



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: Trinity XVI (HARVEST) ~ 5th October 2025

COLLECTS AND READINGS THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 26: 1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.' You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

PSALM 100:1-4

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; ♦ serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know that the Lord is God; ♦ it is he that has made us and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; ♦ give thanks to him and bless his name.
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, ♦ and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

THE EPISTLE READING: PHILIPPIANS 4: 4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL: ST JOHN 6: 25-35

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom. By your grace plant within us such reverence for all that you give us that will make us wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	37	42	43	36	47
The Cathedral	47	39	37		

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 October 5 th Trinity XVI- (Harvest)		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	SofW	St Michael's

	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday October 6 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday October 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday October 8 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	1.15	Lunchtime Concert (Talk)	
Thursday October 9 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	2:30	Healer Prayer	
	8:00	Autumn Course	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Friday October 10 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday October 11 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday October 12 th Trinity XVII	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

Harvest Services: Please services of harvest thanksgiving will be held in Saint Michael's at 10:00am and Saint Mary's at 11:15am on Sunday 05th October. The guest preacher will be The Rev'd Canon Patrick Harvey.

RSCM International Chorister Day – 5th October: This is a celebration of all the opportunities that being a chorister provides, at all levels from our great cathedrals to small parish churches.

Chorister Recruitment: Limited spaces available for boys and girls aged 12–14 to join the Cathedral Choir. Email Peter Barley: organist@limerick.anglican.org.

Healer Prayer: The next meeting of the Healer Prayer Group will meet on Thursday 09th October in Saint James' chapel at 2:30pm.

Lunchtime Talk: Join us for the next lunchtime talk in the Cathedral on Wednesday 08th October at 1:15pm.

Autumn Course on the Trinity: The course will take place over three weeks in each of the churches. The first session is in Abington Parish on Thursday 09th October at 8:00pm.

Food Donation Box: A food donation box has been placed by the Clancy Bench inside the Cathedral. Donations of food items will be much appreciated.

Saint Michael's Sunday Club will take place on Sunday 12th October during the service.

Church of Ireland Marriage Council - The Marriage Council is holding a free webinar on the topic of Blended Families on Tuesday 21st October at 19:00. To register email aisling.sheridan@rcbcoi.org

Whist Drives 2025: The first Whist Drive of the season takes place at Saint Michael's Hall on Saturday, 11th October at 7:30pm.

Cathedral Community Awards 2025: Nominations now open for Limerick residents who make a difference. Deadline: 30th November. Awards presented in February 2026. Forms from the Cathedral Office.

Children and Families Ministry Newsletter: The Autumn edition of the CFM newsletter is available by clicking on the following hyperlink: <https://bit.ly/Autumn25CFM>

Mothers' Union Harvest Supper: on Tuesday 14th October at 7pm we will be holding our Annual Fundraising Harvest Supper in Richmond Terrace, Henry Street. The cost per person - €25. For more info contact Lucy 087 2078850.

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Liverpool, Church in Wales: Diocese of Monmouth, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Haderslev. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church of Tanzania

Remembrance Book: Bill Williams, Donald Cameron, Martin Wallace, Ellie Eckhardt, Maurice O'Reilly, Leslie Taylor, Stanley Williams, Thomas O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGlone, Alberta Callender, Alan Condell

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, 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, Alan Kennedy

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

	5 th October	12 th October	19 th October	26 th October
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REFRESHMENTS

St Michael's	Daire McNamara	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Gillian Cheatley	Richard & Sheila Allen
Cathedral	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane

READERS

St Michael's	Daire McNamara	Keith Morrow	Margaret Schutz	Stephen Fairbrother
Cathedral	Tamasin Plowman	Muyiwa Okeneye	Paul Cable	Alan Bunworth

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Cathedral	H.Burrows	H.Burrows	H.Burrows	H.Burrows
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