



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe –Transfiguration & Sunday before Lent –15th February 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: Give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE FIRST READING EXODUS 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.' Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

PSALM 2

1 Why are the nations in tumult, ♦ and why do the peoples devise a vain plot?

2 The kings of the earth rise up, and the rulers take counsel together, ♦
against the Lord and against his anointed:

3 'Let us break their bonds asunder ♦ and cast away their cords from us.'

4 He who dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn; ♦ the Lord shall have them in derision.

5 Then shall he speak to them in his wrath ♦ and terrify them in his fury:

6 'Yet have I set my king ♦ upon my holy hill of Zion.'

7 I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; ♦ he said to me: 'You are my Son; this day have I begotten you.

8 'Ask of me and I will give you the nations for your inheritance ♦ and the ends of the earth for your
possession.

9 'You shall break them with a rod of iron ♦ and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

10 Now therefore be wise, O kings; ♦ be prudent, you judge of the earth.

11 Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet, ♦ lest he be angry and you perish from the way, for
his wrath is quickly kindled.

12 Happy are all they ♦ who take refuge in him.

THE EPISTLE 2 PETER 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a

dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 17:1-9

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Holy God we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers at his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

| HYMNS | | | | | |
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| Saint Michael's | 646 | 381 | 331 | 647 | |
| The Cathedral | 52 | 654 | 316 | 205 | |

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on <https://www.churchcamlive.ie/limerickstmarys> and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie within the following 90 days. After that time recordings will be destroyed; however, exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral requires it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on <https://www.churchcamlive.ie/limerickstmarys> and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie other Cathedral communication channels. If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office. If you do not wish to appear in the recording, please advise Churchwardens who will guide you to an area which will not be filmed and will make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion there. *NRSV (Anglicized Edition), copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America; Material in this service reproduced from BCP under licence © RCB 2004; One License Number: A738650; Use QR code to donate to Saint Mary's online.*



| SERVICES & EVENTS | | | |
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| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
| Sunday 15 th February <i>Sunday before Lent</i> | 09.30 | Holy Communion | Ss John & Ailbe, Abington |
| | 10.00 | Morning Prayer | St Michael's |
| | 11.15 | Holy Communion | The Cathedral |
| Monday 16 th February | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Tuesday 17 th February | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Wednesday 18 th February | 07.30 | Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion | The Cathedral |
| | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | |
| | 19.00 | Beginning of Lent Service | |
| Thursday 19 th February | 10.30 | Holy Communion | The Cathedral |
| Friday 20 th February | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Saturday 21 st February | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |

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| Sunday 22 nd February <i>Lent I</i> | 10.00 | Morning Prayer | Ss John & Ailbe, Abington |
| | 10.00 | Holy Communion | St Michael's |
| | 11.15 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

Baptism: Last Sunday we welcomed baby Gabriel Ishmael into the Limerick City Parish community. We extend our warmest congratulations to the Orji family on the baptism of their son.

Sympathy: We offer our prayers and support to the family of Jean Cooper on her recent passing.

Livestreaming: Please note services from the Cathedral are now accessible on the following hyperlink

- <https://www.churchcamlive.ie/limerickstmarys>.

Ash Wednesday, 18th February: Holy Communion service in the Cathedral at 7.30am followed by a light breakfast, Morning Prayer at 10.30am and an evening service at 7.00pm to mark the Beginning of Lent.

Tuesday Club: Following the very successful inaugural lunch for The Tuesday Club, the next meeting is on Tuesday, 24th February 2026, at 2:30 pm in Saint Mary's Cathedral. The Ukulites will entertain us and they may allow you to join in!! They are a group of ukelele artistes from Limerick, who play together. They offered to come to the Tuesday Club to treat us to their repertoire. Light refreshments will be served as well. Please come along and bring a friend.

The End of Life Care Committee: is appealing for donations of knitted hearts to give to individuals and families who have lost a loved one. If you are able to knit a heart, please bring it to the Dean, the Curate, or the Parish Office. Thank you for your kindness and support.

Spring CFM Newsletter: The Spring Newsletter is now available to read as a flipbook online.

View it here: <https://simplebooklet.com/spring26>

The Commission on Ministry: is organising two Church Growth Conferences in 2026, offering a balanced and varied perspective on the theme of Church Growth. Please note these important dates: Saturday 18 April 2026 at the Stormont Hotel, Belfast, and Saturday 25 April 2026 at the Radisson Blu Royal Hotel, Dublin (further details and booking information will follow).

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

Table Quiz: Please note a Table Quiz will be held in St. Michael's Church on Friday 27th March. Time to be confirmed. Proceeds will support the restoration works. For further details, please contact Tracey Lyttle.

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

Saint Michael's Sunday School: The next Sunday School will take place on 22nd February during the Church service.

Family Carers Ireland invites family carers in our parish to take part in the State of Caring 2026 survey, Ireland's largest study of unpaid caring. The online survey takes 30 minutes and closes 4 March 2026. Paper or phone support: Joanne Murphy, jmurphy@familycarers.ie, 086 032 6187.

Pancakes & Prayer returns for Lent 2026, aiming to support 7,300 young people in South Sudan with food and clean water. Youth groups and schools can fundraise and pray together through Bishops' Appeal. Even €3 can help feed a child for a year.

Parishioners are invited to *Wellspring, Brook, Lake, Sea*, a new online journaling series facilitated by Dr Jessica Brown. Sessions take place on Zoom in March. For more info visit: www.ministryofhealing.ie

Bishops Peregrinating: On 7th March, the Bishop will be visiting Limerick at 1:30pm and Abington at 4:00pm. As part of the festivities, the clergy are appealing for vintage vehicles. If you would like to bring a vehicle, please contact the clergy or the parish office.

Dates for the Diary: Whist Drive on Saturday, 21st February 2026 at 7:15pm in Villiers Square.

Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme: Please note, Information leaflets for the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme are available at the back of the church.

UDYC Senior Day Trip: The UDYC Senior Day Trip to Dublin, including attendance at the Winter Madness event, will take place on Saturday, 21st February. Please see the attached booking form. The closing date for bookings is Monday, 16th February.

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

- The Clergy are seeking expressions of interest for the donation of two memorial brass vases for the Cathedral.

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 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.

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 is open to those of primary school age. It meets regularly with appropriate vacation breaks. Accompanied by a carer those not yet attending Primary School are welcome too. Clubs meet in all three churches throughout the month (Cathedral 1st and 3rd, St Michael's 2nd, Abington on 2nd and 4th).

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 Ireland: United diocese of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Roskilde

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

Prayers for the Sick: Irene Trousdell, 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.

Remembrance Book: Alfred Sparling, William Walter Copley, David McElderry, Nance McLindon, Maureen Hayes, Joe Browley, Billy Mackow, Frank Prendergast

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.

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| | 15 th February | 22 nd February | 1 st March | 8 th March |
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| Refreshments | | | | |
| St Michael's | Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin | Susi Eckhardt | Keith & Sheelagh Morrow | John & Kayt Shier |
| Cathedral | Keith O'Neil | Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane | Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam | Jemimah Egbulam |
| Readers | | | | |
| St Michael's | Sheelagh Morrow | Cormac O'Connell | Richard Allen | Tracey Lyttle |
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