



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: Trinity XV ~28th September 2025

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING: GENESIS 28:10-17

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

PSALM 103:19-22

The Lord has established his throne in heaven, ♦
and his kingdom has dominion over all.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, ♦
you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, ♦
you ministers of his who do his will.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; ♦
bless the Lord, O my soul.

THE EPISTLE READING: REVELATION 12:7-12

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, 'Now have come the salvation and the power and the

kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!’

THE GOSPEL: SAINT JOHN 1:27-51

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming towards him, he said of him, ‘Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!’ Nathanael asked him, ‘Where did you come to know me?’ Jesus answered, ‘I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.’ Nathanael replied, ‘Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!’ Jesus answered, ‘Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.’ And he said to him, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we have received these tokens of your promise. May we who have been nourished with holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	332	10	427	465
The Cathedral	332	468	346	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday September 28 th Trinity XV	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday September 29 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday September 30 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday October 1 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Thursday October 2 nd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

Friday October 3 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday October 4 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday October 5 th Trinity XVI		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	SofW	St 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)

Birthday Wishes: Warm congratulations to Mr. Cyril Forster on celebrating his 90th birthday from all at Limerick City Parish.

Food Donation Box: A food donation box has been placed by the Clancy Bench inside the Cathedral. The clergy are appealing for donations of imperishable food items such as cereals, pasta and canned goods etc. Donations will support the work of Limerick Island Community Partners.

Autumn Course on the Trinity: To mark the anniversary year of the Council of Nicaea, clergy have organised an autumn series on the Trinity. The series will take place over three weeks in each of the churches. The first session is in Abington Parish at 8:00pm. All welcome!

Lunchtime Concert: Join us for the next lunchtime concert in the Cathedral on Tuesday 30th October at 1:15pm.

Meet the Artist in Residence: Parishioners are invited to meet the Cathedral's Artist in Residence on Saturday, 4th October at 12 noon.

Mothers' Union All-Ireland Service: The TLK Diocese will host this year's service on Thursday, 2nd October at 10:30 a.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral, led by Canon Jane Galbraith. The service will be live-streamed and followed by tea/coffee. All welcome.

Historical Society Talk – 30th September: Dr. Matthew Potter will speak on Frances Condell, former Mayor of Limerick, at 8:30 p.m. in the Muintir na Tíre Hall, Murroe. €5 entry for non-members.

Domestic & Sexual Abuse Webinar: Online training by ONUS on Wednesday, 1st October, 7:30–9:00 p.m., for Church of Ireland members. *Register online.*

RSCM International Chorister Day – 5th October: Celebrating the joy of being a chorister—open to all ages and parishes.

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

Harvest Decorations – 5th October: Help decorate the Cathedral for the Harvest Service. Join us Saturday at 11 a.m. Donations of flowers, fruit, and veg welcome.

Whist Drives 2025: The first Whist Drive of the season takes place at Saint Michael's Hall on Saturday, 11th October at 7:30pm. Other upcoming dates include 8th November 2025, 13th December 2025, 10th January 2026, 7th February 2026, 7th March 2026.

Confirmation 2025: Confirmation Service will be held on Sunday, 19th October in the Cathedral. Contact clergy to register interest.

United Diocesan Confirmation Follow-Up Weekend Booking Form: Bishop Michael Burrows & United Diocesan Youth Council of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe invites all those who were Confirmed in 2025 to attend The United Diocesan Confirmation Follow-Up Weekend. This will be an ideal chance to meet others who were confirmed during this time from throughout the United Diocese! Please see the attached booking form.

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.

Supporting Your Parish: Support your parish through time, talents, prayer, or financial gifts. Speak with clergy or the treasurer to learn more.

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Church in Wales: Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, Church of England: Diocese of Leicester

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

Remembrance Book: Jimmy Murray, Mary June Smaje, Richard Langford, Detective Garda P.J. McDonagh, Fritz Ischner, Ronald Sydney, Anne Moloney, John Rolf, Joan Miller Smyth, Sarah Williams

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.

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	28 th September	5 th October	12 th October	19 th October
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REFRESHMENTS

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

READERS

St Michael's	Richard Allen	Daire McNamara	Keith Morrow	Margaret Schutz
Cathedral	Paul Cable	Tamasin Plowman	Muyiwa Okeneye	Paul Cable

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