



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 25th May 2025 ~ Easter 6

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God our redeemer; you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.' When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

Psalm 67 (BCP p.664)

God be gracious to us and bless us ♦ and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth, ♦ your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦ for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦ and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us, ♦ and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

THE EPISTLE READING: REVELATION 21: 10,22 - 22: 5

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honour of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practises abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14:23-29

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I. And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	295	695	507	658
The Cathedral	695	294	549	

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 25 th <i>Easter 6</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	10.30	UN Veterans Service	The Cathedral
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 27 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 29 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 30 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 31 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 1 st June <i>Sun after Ascension</i>		No service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	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 Billy, Gráinne and the Keays family on the death of Billy's sister, Ann. Please hold them in your thoughts and prayers.

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.

UN: The 29th May is International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. We welcome UN veterans to the Cathedral today, along with invited guests, family and friends for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving.

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 is being launched in the Cathedral today and 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.

The Slieve Felim Singers are holding their summer concert in Abington Church on Friday 23rd May at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door. Proceeds to a local charity.

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. The first is in East Galway - a guided tour with Dr Christy Cunniffe reconnecting with the traditions of Pilgrimage through Early Christian Sites (Aughrim - Kilconnell - Clontuskert - Clonfert - return to Aughrim) takes place on Saturday 24th May, 2025 cost €35 per person - use this link to access more information, book and pay <https://tlk.ie/pilgrimage-earlychristian-sites/> The second event is a Pilgrim's Walk on Sleah Head - Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry taking place on 21st June, 2025 - more information can be found at <https://tlk.ie/a-pilgrims-walk-on-slea-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: *Provo:* Church of England: Diocese of Exeter, Church of Norway: Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland, *Anglican:* The Anglican Church of Kenya

Remembrance Book: Nevitt Fogerty, Clement Thompson, Elisabeth Harris, Marjorie Rolf, Gerard Bouke, Lionel Watts, Kenneth Brisbane, Peter Harrison and John Erridge.

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

	25 th May	1 st June	8 th June	15 th June
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	Tracey Lyttle	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin	Susi Eckhardt
Cathedral	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson Mc Hugh	Keith O'Neill
READERS				
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