



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: Trinity I, 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2025*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 65: 1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, 'Here I am, here I am', to a nation that did not call on my name. I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places; who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.' These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, 'Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it', so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all. I will bring forth descendants from Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

#### Psalm 22: 19-28 (BCP p.615)

Be not far from me, O Lord; ♦ you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Deliver my soul from the sword, ♦ my poor life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, from the horns of wild oxen. ♦ You have answered me!

I will tell of your name to my people; ♦ in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; ♦ O seed of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor; neither has he hidden his face from them; ♦ but when they cried to him he heard them.

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; ♦ I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; ♦ those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, ♦ and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

For the kingdom is the Lord's ♦ and he rules over the nations.

#### THE EPISTLE READING: GALATIANS 3: 23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

#### THE GOSPEL: LUKE 8: 26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the

tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, 'What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me'—for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, 'What is your name?' He said, 'Legion'; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 'Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.' So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts. May our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	492	358	445	549	593
<b>The Cathedral</b>	324	554	549		

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### SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday June 22 <sup>nd</sup> <i>Trinity I</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> <i>Saint Peter</i>	12.00	Morning Prayer, followed by Bring & Share Lunch	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)*

### Sympathy

We offer our deepest sympathy to:

- Marie, Emmanuel, Eukaria and the O'Grady family on the death of Paschal O'Grady who died during the week.
- Frank Sheehan and his family on the death of his aunt Celine.

We hold them in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

**Wanted:** A set of frontals 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.

**St Michael's update:** We are sure that everyone in Saint Michael's will by now have seen the issues that we have had with the Plaque which fell from the wall of the Church. It seems that over time water entered the walls at the top of the building and the water rusted the metal supports holding the Plaque on to the wall. This caused the Plaque to fall and smash into thousands of pieces. As a precaution, all of the remaining plaques needed to have new supports fitted. We received €56k from our Insurance company for this damage and this has been used to pay for the works. We won't be repairing the Plaque as this is very expensive, the pieces will be kept in the crypt.

However, we still have to repair the gutters, parapets and ancillary parts which allowed the water ingress. As this will be expensive we have decided to do the repairs in sections. In order to use the grant money from the Built Heritage Scheme that has been awarded to us we must have the work completed by early October. So, this summer we will do the School side during the School's holidays.

The cost of doing the parapets & gutters on one side of the church is €90k which includes building and professional services. We will fund this as follows; a grant from the Built Heritage Investment Scheme (BHIS) of €20k, other grants of €5k, a very generous donation of €20k and the remaining funding will come from our building fund. We currently have €167k in the building fund. We also hope that we will get additional funds from the BHIS this year as not all the monies awarded to other schemes are used and we can apply for any monies left over in the scheme.

We have known for some time that the church and in particular the Front Tower needs work done to resolve the leakages. We applied to the Historic Structures Fund last year for funding but were unsuccessful. We have learned from the process and we will hope to be successful this year. This is a very substantial fund.

This year we will again be applying for Grant funding (HSF and BHIS) to fix the other side and the North tower. You can only get a grant from one of these funds. The source of the monies in these funds is the National Lottery but the money is given out through these Heritage Funds. We will be applying for more substantial funding from these Heritage Funds and also from the Benefact charity in the UK.

Depending on the level of grant aid we get will determine what works we do. The sides of the church are the priority and then we will work on the Tower.

Overall concept is not to progress works which would create a debt on the parishioners. When both sides of the church have been fixed we will then paint the interior as it does not make sense to do this until the leaks are resolved. We believe that by carrying out these works we will preserve Saint Michael's as a place of worship and a community centre for the next generations.

**UDYC:** The diocesan Youth Council are organising a range of activities over the Summer months. Full details attached on the ezine

**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](mailto:cathedrallimerick@gmail.com)

**Cycles of prayer:** Porvoo Church of England: Diocese in Europe, Church of Sweden: Diocese of Visby, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Copenhagen. **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

**Remembrance Book :** Ursula Walsh, Annie Millar, Lulu Giles, Marie Rose Spowart, Jack Stockil, Sheila Fogerty

**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, 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

	29 <sup>th</sup> June	6 <sup>th</sup> July	13 <sup>th</sup> July	20 <sup>th</sup> July
REFRESHMENTS				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>John &amp; Kayt Shier</i>	<i>Richard &amp; Margaret Brickenden</i>	<i>Daire McNamara</i>	<i>Trevor &amp; Tracey Lyttle</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Cathedral</i>	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>	<i>Liz Lynam &amp; Joe Lynam</i>	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>
READERS				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>Cormac O'Connell</i>	<i>Tracey Lyttle</i>	<i>Richard Allen</i>	<i>Daire McNamara</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Noreen Ellerker</i>	<i>Frank Sheahan</i>	<i>Lindsay Boyle</i>	<i>Noreen Ellerker</i>
FLOWERS				
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>J. Egbulam</i>	<i>J. Holmes</i>	<i>J. Holmes</i>	<i>J. Holmes</i>

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