



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: Trinity IX ~ 17th August 2025

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: Open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:23-29

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back—those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another; just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

PSALM 82 (BCP p687)

God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; ♦ in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

'How long will you judge unjustly ♦ and show such favour to the wicked?

'You were to judge the weak and the orphan; ♦ defend the right of the humble and needy;

Rescue the weak and the poor; ♦ deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

'They have no knowledge or wisdom; they walk on still in darkness: ♦ all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

'Therefore I say that though you are gods ♦ and all of you children of the Most High,

Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals ♦ and fall like one of their princes.'

Arise, O God and judge the earth, ♦ for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.

THE EPISTLE READING: HEBREWS 11:29 - 12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace. And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets—who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground. Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect. Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 12:49-56

'I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided: father against son; and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.' He also said to the crowds, 'When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, "It is going to rain"; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, "There will be scorching heat"; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy Father, who gathered us here around the table of your Son to share this meal with the whole household of God: In that new world where you reveal the fulness of your peace, gather people of every race and language to share in the eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	388	352	636	113	657
The Cathedral	566	609	285	639	

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 17 th Trinity IX	09.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday August 18 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday August 19 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday August 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday August 21 st	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday August 22 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday August 23 rd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Sunday August 24 th Trinity X	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	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: to Richard and Margaret Brickenden who celebrated their ruby wedding anniversary during the week. Every blessing to them.

Sympathy: We extend our condolences to Susi Eckhardt and the family on the death of her aunt in Germany. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers

80th Anniversary of the end of World War II: Over the coming days and weeks a number of events are happening to commemorate the ending of the Second World War. Whilst this might have been a long time ago, it may be worth remembering that over 20 parishioners of Limerick City perished in that war, alongside some 150 men and women from Limerick.

Final Call – Saint Michael's Church: A specially crated ceramic by Michelle Butler is available for order; cost €23 each. A sample is available to view in the Church (churchwarden's table), advance booking necessary, please see sign up sheet on the same table. Depending on order numbers, payment may be required in advance. Final order to be submitted on 17th August 2025.

Webinar on domestic and sexual abuse: ONUS Training provide specialist training and consultancy on domestic violence and abuse to organisations throughout the UK and Ireland. They are running a Tier 1: Recognising & Responding to Domestic or Sexual Abuse online training session on Wednesday 1st October from 7.30 pm to 9 pm for people from the Church of Ireland. This training is kindly funded by Mother's Union. To book a place on this training, please use this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tier-1-recognising-responding-to-domestic-or-sexual-abuse-safe-place-tickets-788127088337?aff=oddttdtcreator>.

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 09th 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

Flowers: Today's Cathedral's flowers are donated in memory of Annette Cronin.

Limerick Stories for Heritage Week: Please see attached leaflet

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.

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.**

Harvesting Hope: Please see attached leaflet for a forthcoming diocesan event being organised by the Council for Mission. A podcast with more information may be accessed at this link - <https://tinyurl.com/4ysp3ctt>

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 Ireland: Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aarhus. Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Scottish Episcopal Church

Remembrance Book: Patrick McNamara, Lilian Tardivel, Annette Cronin, Pamela Lusk, Robert Jordan, Dorothy O'Neil, Rev'd Neil Oosthuizen, Pearl White, Alan Oakley

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 and Geraldine Baggot. *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.*

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REFRESHMENTS

St Michael's	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>	<i>Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin</i>
Cathedral	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>	<i>Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane</i>	<i>Cathedral</i>

READERS

St Michael's	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>	<i>Bernard / Vivian Amaeze</i>	<i>Annabelle Griffin</i>
Cathedral	<i>John St George</i>	<i>Keith O'Neill</i>	<i>Frank Sheehan</i>

FLOWERS

Cathedral	<i>Memorial</i>	<i>C. O'Neil</i>	<i>C. O'Neil</i>
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