



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: St Matthew, Trinity XIV ~ 21st September 2025

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: Give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches; that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE FIRST READING: PROVERBS 3:13-18

Happy are those who find wisdom, and those who get understanding, for her income is better than silver, and her revenue better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand; in her left hand are riches and honour. Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her; those who hold her fast are called happy.

PSALM 119: 65-72

You have dealt graciously with your servant, ♦
according to your word, O Lord.

O teach me true understanding and knowledge, ♦
for I have trusted in your commandments.

Before I was afflicted I went astray, ♦
but now I keep your word.

You are gracious and do good; ♦
O Lord, teach me your statutes.

The proud have smeared me with lies, ♦
but I will keep your commandments with my whole heart.

Their heart has become gross with fat, ♦
but my delight is in your law.

It is good for me that I have been afflicted, ♦
that I may learn your statutes.

The law of your mouth is dearer to me ♦
than a hoard of gold and silver.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of

the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of mercy and compassion, we have shared the joy of salvation that Matthew knew when Jesus called him. Renew our calling to proclaim the one who came not to call the righteous but sinners to salvation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	509	603	456	593	
The Cathedral	461	549	491		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday September 21 st Trinity XIV	3.00	Harvest	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday September 22 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday September 23 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	01.15	Lunchtime Concert	
Wednesday September 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday September 25 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday September 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday September 27 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday September 28 th	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

Trinity XV	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)

Congratulations: We wish to extend our warmest congratulations to Bishop Burrows and Claire Jackson on the birth of their first grandchild.

Appointment of Artist in Residence: We are glad to welcome Ms Nici LeGear as the first Artist in Residence at the Cathedral. Nici began her residency in Mid-September and shall be in post until the end of October. The theme of her residency will be 'Echoes in Stone: Landscapes of Memory'. Nici is inviting parishioners to share memories and reflections of the cathedral, in particular:

- What does the Cathedral mean to them?
- What changes have they seen here?
- What do you see and feel while here?

For more information contact Nici at info@nicilegear.com

Community Awards: The Dean of Saint Mary's Cathedral is pleased to launch the 2025 Cathedral Community Awards, recognising Limerick's unsung heroes. Open to all Limerick City residents. Nominations (by anyone) are due by 30th November 2025. Forms available from the Cathedral Office. Awards presented in February 2026.

Abington Church Annual Harvest Thanksgiving Service is being held this Sunday 21st at 3pm. Guest preacher is Rev. Keith Barry from Nenagh. Collection for Bishop's Appeal. Tea/ Coffee etc. in the parish All very welcome.

Pray for Holy Land: Archbishops urge the parish and church community to join together in prayer and fasting on **21st September**, the UN International Day of Peace.

Murroe-Boher Historical Society - 30th September: Our guest speaker, Dr. Matthew Potter will discuss Frances Condell, Mayor of Limerick in the Fitzgerald Room (accessed via the left-hand side entrance), Muintir na Tíre Hall, Murroe, on TUESDAY, at 8.30pm. Admission €5 to non-members. Annual membership €20 per person. All welcome.

Webinar on domestic and sexual abuse: Domestic & Sexual Abuse Awareness Online training by ONUS on Wednesday, **1st October**, 7:30–9:00 p.m., for Church of Ireland members [Register here](#)

Harvest Decorations: Join us in decorating the Cathedral on Saturday **5th October** for our Harvest Service on Sunday, 6th October. Donations of flowers, fruit, and vegetables are most welcome.

Multicultural Food Evening: Join us at Saint Mary's Cathedral on Thursday, **9th October** for an evening celebrating food, culture, and community. This event is ticketed and costs €10.00 for adults and children go free. If you would like to bring a dish please contact the Curate. Those interested in attending the event must email the curate by **Tuesday 23rd October 2025** - curate@limerick.anglican.org

Whist Drives 2025: Whist Drives are back at St. Michael's Church Hall. The first date is Saturday 11th October at 7:30pm If interested, contact Gillian on 087 1254687

Jam Jars wanted: (clean and labels removed) i.e. Folaín or Bonne Mama or similar please for making jam for Saint Michael's Church Christmas Fundraiser. Can be left in St. Michael's Church or contact Tracey on 086-6486197.

RSCM International Chorister Day is on Sunday 5th October: It's a celebration of the amazing opportunities that being a chorister provides, at all levels from our great cathedrals to small parish

churches. There are various resources on our website, International Chorister Day | RSCM but the easiest ways to engage are to use the prayer, in a service or as a vestry prayer Prayer-for-RSCM-ICD.pdf or simply to do a social media post, using the hashtag #internationalchoristerday. If you use Instagram, then it should appear on our social media wall which will be reinstated shortly.

Evergreens: Please Note the Evergreens will reconvene in October. Date to be confirmed.

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Sheffield, Church of Greenland: (Diocese of Greenland within the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark)

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

Remembrance Book: Roger Trevor Shier, Patrick Fitzgerald, Christopher Noel King, George Martin, Joan Conan, Alice O'Connell, Dr. Desmond Parker, Michael Sheehan.

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, 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.

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	21 st September	28 th September	5 th October	12 th October
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REFRESHMENTS

St Michael's	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Daire McNamara	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle
Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh

READERS

St Michael's	Cormac O'Connell	Richard Allen	Daire McNamara	Keith Morrow
Cathedral	Sean Casey	Paul Cable	Tamasin Plowman	Muyiwa Okeneye

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