



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: Trinity XIX~26th October 2025

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 14:7-10, 19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O Lord, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its saviour in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveller turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the Lord concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the Lord does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O Lord, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonour your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O Lord our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

PSALM 84:1-7

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ♦
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: ♦
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Blessed are they who dwell in your house: ♦
they will always be praising you.
Blessed are those whose strength is in you, ♦
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, ♦
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.
They will go from strength to strength ♦
and appear before God in Zion.
O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; ♦
listen, O God of Jacob.

THE EPISTLE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8, 16-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE GOSPEL: SAINT LUKE 18:9-14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, "God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income." But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner!" I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	319	333	214	478	
The Cathedral	487	683	358	366	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday October 26 th Trinity XIX	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's

	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday October 27 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday October 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday October 29 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday October 30 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday October 31 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday November 1 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday November 2 nd Trinity XX		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	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)

Clocks: Reminder that clocks go back this coming Sunday.

Flowers: Today's flowers in the cathedral were presented by Sylvia Cowpar in remembrance of her late husband Leslie Cowpar.

November Remembrance List: Please note a prayer request sheet has been placed at the back of cathedral/church for those wishing for their loved ones and friends to be remembered during the All Saints'-tide service.

Archbishops' statement on the Church of Ireland and the Anglican Communion: The Most Rev John McDowell, the Church of Ireland's Primate of All Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh, with the Most Rev Michael Jackson, Primate of Ireland and Archbishop of Dublin have issued a statement on the relationship between the Church of Ireland and the Anglican Communion following the recent communiqué from Gafcon (Please see email attachment).

Sunday Clubs: Meet in all three churches throughout the month (Cathedral 1st and 3rd, St Michael's 2nd, Abington on 2nd and 4th). Children are welcome at all of these gatherings.

Le Fanu Festival 2025: This will be held in Abington Church on Saturday 8th November. Please visit www.lefanufestival.ie for more information

Limerick Council for Mission Representative: The parish is looking for a parishioner to represent LCP on the diocesan Council for Mission. For more information please speak with the Dean.

Whist Drives 2025: Upcoming date - 8th November 2025 in Saint Michael's at 7:30pm.

Cathedral Christmas Cards: This year's Christmas card is now on sale at the Cathedral Shop. The Christmas card features the Cathedral's West Door.

Food Donation Box: The cathedral is appealing for tins of soup to be donated to the food bank in the cathedral. Donations of imperishable food items also accepted. Donations will support the work of Limerick Island Community Partners.

Church Giving: Support your parish through time, talents, prayers, or financial giving. Speak to the treasurer or clergy to learn more.

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.

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

Church of Ireland Gazette: This month's addition of the Church of Ireland Gazette is now available at the back of the Cathedral/church.

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo*: Church of England: Diocese of Carlisle, Church of Norway: Diocese of Stavanger, Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church in Wales

Remembrance Book: John Mulvey, Victor S. Brown, Derek Thompson, Eamon Doyle, Tanya Lewis, Rt. Rev'd Peter Barrett, Lucy Copley, Peter Stewart Atherden, Eamonn Murphy, Paul Rowlandson

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Jerry Murphy, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, 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

	26 th October	2 nd November	9 th November	16 th November
Refreshments				
St Michael's	<i>Richard & Sheila Allen</i>	<i>Sheila Cusack</i>	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>
Cathedral	<i>Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane</i>	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>	<i>Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam</i>	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>
Readers				
St Michael's	<i>Stephen Fairbrother</i>	<i>Lucy Kavangh</i>	<i>Tracey Lyttle</i>	<i>Vivian Amaeze</i>
Cathedral	<i>Alan Bunworth</i>	<i>RBL</i>	<i>David Thompson</i>	<i>John St George</i>
Flowers				
Cathedral	<i>Memorial</i>	<i>A.Gill</i>	<i>A.Gill</i>	<i>A.Gill</i>

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