

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Easter Day – 5 April 2025

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE FIRST READING ACTS 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

- 1 Christ our passover has been | sacrificed | for us, therefore let us | celebrate the | feast,
- 2 Not with the old leaven of corruption • and | wickedness, but with the unleavened | bread of • sincerity • and | truth.
- 3 Christ, once raised from the dead | dies no | more; death has no | more do|minion | over him.
- 4 In dying, he died to sin | once for | all; in | living, • he | lives to | God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as | dead to | sin; and alive to God in | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
- 6 Christ has been | raised • from the | dead: the | firstfruits • of | those who | sleep.
- 7 For as by | man came | death, by man has come also the resur|rection | of the | dead.
- 8 For as in | Adam • all | die, even so in Christ shall | all be | made a|live.

THE EPISTLE COLOSSIANS 3:1-4

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

THE GOSPEL SAINT JOHN 20:1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know

where they have laid him.’ When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?’ Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, ‘Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Mary!’ She turned and said to him in Hebrew, ‘Rabbouni!’ (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, ‘Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, “I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.” ’ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	271	283	428	288
The Cathedral	271	277	274	288

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 5 TH April Easter Sunday	09.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 6 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 7 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 8 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 9 th April	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 10 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 11 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 12 th April Easter II	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	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).

Sympathy: The Parish extends its sincere sympathy and solidarity to the family of Peter Barley on the death of his mother, Janet. We also offer our sympathy and support to the family of Tim Evans on the death of his mother.

Congratulations to the bellringers of Saint Mary's Cathedral on finishing 3rd in the RR Cherry Cup striking competition in Rosscarbery last Saturday, thereby qualifying for the Murphy (All-Ireland) Cup. Mt. St. Alphonsus placed 6th out of 10 teams. Special congratulations to Theo Ramendik on competing in his first competition.

Table Quiz Report: A most enjoyable and sociable evening was had by all at the Table Quiz on Friday 27th March. The winners were *High Water* (Wilf & Susi Eckhardt and friends), with *Six Seven* (The O'Leary Family) in second place, while a special best-effort prize was awarded to *The Corner Boys* (Margaret, Nicholas and friend). Sincere thanks to Pip Cullen, Quiz Master, the scorekeepers, the bakers, and all who donated prizes and contributions, as well as everyone who attended. A total of €1,145 was raised, but most importantly, it was a wonderful social evening enjoyed by all.

Have You Seen Our Henry? Two Henry Hoovers have gone missing from Saint Michael's Church. If you have any information regarding its whereabouts, please contact the clergy or Tracey Lyttle.

Fundraising: The clergy 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 painting works. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Easter Appeal: The Dean and Curate Assistant thank all who donated Easter eggs as part of this year's appeal. Through your generosity, 300 eggs were collected and distributed to the Society of St Vincent de Paul and Limerick Island Community Partners.

Knitted Hearts Thanks: The Dean and Curate Assistant extend their thanks to the 'Crafty Angels' Craft Group for donating 140 knitted hearts. The Curate Assistant also appreciated the opportunity to visit the group and reflect on their warm and welcoming community spirit.

Cathedral Easter Decorating: The Parish thanks all the volunteers who assisted in decorating the Cathedral for Easter.

Recycle Correctly: The Mothers' Union will host a meeting on recycling on Tuesday, 14th April at 3.00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Vicki Wills, EHS Officer with Mr. Binman, will be the speaker. The meeting will be followed by tea and refreshments. All are welcome.

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 compiling and editing the magazine.

Junior Weekend Camp: The UDYC is organising a weekend camp for 10–13 year olds from Friday 15th to Sunday 17th May 2026 at the Lilliput Outdoor Adventure Centre, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath. Cost: €120 (€110 family discount). Booking forms and further details are attached.

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

Easter General Vestry: The Easter General Vestry will be held in person at Abington Church (V94 N230) on Monday 20th April at 7.30pm. Only registered Vestry members are eligible to vote or stand for election. Please contact the Dean (Chair) or the Curate (Hon. Secretary) for further information.

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

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

Certificate in Christian Studies Enrolment is now open for 2026/27 for this two-year online course, validated by St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth. Cost: €300 per year. Applications and enquiries to: The Very Rev'd Dr Richard Marsh, Dean of Killaloe Email: dean@stflannanscathedral.com | Mobile: 089 245 1601

Cathedral Food Bank: We continue to welcome donations of long-life food items and hygiene products in support of Limerick Island Community Partners, who assist vulnerable members of our local community. The clergy thank you for your ongoing generosity.

"Love Your Neighbour": Parishioners are invited to support a new donation box in Saint Michael's Church in aid of the Society of St Vincent de Paul. Donations of non-perishable food and essential toiletries are greatly appreciated. Each gift helps a neighbour in need and makes Christ's call 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, based on photographs taken by the Curate, offer a creative way to explore the beauty of our sacred space.

Bookings Open: Bookings are now open for the *Dialogue of Friendship* event on Saturday 16th May at Dundrum Methodist Church, Dublin. The theme is "Faithfully Caring for Creation", with keynote speaker Revd David Coleman. Further details and booking are available online (link attached).

Sunday Clubs: Sunday Club is open to children of primary school age and meets regularly, with breaks during school holidays. Children not yet in primary school are also welcome when accompanied by a carer. Clubs meet across the three churches each month: Cathedral (1st and 3rd Sundays), St Michael's (2nd Sunday), and Abington (2nd and 4th Sundays).

Accommodation Appeals

- Abiola is seeking accommodation within a budget of €450–€550 (including bills). Contact: 089 952 5219
- Adeola, a mother of two teenagers, is looking for a 2–3 bedroom apartment in Limerick City or surrounding areas. Contact: 089 979 1976

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Church of Sweden: Diocese of Uppsala, Church in Wales: Diocese of Llandaff

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem

Remembrance Book: Amy Nicholson, Rachel Cullen, Rev'd Alan Shaw, Mabel Lyttle, Joan Cohly, Dorothy Reid, 2nd Lieutenant Archie Maynord Brown, Eirwin Dendikkon, Ruth Ryan, Very Rev'd Herbert Cassidy, John McNamara

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

	5 th April	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack	Ruth Lillie O'Connell
Cathedral	Shawn & Carrie Jamieson	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane
Readers				
St Michael's	Lucy Kavanagh	John Shier	Lucy Kavanagh	Vivian Amaeze
Cathedral	Alan Bunworth	Frank Sheehan	David Thompson	Keith O'Neil

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