



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 8th June 2025 ~ Pentecost

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: By the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Psalm 104: 26-36, 37b (BCP p.710)

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦ and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦ which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you ♦ to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it; ♦ you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦ and you renew the face of the earth.
 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦ may the Lord rejoice in his works;
 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦ he touches the mountains and they smoke.
 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦ I will make music to my God while I have my being.
 So shall my song please him ♦ while I rejoice in the Lord. Let sinners be consumed out of the earth
 and the wicked be no more. ♦ Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE READING: Romans 8: 14-17

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

THE GOSPEL: John 14: 8-17

Philip said to him, ‘Lord, show us the father, and we will be satisfied.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the father. How can you say, “Show us the father”? Do you not believe that I am in the father and the father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the father and the father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.’ If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: Open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	386	639	294	306
The Cathedral	294	318	639	

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SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
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
Monday 9 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 10 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 11 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 12 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Friday 13 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 14 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 15 th <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	9.30	Holy Communion	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)

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.

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 Scattery 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.

The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is urgently in need for blood donations in Castletroy this week. Blood supplies have fallen to concerning levels and need to be built up again after the June bank holiday weekend. Donations may be made in the Castletroy Park Hotel on Wednesday 11th June & Thursday 12th June - Open from 4.20 PM to 7.40 PM. To make an appointment please call 1800 222 111. New Donors welcome.

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.

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.

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

Cycles of prayer: *Provo:* Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland & The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church. *Anglican:* The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Remembrance Book: Det Garda Jerry McCabe, Austin Davern, Sylvia Moorhead, Rosaleen Sheahan, May Cullen, Gosta Meli, and George Bannister.

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, Lillian O' Connell. *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

	8 th June	15 th June	22 nd June
REFRESHMENTS			
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