

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Easter II – 12th April 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: Grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING ACTS:14, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 'You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, "I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.'" 'Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, "He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption." This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

PSALM 16

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge; ♦
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord, all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, ♦
upon those who are noble in heart. 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after, ♦
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer,
neither make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup; ♦ in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land; ♦ indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel, ♦ and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me; ♦ he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.
- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices; ♦ my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death, ♦ nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life; in your presence is the fullness of joy ♦
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

THE EPISTLE 1 PETER 1:3-9

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith—being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

THE GOSPEL SAINT JOHN 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin*), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe* that Jesus is the Messiah,* the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	252	260	257	259	
The Cathedral	652	683	293	288	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 12 th April	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Easter II	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 13 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 14 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	15.00	Mothers Union	St. Michael's
Wednesday 15 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 16 th April	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 17 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 18 th April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 19 th April		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Easter III	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).

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.

Lunchtime Concert: The lunchtime concert is on Tuesday 14th at 1.15pm at the Cathedral.

Recycling Right - Do's and Don'ts! MU meeting Tuesday, 14th April 3pm in St. Michael's Church Hall. Vicki Wills, EHS Officer, Mr. Binman will talk about what we can and can't recycle. Bring along any items you aren't sure whether to recycle or not. Tea and coffee to follow! If you need a lift ring Lucy 087 2078850.

Urgent Appeal: The Irish Blood Transfusion Service is working to prevent the cancellation of hospital elective surgeries and restrictions to patient treatment as blood stocks have fallen to a critical level and help is urgently needed. Please support these vital clinics: Castletroy Park Hotel, Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th April at 4:20pm – 7:40pm.

Ordination: Please note that the Rev'd Scott E. Elliott will be ordained Priest by the Right Reverend Michael Burrows in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick, on Saturday, 30th May 2026 at 4:00pm. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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.

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.

National Epilepsy Week 2026 takes place from 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek

Junior Weekend Camp: The UDYC is organizing 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 attached.

“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).

The Prayer Tree: Parishioners and visitors are warmly encouraged to write a prayer and place it on the Cathedral Prayer Tree, located in Saint Mark's Chapel.

Colouring Pages: Free colouring worksheets are available on the table by the South Porch in the Cathedral.

Upcoming Concert: The University of North Florida Chamber Singers will visit Saint Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, 6th May at 8:00pm. This will be a joint performance with Limerick Chamber Choir. For further information, please contact Maire Keary-Scanlon (Director). Admission is free.

Cathedral and Saint Michael's Food Banks: During Holy Week, we were greatly encouraged by the generosity of parishioners and the wider community in supporting the LCP food bank initiatives. Donations of non-perishable items are still very welcome, as these are distributed to those most in need within our local community.

Youth Activities: Looking for ways to keep children entertained at the weekend? Saint Mary's Cathedral offers a variety of free activities, including LEGO trails, activity booklets, and guided tours. All activities are inclusive, and participants receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts.

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 England: Diocese of Derby, Church of Ireland: Diocese of Clogher, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aalborg

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique e Angola

Remembrance Book: Noel Bingham, Sean Shinkins, Karen Buckley, Amy Knight, Thomas Fitzpatrick, Hans Gier, Edith Sunday, Thomas Walsh, Francis Moore, Jack Long, Franke

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, Olwyn.

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

	12 th April	19 th April	26 th April	3 rd May
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin
Cathedral	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam
Readers				
St Michael's	John Shier	Lucy Kavanagh	Vivian Amaeze	No Service
Cathedral	Frank Sheehan	David Thompson	Keith O'Neil	Frank Sheehan

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