in QUB and has worked for a number of years with Fermanagh & Omagh District Council. He is completing his studies in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, having served parish placements in Enniskillen, Rathfarnham and Salisbury Cathedral. Scott commenting on his appointment says "I look forward to humbly serving God over the next few years under the guidance of Dean Niall Sloane and alongside all in Limerick" The Dean writes "I am delighted that Scott has accepted my offer and I look forward to welcoming him to Limerick and having him as a colleague" Scott will be made deacon in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick on Sunday 8th June – the feast of Pentecost at 7.30pm.
- Ms Lynn Perkins as Cathedral treasurer.

I know you will all welcome Lynn and Scott into the 'family' and make them feel at home.

**Thanks:** to all those who help and supported the 'Cars at the Cathedral' event last weekend.

**Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral:** There is a lunchtime concert on the 13<sup>th</sup> of May by the Voices of Limerick

**Spiritual Tourism in our diocese:** You will find more information on Spiritual Tourism and Pilgrimage here:- [www.tlk.ie/spiritualtourism/](http://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. The first is in East Galway - a guided tour with Dr Christy Cuniffe reconnecting with the traditions of Pilgrimage through Early Christian Sites (Aughrim - Kilconnell- Clontuskert - Clonfert - return to Aughrim) takes place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2025 cost €35 per person - use this link to access more information, book and pay <https://tlk.ie/pilgrimage-early-christian-sites/>

The second event is a Pilgrim's Walk on Sleah Head - Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry taking place on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2025 - more information can be found at <https://tlk.ie/a-pilgrims-walk-on-slea-head-dingle-peninsula-co-kerry/>

**Actors wanted!** The Dean is looking for volunteers to feature in some video work being done for the new Cathedral website – all talents welcome, no speaking parts, zero commissions, and fun guaranteed! Please contact him if you are free and willing to help.

**No Thursday Service:** There will be no service in the Cathedral on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**Bishops Appeal Sunday:** will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Mothers Union Outing:** On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May we are planning to go on a cruise on Lough Derg followed by lunch in the Lakeside Hotel. We will meet at 12.30pm in Killaloe and the cost of the cruise is €14.50 per person. Please let me know if you would like to come as I will need to confirm numbers, also if you need a lift. Lucy 087 2078850. All are very welcome!

**Prayer meeting:** Next meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Cathedral at 2.30pm.

**Murroe-Boher Historical Society:** invites you to take part in its upcoming Table Quiz, which will be held at the Valley Inn, Murroe, on Friday, May 16, beginning at 8.30 p.m. €20 per table of four people. Your support would be very much appreciated. Also, donations of spot prizes very welcome.

**The Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland** will hold a four-week online reading group, Poems for Hope and Healing, on Wednesday May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Everyone is warmly welcome, whether you haven't read a poem since school, or whether you enjoy poetry and would like to read it in the company of others. Each hour-long session will be an invitation to pause, reflect, and pray, and discover how reading poetry together can be a spiritual practice that helps us listen to our emotions, see the world in surprising ways, and open the doors of our own creativity. Our chosen poems, by Emily Dickinson, Wendell Berry, Denise Levertov, and many more, explore our relationship with the divine, and the healing power of nature. Book in via [www.ministryofhealing.ie](http://www.ministryofhealing.ie) or search for us on Eventbrite.

**Cycles of prayer:** *Provo:* Church of England: Diocese of Gloucester & Church of Sweden: Diocese of Västerås, *Anglican:* The Nippon Sei Ko Kai

**Remembrance Book:** Milfed Maduchor, Eddie Ryan, Alan Brylane, June Maguire, Sean Deegan, Winnifred Barrington Yolahda Dolton, Joe Boyle, Frances Sparling, Joan Glane and Fr Brain Murphy OSB

**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.

*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

	11 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> June
REFRESHMENTS				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Sheila Cusack</i>	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>	<i>tbc</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Liz Lynam</i>	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>	<i>Brian Sheppard</i>	<i>Lillian Okechukwu</i>
READERS				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>John Shier</i>	<i>Sheelagh Morrow</i>	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>	<i>Bernard/Vivian Amaeze</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Paul Cable</i>	<i>Tamasin Plowman</i>	<i>Heather Peirce</i>	<i>Muyiwa Okeneye</i>

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