



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Easter III – 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

### COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: Give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### THE FIRST READING ACTS 2:14a, 36-41

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. Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.' Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

#### PSALM 116: 1-3, 10-17

- 1 I love the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my supplication; ♦ because he inclined his ear to me on the day I called to him.
- 2 The snares of death encompassed me; the pains of hell took hold of me; ♦ by grief and sorrow was I held.
- 3 Then I called upon the name of the Lord: ♦ 'O Lord, I beg you, deliver my soul.'
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord ♦ for all the benefits he has given to me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord ♦ is the death of his faithful servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant, ♦ your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer to you a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦ and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord ♦ in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the house of the Lord, ♦ in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Alleluia.

#### THE EPISTLE 1 PETER 1:17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

#### THE GOSPEL SAINT LUKE 24:13-35

Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who

does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

HYMNS					
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	272	84	494	253	
<b>The Cathedral</b>	292	588	86		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> April Easter III		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	Easter Vestry	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Weds 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April Easter IV	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).*

**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.

**Easter General Vestry:** The Easter General Vestry will be held in person at Abington Church (V94 N230) on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Lunchtime Concert:** The lunchtime concert is on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 1.15pm at the Cathedral.

**The Tuesday Club** will meet on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2026 at 2:30 pm in Saint Mary's Cathedral. Philip from Busy Bee Garden Centre is coming to show us how to plant a window box/hanging basket. Refreshments will be served when all is tidied away!! Bring a friend as all are welcome.

**RNLI:** Aldi Ireland have once again very kindly offered Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> as a collection day for the lifeboats. If anyone would be willing to give an hour or two to sit in a store and help with the collection please contact Beverley on 087 909 1303. We are very grateful to Aldi for their support and would like to make the most of the day.

**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.

**National Epilepsy Week 2026** takes place from 18<sup>th</sup> May - 25<sup>th</sup> May. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

*Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

**Remembrance Book:** Kurt Franke, Oliver Stapleton, Barbara Nevin, William Shine, Henry Alfred, Daise Boyle, Dennis gale, Beryl Mary Pragnell, Joan Meaney, Rev'd Alan Wiliam Matchett, John O'Brien, Det. Garda Margaret Nagle

**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](mailto: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

	19 <sup>th</sup> April	26 <sup>th</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Sheila Cusack	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin	Susi Eckhardt
<b>Cathedral</b>	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Jemimah Egbulam
<b>Readers</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Lucy Kavanagh	Vivian Amaeze	No Service	Keith Morrow
<b>Cathedral</b>	David Thompson	Keith O'Neil	Frank Sheehan	Heather Peirce

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