

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – The Kingship of Christ - Sunday Before Advent –  
23rd November 2025*

### COLLECTS AND READINGS

Eternal father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: Keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

#### THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 23:1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

#### Psalm 46

1 God is our refuge and strength, ♦  
a very present help in trouble;

2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, ♦  
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea;

3 Though the waters rage and swell, ♦  
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.

4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, ♦  
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; therefore shall she not be removed; ♦  
God shall help her at the break of day.

6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, ♦  
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

8 Come and behold the works of the Lord, ♦  
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.

9 He makes wars to cease in all the world; ♦  
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God; ♦  
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us; ♦  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## THE EPISTLE READING: COLOSSIANS

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled<sup>\*</sup> you<sup>\*</sup> to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.<sup>\*</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in<sup>\*</sup> him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in<sup>\*</sup> him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

## THE GOSPEL: SAINT LUKE 23:33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that plenteously bearing the fruit of good works that they may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	86	360	684	97	
The Cathedral	285	281	231		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November The Kingship of Christ Sunday	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	17:00	Feile Luimnígh instrumental competitions	
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November Advent Sunday		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Advent Service	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	
	19:00	Advent Procession	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Congratulations:** We wish to congratulate Benedict and his family on the arrival of their baby boy.

**Sympathy:** The family of David Bannister are very much in our thoughts as they mourn his passing.

**Concert:** A concert will be held in Saint Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 23 November at 5pm. Performers include Prize Winners from this year's Feile Luimnígh instrumental competitions. Admission €10 (adults) and children go free.

**Concert in Abington:** The annual Christmas charity concert by the Slieve Felim Singers takes place in Abington Church on Sunday November 30th at 3pm.

**Evergreen Update:** Please note that all scheduled Evergreen meetings for the remainder of the year have been cancelled. The group will be relaunched under the working title The Tuesday Club, with a festive lunch planned for early January. Further details will be shared soon.

**Lunchtime Concert:** Tuesday lunchtime concerts have now finished up for the year. Thank you for your support during 2025. Lunchtime concerts will return in the New Year.

**Saint Michael's National School Applications:** Please note applications for enrollment (2026/27) are open from next week. Please contact Saint Michael's National School for further details on the application process.

**Candelabra Cleaning:** The Dean is seeking volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the cathedral's Candelabra in the lead up the session of Advent. Please speak to a member of the clergy for further details.

**Echoes in Stone:** Join us in Saint Mary's Cathedral as the Artist in Residence, Nici Le Gear unveils her three works of art at the Unveiling Reception on Monday 01<sup>st</sup> December 2025 at 6:00pm.

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

**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.

**Fundraising Saint Michael's Church:** As referenced in the Building Works presentation at the end of September, we need to raise funds for the painting of the church. Approx. €30k needs to be raised by Easter 2026. The proceeds from the following two fundraisers will go towards the Painting Project.

**Villiers School Christmas Market:** Join us for the third annual Villiers School Christmas Market

on Friday, 28th November 2025, from 12 noon to 4 pm. Free entry – this is a community event and all are welcome! Come along and share in the Christmas spirit while supporting our 2025 charity partners.

**Saint Michael's Church Christmas Market Stall:** takes place in Villiers School Sports hall on Friday 28th of November from 12pm to 4pm and is well worth a visit. Lots of lovely stalls and St Michael's will have a Homebaking/preserves/gift stall there. Donations of any unwanted gifts would be appreciated. Thanking you in advance for your support.

**Christmas Raffle –** This will be coordinated by Gillian Cheatley (mobile - 0871254687) and we are looking for donations of items suitable for a Christmas hamper e.g. wine, biscuits, chocolates, crackers, crisps, jam, napkins etc., etc., (please ensure all donations of food items are within best before dates). The basket is at the back of the church for all generous gifts/donations commencing this Sunday. The raffle will take place in December at the Christmas Carol Service and if you wish to buy a line for €5 please contact Gillian or Tracey.

**Cycles of prayer: Porvoo:** Church of England: Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Aberdeen and Orkney

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

**Remembrance Book:** William James Sirr, Father Andrew Nugent, Marian O'Sullivan, Christopher Taylor, Tom Cusack, Gery Burke, Anne O'Reilly, Elma McMillen, Gabrielle Hanrahan

**Prayers for the Sick:** Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, 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, Noah Copley-Brown.

**NOTE:** If you wish to place a name on the list, please email it to [limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto: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

	23 <sup>rd</sup> November	30 <sup>th</sup> November	7 <sup>th</sup> December	14 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin	Richard & Sheila Allen	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow	John & Kayt Shier
<b>Cathedral</b>	Brian Sheppard	Shawn & Carrie Jamieson	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh
<b>Readers</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Annabelle Griffin	Sheelagh Morrow	Cormac O'Connell	Margaret Brickenden
<b>Cathedral</b>	Keith O'Neil	Frank Sheehan	Lindsay Boyle	Sean Casey
<b>Flowers</b>				
<b>Cathedral</b>	A.Gill	Advent	Advent	Advent

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