

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Lent VI - Psalm Sunday – 29th March 2026

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES & EVENTS 2026

<p>Sunday 29th March (Lent VI, Palm Sunday) 10.00am: Holy Communion – Saint Michael's Church 10.00am: Morning Prayer - Saints John's & Ailbe, Abington 11.15am: Choral Eucharist & Palm Procession – Saint Mary's Cathedral 7.30 pm: St Mark Passion - Saint Mary's Cathedral</p>	<p>Monday 30th March (Holy/Fig Monday) 7.30 am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Prayer 7.30pm: Compline</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st March (Holy/Temple Tuesday) 7.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Prayer 7.30pm: A Late Evening Office</p>	<p>Wednesday 1st April (Spy Wednesday) 7.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Morning Prayer 7.30pm: Tenebrae</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday) 7.30am: Holy Communion 10.30am: Holy Communion 12.00pm: The Diocesan Chrism Service 7.30pm: The Lord's Supper</p>	<p>Friday 3rd April (Good Friday) 7.30 am: Ante Communion & Litany 10.30am: Morning Prayer 12.00pm: The Way of the Cross – starting at Saint Mary's Cathedral</p>
<p>Saturday 4th April (Easter Eve) 10.30am: Morning Prayer</p>	<p>Sunday 5th April (Easter Day) 9.30am: Holy Communion – Saints John's & Ailbe, Abington 10.00am: Holy Communion – Saint Michael's Church 11.15am: Festal Choral Eucharist – Saint Mary's Cathedral</p>

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

Please Note: Items for inclusion in the newsletter must be submitted by 12 Noon each Wednesday for consideration of the Clergy. Items must be kept to 50 words or less.

Sympathy: The Parish wishes to express its sympathy and support to Peter and Philip Talbot on the death of their brother Michael.

Holy Week Schedule: Every day this Holy Week (Monday–Thursday), we gather for Holy Communion at 7.30am in the Cathedral. A light breakfast will follow the service.

St Mark Passion: Starting off the Holy Week with the St Mark Passion today at 19.30 in the Cathedral, a liturgical performance on the last hours of Christ before the crucifixion. All welcome.

Good Friday Walk: Join us this Good Friday at 12 pm for the Way of the Cross. Our walk will begin at Saint Mary's Cathedral and continue through seven different centres, following the cross as we reflect on Christ's passion. We will finish our pilgrimage at Saint John's Cathedral, spreading the message of God's love throughout the journey.

Fire Drills: Please note that fire drills will take place in Saint Michael's on Palm Sunday before the service.

Fundraising: The clergy wish to extend their sincere thanks to all who have supported the fundraising for Saint Michael's repair works. We are now approaching the halfway mark towards our €30,000 target for the painting works. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Easter Egg Appeal: The clergy are seeking donations of Easter eggs to support the charities associated with the Cathedral Food Bank and Saint Michael's Food Bank. If you wish to contribute, please do so by Good Friday. Donations may be brought to the Cathedral or arranged through a member of the clergy.

The Tuesday Club: Big thank you to Rev. Scott for co-ordinating the Transition Year group from Saint Mary's Secondary School and an even bigger thanks to the girls for their expertise, along with Linda & Sarah for bringing them! Everyone enjoyed their help with their smartphones and tablets.

An Abhainn: The Easter edition of *An Abhainn* has been distributed by email (see attached). Printed copies are also available at the back of the churches and cathedral. Many thanks to Jeanne for her work in compiling and editing the magazine.

Cathedral Easter Decorating: We are seeking volunteers to assist in decorating the cathedral for Easter. This is scheduled for Saturday 4th April at 11:00am. Donations of flowers are sought.

“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.

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.

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)

- Abiola needs an accommodation with budget between €450-550 (bill inclusive). Contact on 0899525219.
- Adeola, a mother of two delightful teenagers, is looking for a 2/3 bed apartment in Limerick city or any of its suburbs. Contact on 0899791976.

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Church of Ireland: Diocese of Armagh, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Funen, Church of England: Diocese of Sodor and Man **Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Anglican Church of Melanesia

Remembrance Book: Otto Haselbeck, Norman Patrick Russell, James Bond, Muriel Howes, Ruth McCann, Samuel William Roundtree, John Sparling, Norman Long, Dorothy Shier, Clement Thompson, George Bond, Canon Edgar Turner, Maria Ishner

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

	29 th March	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow	Gillian Cheatley	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack
Cathedral	Lillian Okechukwu	Shawn & Carrie Jamieson	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil
Readers				
St Michael's	Stephen Fairbrother	Lucy Kavanagh	John Shier	TBC
Cathedral	Paul Cable	Alan Bunworth	Frank Sheehan	TBC

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