

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Epiphany I - 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026*

### COLLECTS AND READINGS

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: Grant to us, who are born of water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42:1-9

Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching. Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

### PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, ♦ ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; ♦ worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; ♦ the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; ♦ the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; ♦ the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf ♦ and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; ♦ the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; ♦ in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; ♦ the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people; ♦ the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

### THE EPISTLE: ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify

that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

### THE GOSPEL: SAINT MATTHEW 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, 'I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?' But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.' Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved,<sup>\*</sup> with whom I am well pleased.'

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Refreshed by these holy gifts, Lord God, we seek your mercy: that by listening faithfully to your only Son, and being obedient to the prompting of the Spirit, we may be your children in name and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord

HYMNS					
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	200	196	214	295	
<b>The Cathedral</b>	204	136	324		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany I	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> January Epiphany II	09.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	19.00	Epiphany Carol Service	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Condolences:** We offer our sympathy to the family of Anne Holmes on the death of her mother. We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers.

**Congratulations:** We extend their warmest congratulations to Ian and Megan Mulvey on the birth of their daughter, Violet. A little sister for Cecily.

**Cathedral Shop:** We are looking for an assistant Shop Manager to act in a voluntary capacity. For more information please speak with the Dean or the Shop Manager, Lindsay Boyle.

**TCD Choir:** We look forward to welcoming the Chaplain and Choir of Trinity College, Dublin to the Cathedral on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January for service at 11.15am.

**World Day of Prayer:** We are grateful to Margaret Schutz who has been the parish representative on the organising committee of this event. We are now looking for a few more volunteers to join and support Margaret on the group. For more information, please speak to Margaret or the Dean.

**The Tuesday Club:** The Evergreens has been reformatted and renamed as The Tuesday Club. An inaugural lunch has been organised for Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2026 at 1:00pm in the Absolute Hotel. All parishioners and friends are welcome. To reserve a place please contact one of the following people: Noreen Allen (085 733 5855), Helena Burrowes ( 086 086 2639), Mary Howes (086 857 93770). Further details will be in the Newsletter over the following weeks.

**Appeal (Please contact either the Dean or the Curate for further details):**

- The Dean is seeking a donation of 2 large flat screens for zoom facilities in the cathedral.

**Update on Cathedral Food Donation Box:** The Clergy wish to express their sincere gratitude for the food donations received in recent months. We will continue to receive donations beyond the New Year.

**Register of Vestry Persons** – Please note registrations for new additions to the General Vestry are open until 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026. You must be registered to vote or be eligible to stand for the Select Vestry later in the year. Forms are available in each of the churches.

**Parish Activities:** Wanting to keep Children entertained? Come and take part in the Lego Minifigs Treasure Hunt, Children's Pilgrimage or Come & Draw Activity in the cathedral throughout Christmas holidays. An electronic jigsaw is also available on: <https://www.jigsawplanet.com/SaintMarysLimerick>

**Used Postage Stamp Collection:** A large consignment of used postage stamps was very gratefully received by Barnardo's in Dublin recently. Please continue to collect, perhaps especially in the run up to Christmas, and leave them for the attention of Claire Jackson in Saint Mary's Cathedral.

**Sunday Clubs:** The Sunday Club in the Cathedral recommences on Sunday 18th January, when Christingle preparations will be made. The Sunday Club is open to those of primary school age. It meets regularly on the first and third Sundays of the month with appropriate vacation breaks. Accompanied by a carer those not yet attending Primary School are welcome too. Please note that there will be NO Sunday Club on Sunday 1 February. 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).

**Dialogue of Friendship:** The event will take place on Saturday, 16 May 2026, at Dundrum Methodist Church in Dublin.

**Accommodation Wanted:** My name is Adeola a mother of two delightful teenagers, I just moved into Limerick City from Tralee some months ago and looking for a place to call home in Limerick city or any of its suburbs. I need a good 2/3 bed apartment in Limerick city and or it's suburbs. I am employed and can pay my bills. Please feel free to contact me if you know any Landlords or Agent willing to assist, I can be reached on 0899791976. Thank you.

**Update from Saint Michael's:** Repairs to one side of Saint Michael's Church are complete, with plans to repair the remaining roof section at an estimated cost of €110k. Grant funding applications are underway to limit costs to the congregation. Once weatherproofed, painting will follow at a cost of €30k, which must be fundraised locally. €1,430 has already been raised, a raffle is ongoing, and a larger fundraising campaign will launch in early 2026. Full report: <https://www.scribd.com/document/965190060/Fundraising-Saint-Michael>

**Cycles of prayer: Porvoo:** Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Oulu, Church of Norway: Diocese of Sør-Hålogaland (Bodø) and Church of England: Diocese of Coventry.

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

**Remembrance Book:** Bella Bingham, Lois Margery Wyse Jackson, Peg Inns, Ellen Bond, Derek Crowe, Matilda Campion, Fredrick William Oakley, Reginard Pearse Hassell, Florrice Trousdell, Antoinette Byrne, Michael Mason, Rita McNamara, Valentina Dernova

**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, Mark.

**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

	11 <sup>th</sup> January	18 <sup>th</sup> January	25 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> February
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Gillian Cheatley	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack	TBC
<b>Cathedral</b>	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu
<b>Readers</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	John Shier	Lucy Kavanagh	Vivian Amaeze	Annabelle Griffin
<b>Cathedral</b>	Alan Bunworth	David Thompson	Heather Peirce	John St. George

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