



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: Trinity VIII ~ 10th August 2025

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law: Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST READING: GENESIS 15:1-6

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness

PSALM 33:12-22

Happy the nation whose God is the Lord ♦ and the people he has chosen for his own.

The Lord looks down from heaven ♦ and beholds all the children of earth.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze ♦ on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them ♦ and understands all their works.

No king is saved by the might of his host; ♦ no warrior delivered by his great strength.

A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; ♦ for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, ♦ on those who wait in hope for his steadfast love,

To deliver their soul from death ♦ and to feed them in time of famine.

Our soul waits longingly for the Lord; ♦ he is our help and our shield.

Indeed, our heart rejoices in him; ♦ in his holy name have we put our trust.

Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, ♦ as we have set our hope on you.

THE EPISTLE READING: HEBREWS 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.' All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking

of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 12:32-40

Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. 'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fulness of your life; glory to you for ever.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	539	672	435	81	
The Cathedral	539	687	145	643	

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 August 10 th <i>Trinity VIII</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday August 11 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday August 12 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday August 13 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday August 14 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday August 15 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday August 16 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Sunday August 17 th <i>Trinity IX</i>	09.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

THISWEEK'S NOTICES

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

Congratulations: Our warmest congratulation to

- Tim & Eukaria Evans

&

- Simon & Sorcha Brickenden

who both celebrated and welcomed new additions to their families. Every blessing to all, especially the two new arrivals.

Save the Date: Limerick City Parish and Saint Michael's National School are pleased to announce a Multicultural Food Evening at Saint Mary's Cathedral on Thursday 9th October 2025. Join us for a vibrant celebration of food, culture, and community in a truly historic setting. For more information, please contact: curate@limerick.anglican.org

Mary Sumner Day Outing: It will be on Tuesday 19th August with a visit to The People's Museum in Pery Square at 2pm followed by afternoon tea in No 1 Pery Square Hotel. The tour of the museum will cost €3 each. Lifts can be organised for those that need one. Please confirm by Friday 15th to Lucy Kavanagh.

Havergal & Roxboro: This charity which provides financial assistance to families as they endeavour to meet education costs and is currently open to applications. Please speak with the Dean for further information.

Harvesting Hope: Please see attached leaflet for a forthcoming diocesan event being organised by the Council for Mission.

Confirmation: Candidates (not their parents or guardians) interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation this October should contact a member of the clergy. Confirmation is administered to those in 2nd year of second-level education and above. *** **Please let the Dean know by 1st September.**

Safeguarding Newsletter: Please find the latest newsletter attached.

Miles for Minds - Fundraiser

In August 2025, John Wallace, a dairy farmer from Tipperary, will walk the entire Beara-Breifne Way - 550km from West Cork to Cavan - in just over two weeks. In 2015, John and his family lost their father, William Wallace, to suicide - a loss felt deeply by the whole community. With October marking the tenth anniversary of William's passing, John is taking on this journey in his memory, raising funds and awareness for mental health charities (Aware, Jigsaw, and Pieta House). Click on the link to donate: <https://www.idonate.ie/fundraiser/milesforminds2025>

Certificate in Christian Studies: This diocesan course Certificate is a 2-year level 7 course introducing, in a structured way, students of all ages and abilities to a variety of aspects of Christian thinking from Biblical Studies and Theology to Liturgy and Ethics. It is a great environment for an adult learner to engage deeply and thoughtfully with their faith. The course is taught online (8 2hr sessions on Thursday evenings, 3 terms an academic year) with an expectation of private study and assignment preparation. The annual cost is €300 and arrangements can be made for this to be paid termly. The fee covers registration with the University and meals on awaydays. We are now recruiting for the next cohort which will join the class in October this year. For more information, please speak with a member of the clergy.

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: *Porvoo:* Church of England - Diocese of Portsmouth; Church of Sweden - Diocese of Stockholm.
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.

Remembrance Book: Albert S. Hanley, Liam Ryan, Ivan Cremins, The Ven. Wayne Carney, Mary Bugler, Teresa Allen, Trooper Jason Thomas Brown, Emily Florence Frost, Alison 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, Layla, Karine Egan, Uzoma Kabi, Lillian O'Connell, Kevin Sullivan, Geraldine Baggott

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

	10 th August	17 th August	24 th August	31 st August
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REFRESHMENTS

St Michael's	Shiela Cusack	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin
Cathedral	tbc	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Cathedral

READERS

St Michael's	John Shier	Lucy Kavanagh	Bernard / Vivian Amaeze	Annabelle Griffin
Cathedral	Heather Pierce	John St George	Keith O'Neill	Frank Sheehan

FLOWERS

Cathedral	C. O'Neil	Memorial	C. O'Neil	C. O'Neil
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