



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe –Conversion of St Paul & Epiphany III - 25th January 2026*

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### COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord

### THE FIRST READING: JEREMIAH: 1:4-10

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

### PSALM 67

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦ and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦ your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦ for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦ and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us, ♦ and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

### THE EPISTLE: ACTS 9:1-22

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.' The men who were travelling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank. Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, 'Ananias.' He answered, 'Here I am, Lord.' The Lord said to him, 'Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight.' But Ananias answered, 'Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name.' But the Lord said to him, 'Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my

name.’ So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, ‘Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.’ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, ‘He is the Son of God.’ All who heard him were amazed and said, ‘Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem among those who invoked this name? And has he not come here for the purpose of bringing them bound before the chief priests?’ Saul became increasingly more powerful and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Messiah.

**THE GOSPEL: SAINT MATTHEW 19:27-30**

Then Peter said in reply, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you. What then will we have?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man is seated on the throne of his glory, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields, for my name’s sake, will receive a hundredfold, and will inherit eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Almighty Father, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; for he is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS					
<b>Saint Michael’s</b>	643	97	438	662	
<b>The Cathedral</b>	461	597	459	566	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January The Conversion of Saint Paul	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
	12:30	Book Launch	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13:00	Tuesday Club	Absolute Hotel
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	8:00	Saint Michael’s Committee	Saint Michael’s
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February Candlemas		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)*

**Book Launch:** The Cathedral Souvenir Book launch will be held in the Cathedral at 12:30pm. All Welcome.

**Saint Mary Sunday Club:** No Sunday Club in the Cathedral on 1 February. The Sunday Club resumes on 15 February.

**Saint Michael's Committee Meeting:** Please note the Saint Michael's Committee will meet in Saint Michael's Church at 8:00pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8:00pm.

**The Tuesday Club:** The Evergreens has been reformatted and renamed as The Tuesday Club. An inaugural lunch has been organized for 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)

**Brigid's Crosses:** Workshops for making Saint Brigid's crosses will be held in the Cathedral from Monday 26 January to Wednesday 28 January 2025 (11am – 3pm).

**Candelabra Cleaning:** The Dean is seeking volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the cathedral's Candelabra on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February from 11am. Please speak to a member of the clergy for further details.

**CIYD Pancakes & Prayer Lent Campaign 2026:** Information and Prayer Pamphlet attached

**Musical Concert:** Helen Hancock and Paul Cibis present 'Togetherness', a concert on the theme of love, on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at 3pm. Retiring Collection in the Cathedral.

**Office Works:** Please note that, due to upcoming building works, the Parish Office will relocate to Saint Mark's Chapel starting next week. During this period, the Parish Office area will be strictly out of bounds to all members of the public and parishioners.

**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.
- The Clergy are seeking expressions of interest for the donation of two memorial brass vases for 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 in the group. For more information, please speak to Margaret or Dean.

**For the Diary:** The Friends Coffee Morning will be held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February after 10.30am service.

**Volunteers Needed:** Please note that several events will be taking place in the Cathedral over the coming months, and the Dean is seeking volunteers to assist with serving refreshments. For further details, please contact the Dean or the Curate.

**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](mailto:Linto.John@rcbcoi.org).

**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.).

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, St Michael's 2<sup>nd</sup>, Abington on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>).

**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.

**Cycles of prayer:** *Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Birmingham, Church of Ireland: Diocese of Cork, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Elsinore.*

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Iglesia Anglicana de Chile

**Remembrance Book:** Marian Power, Malcolm Peter Santley, Maxwell Stephen Stringer, James Albert McCormack, Baby Tom Stokes, Dorothy Knott Boyle, Margaret Lennox, Camella Mitchell, Henry Richard, Peter Keane, Tom Ryan, Agnes O'Callaghan, Rev. Martha Gray Stack, Margaret Hayes, Maureen Bramwell, Peggy Martin, Baby Sophie Moore, Pa Fitzgerald, Gilbert Smith

**Prayers for the Sick:** Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, David, Elayne 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

	25 <sup>th</sup> January	1 <sup>st</sup> February	8 <sup>th</sup> February	15 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Sheila Cusack	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin
<b>Cathedral</b>	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil
<b>Readers</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Vivian Amaeze	Annabelle Griffin	Keith Morrow	Sheelagh Morrow
<b>Cathedral</b>	Heather Peirce	John St.George	Keith O'Neil	Frank Sheehan

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