



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Passion Sunday / Lent V – 22nd March 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 37:1-14

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath* to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.' So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

PSALM 130

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; ♦
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦ O Lord, who could stand?
 - 3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦ so that you shall be feared.
 - 4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦ in his word is my hope.
 - 5 My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, ♦
more than the night watch for the morning.
 - 6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦ for with the Lord there is mercy;
- 7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦ and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins..

THE EPISTLE: ROMANS 8:6-11

To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

THE GOSPEL: SAINT JOHN 11:1-45

Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they

see the light of this world. But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.' When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.' When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.' Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	632	226	249	104	
The Cathedral	293	587	9		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 22 nd March <i>Passion Sunday / Lent V</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 23 rd March	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 24 th March	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	14.30	The Tuesday Club	The Cathedral

Wednesday 25 th March	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	8.00	Saint Michael's Committee	St Michael's
Thursday 26 th March	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 27 th March	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Table quiz	St Michael's
Saturday 28 th March	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 29 th March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Eucharist & Palm Procession	The Cathedral
	19.30	St Mark Passion	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

Saint Michael's Committee will meet on Wednesday, 25th March at 8pm.

St Mark Passion: Sunday 29th March at 19.30, the cathedral holds the St Mark Passion, a liturgical performance on the last hours of Christ before the crucifixion.

"Choose Your Pot": Saint Michael's Church is planning to repaint the church and is seeking donations to assist with the associated expenses. Please find the full details attached. Your support would be sincerely valued.

The Tuesday Club meets in Saint Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 24th March 2026 at 2:30pm. Rev. Scott Elliott will speak, assisted by Transition Year students helping with devices. Bring smartphones or tablets. Light refreshments served. New attendees welcome; bring a friend and enjoy an informative and social afternoon together.

Lunchtime Concert: This week's Lunchtime Concert has chamber music by the ICO on Wednesday, 1.15pm.

Table Quiz: St Michael's Friday 27th March - all tables now booked - we have a waiting list if you wish to add your name. In the meantime, we are looking for donations of raffle prizes - if you wish to donate a prize please contact Tracey on 086-6486197.

Easter General Vestry: The Easter General Vestry will be held in person at Abington Church on Monday 20th April at 7:30pm. Only Registered Vestry Members are eligible to vote in and be nominated in the elections. Contact the Dean (Chair) or the Curate (Hon. Secretary) for any further enquiries.

Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise: Please find the annual report attached.

Weekday Prayer: Daily prayer services take place in Saint Mary's Cathedral at 10.30 am each weekday, with a midweek celebration of Holy Communion on Thursdays. All are welcome to attend. These short services last approximately 20 minutes.

Appeal for Knitted Hearts: The Dean and the Curate continue to appeal for donations of knitted hearts. These may be left inside the Cathedral or given directly to the Dean or the Curate.

Certificate in Christian Studies: Enrolment now open for the 2026/27. Two-year online course validated by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. It costs €300 a year. Applications and enquiries to: The Very Rev'd Dr Richard Marsh, Dean of Killaloe. Email: dean@stflannanscathedral.com / mob: 089 245 1601.

Cathedral Food Bank: We continue to appeal for donations of long-life food items and hygiene products to support the work of Limerick Island Community Partners, who assist the most vulnerable in our local community. All donations are gratefully received, and the clergy wish to express their thanks for your continued support.

"Love Your Neighbour": We are inviting parishioners to support a new Donation Box in Saint Michael's Church aiding the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Donate non-perishable foods and essential toiletries. Each gift helps a neighbour in need and makes Christ's command to love one another visible in our community.

Sacred Spaces Colouring Book: A cross-generational and inclusive colouring book is now available from the welcome desk at Saint Mary's Cathedral. The illustrations are based on photographs of the Cathedral taken by the Curate and offer a creative way to explore the beauty of our sacred space.

Bookings open: Dialogue of Friendship event on Saturday 16 May, at Dundrum Methodist Church in Dublin. The

theme is 'Faithfully Caring for Creation' and the keynote speaker is the Revd David Coleman. Further details and online booking: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/dialogue-of-friendship-faithfully-caring-for-creation-tickets-1979854887264?aff=oddtcreator>

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 (2 appeals)

- I am Abiola, I need a room accommodation with the budget between €450-550 (bill inclusive). Please, if you have any or can help in whatever form, contact me on 0899525219.
- My name is Adeola, a mother of two delightful teenagers, I just moved here and am looking for a place to call home in Limerick city or any of its suburbs. I need a good 2/3 bed apartment in the city 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.

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Church of Sweden: Diocese of Lund, Church of Ireland: Diocese of Cashel, Ossory and Ferns, Church of England: Diocese of Ely **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Korea

Remembrance Book: John Gordon Brickenden, Frances Lynch, Richard Lennox, Christina Houlihan, David Charles Pragnell

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, Tony O'Connell.

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

	22 nd March	29 th March	5 th April	12 th April
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Daire McNamara	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow	Gillian Cheatley	Richard & Sheila Allen
Cathedral	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Shawn & Carrie Jamieson	Alyson McHugh
Readers				
St Michael's	Margaret Schutz	Stephen Fairbrother	Lucy Kavanagh	John Shier
Cathedral	Muyiwa Okeneye	Paul Cable	Alan Bunworth	Frank Sheehan

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