

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe - Epiphany II - 18th January 2026

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING: ISAIAH 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.' And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says, 'It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, 'Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.'

PSALM 40

1 I waited patiently for the Lord; ♦ he inclined to me and heard my cry.

2 He brought me out of the roaring pit, out of the mire and clay; ♦
he set my feet upon a rock and made my footing sure.

3 He has put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; ♦
many shall see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, ♦
who does not turn to the proud that follow a lie.

5 Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

How great your designs for us! ♦ There is none that can be compared with you.

6 If I were to proclaim them and tell of them ♦ they would be more than I am able to express.

7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire ♦ but my ears you have opened;

8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; ♦ then said I: 'Lo, I come.

9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me that I should do your will, O my God; ♦
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'

10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; ♦
behold, I did not restrain my lips, and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness I have not hidden in my heart;

I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; ♦

I have not concealed your loving-kindness and truth from the great congregation.

12 Do not withhold your compassion from me, O Lord; ♦
let your love and your faithfulness always preserve me

THE EPISTLE: I Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE GOSPEL: SAINT JOHN 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me." I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.' And John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.' The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, 'Look, here is the Lamb of God!' The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, 'What are you looking for?' They said to him, 'Rabbi' (which translated means Teacher), 'where are you staying?' He said to them, 'Come and see.' They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas' (which is translated Peter).

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	692	696	642	652	
The Cathedral	332	263	492		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 18 th 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
Monday 19 th January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 20 th January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 21 st January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 22 nd January	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 23 rd January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 24 th January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 25 th January Epiphany III	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	12.30	The Cathedral Souvenir Book Launch	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

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.

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.

World Day of Prayer: We are grateful to Margaret Schutz who has been the parish representative on the organizing 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 Dean.

Cathedral Flower Rota: If you would like to assist during the period of 2026-2027, please contact Adrienne as soon as possible.

Vocations Retreat: Information is attached about the upcoming Church of Ireland Vocations Retreat, which will take place at the Manresa Retreat Centre, Clontarf, Dublin 3, from 20–22 February. The cost of the retreat is €75. Anyone wishing to participate should complete the registration form and return it to Linto.John@rcbcoi.org.

The Tuesday Club: The Evergreens has been reformatted and renamed as The Tuesday Club. An inaugural lunch has been organized on Tuesday, 27th January, 2026 at 1:00pm in the Absolute Hotel. All parishioners and friends are welcome. The cost for the two-course lunch is €25 payable in cash to one of the committee members on the day. To reserve a place please contact one of the following people as soon as possible: Noreen Allen(085 733 5855), Helena Burrowes (086 086 2639), Mary Howes (086 857 9377)

Update on Cathedral Food Donation Box: The Clergy wish to express their sincere gratitude for the food donations received in recent months. We are appealing for further donations of long-life food items and hygiene products (soap, toothpaste etc.).

Register of Vestry Persons: Please note registrations for new additions to the General Vestry are open until 22nd 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.

Candelabra Cleaning: The Dean is seeking volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the cathedral's Candelabra over the coming weeks. Please speak to a member of the clergy for further details.

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 re-commences 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 1st and 3rd, St Michael's 2nd, Abington on 2nd 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. Please feel free to contact me if you know any Landlords or Agent willing to assist, I can be reached on 0899791976. Thank you.

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Tampere, Church of England: Diocese of Manchester. **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

Remembrance Book: Madame Marian Griffin, Terence Cusack, Lillah Ellerker, Theo Saunders, Violet Hanley, Michael Noel Ryan, Edward Ruddock, Kumico, George Fairbrother

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, Pat Kingston.

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

	18 th January	25 th January	1 st February	8 th February
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell
Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh
Readers				
St Michael's	Lucy Kavanagh	Vivian Amaeze	Annabelle Griffin	Keith Morrow
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