



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Easter IV – 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026*

### COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: Raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### THE FIRST READING ACTS 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; ♦ therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures ♦ and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul ♦ and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; ♦ for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; ♦ you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, ♦ and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### THE EPISTLE 1 PETER 2:19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps. 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### THE GOSPEL JOHN 10:1-10

'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again. Keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
<b>St Michael's</b>	614	645	398	693	
<b>The Cathedral</b>	645	336	365		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
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
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
	14.30	The Tuesday Club	The Cathedral
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Easter V		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
		No Service	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:** We extend our sincere sympathy to

- the family of Mona Lawless (née Kavanagh) on her death earlier this week.
- Jane, David, the Brickenden and Murtagh families on the death of Jane's nephew, Stephen Murtagh.

**Acknowledgement of Gift:** St Michael's has received an anonymous gift of 50 brand new chairs for use in the Hall. This is a most generous donation, and we gratefully acknowledge the kindness of the donor.

**Easter General Vestry:** The following were appointed/elected at the meeting held last Monday.

	<b>Rector's warden</b>	<b>People's warden</b>
<b>Saint Mary's Cathedral</b>	Jane Holmes	Frank Sheahan
<b>Saint Michael's Church</b>	Richard Blennerhassett	Trevor Lyttle
<b>Abington</b>	Elizabeth Stanley	Bertie Swanton
<b>Glebe wardens</b>	Brian Sheppard	Victor Brown

**Select Vestry:** Margaret Brickenden, Richard Brickendan, Daire McNamara, Hugh Milne, Vicki Willis, Elizabeth Stanley, Adrienne Barron, Bertie Swanton, Lindsay Boyle, Tracey Lyttle, Trevor Lyttle, Shawn Jameson, Victor Brown, Brian Shepherd, Richard Allen, Helena Burrows, Richard Blennerhassett, Frank Sheahan, Jane Holmes.

**Hon. Secretary:** The Curate-Assistant

**Treasurer:** Lynn Perkins

**Parochial Nominators:** Margaret Brickenden, Tracey Lyttle, Jane Holmes, Bill Cullen

**Supplemental Nominators:** Brian Sheppard, Viki Willis, Ciaran Sparling, Ruth O'Connell

**Diocesan Synodspersons:** Margaret Brickendan, Tracey Lyttle, Daire McNamara, Keith Morrow, Cormac O'Connell, Bertie Swanton.

**Supplemental Synodspersons:** Ciaran Sparling, Jane Holmes, Kevin Burrows, Shawn Jameson, Victor Brown, Sheilagh Morrow.

**Lunchtime Concert:** The next lunchtime concert is on Tuesday 28<sup>th</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.

**Great Limerick Run:** NO service will be held at St. Michaels' and at Ss John & Ailbe, Abington on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Upcoming Concert:** The University of North Florida Chamber Singers will visit Saint Mary's Cathedral on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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.

**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.

**Ministry of Healing Online Series:** Join The Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland for a four-week online series of reflection on the places we inhabit and a gentle exploration of our true belonging. Led by Carol Casey and Lydia Monds, these sessions will include silence, prayer, scripture, and poetry. They offer a space for wondering, rest, and reflection — a healing balm for mind, heart, and soul. **Thursdays, 11.00am – 12.00pm:** May 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, and June 4<sup>th</sup>. Booking: [www.ministryofhealing.ie](http://www.ministryofhealing.ie)

**“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.

**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](mailto:dean@stflannanscathedral.com) / mob: 089 245 1601.

**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.

**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).

**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, colouring sheets, activity booklets, and guided tours. All activities are inclusive, and participants receive a certificate in recognition of their efforts.

### Accommodation (2 appeals)

- Abiola needs 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 Sweden: Diocese of Gothenburg, Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Glasgow and Galloway. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of Nigeria

**Remembrance Book:** Norma Naughton, Susan Ellerker and Pepe Faro, Freda Sharton, Honoria Howes, Frank Tyrell, George Copley, Patricia King, Vera Fenton, Robert O'Neil, Joan Marsden

**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, Deirdre.

*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

	26 <sup>th</sup> April	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	<b>No Service</b>	Susi Eckhardt	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow
<b>Cathedral</b>	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Jemimah Egbulam	Keith O'Neil
<b>Readers</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Vivian Amaeze	<b>No Service</b>	Keith Morrow	Annabelle Griffin
<b>Cathedral</b>	Keith O'Neil	Frank Sheehan	Heather Peirce	John St George

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