



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Easter V – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026*

### COLLECT AND READINGS

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

### THE FIRST READING ACTS 7:55-60

But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

### PSALM 31:1-5, 15-16

- 1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame; ♦  
deliver me in your righteousness.
- 2 Incline your ear to me; ♦  
make haste to deliver me.
- 3 Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me,  
for you are my rock and my stronghold; ♦  
guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.
- 4 Take me out of the net  
that they have laid secretly for me, ♦  
for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, ♦  
for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.
- 15 'My times are in your hand; ♦  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.
- 16 'Make your face to shine upon your servant, ♦  
and save me for your mercy's sake.'

### THE EPISTLE I PETER 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## THE GOSPEL JOHN 14:1-14

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, in word and sacrament we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life. In his strength may we ever walk in his way, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS					
<b>The Cathedral</b>	327	251	272		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May Easter V		<b>No Service</b>	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
		<b>No Service</b>	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	University of North Florida Chamber Choir	The Cathedral
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May Easter VI <i>Bishops Appeal Sunday</i>	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.

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

**Congratulations :** The Parish would like to congratulate Niall and Noreen Johnston on the birth of their grandson.

**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.

**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](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 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.

**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 14th, 21st, 28th, and June 4th. 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. 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=oddttdtcreator>

**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 England: Diocese of Southwark, Church of Norway: Diocese of Björgvin  
*Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of North India (United)

**Remembrance Book:** Edna McElveen, Amanda Sophia Armstrong, Muriel Blennerhassett, Thalia White, Frank McGlone, Pdraig O'Connor, Yvonne Buchtrup and Ella, Steve Gardner, George Hilary Redden, Ann Menheneott, John Kernan, Carol Anne Cable, Art O'Leary

**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, Olwen, Paddy Sirr

*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

	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	10 <sup>th</sup> May	17 <sup>th</sup> May	24 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	No Service	Susi Eckhardt	Keith & Sheelagh Morrow	John & Kayt Shier
<b>Cathedral</b>	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Jemimah Egbulam	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard
<b>Readers</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	No Service	Keith Morrow	Annabelle Griffin	Sheelagh Morrow
<b>Cathedral</b>	Frank Sheehan	Heather Peirce	John St George	Noreen Ellerker

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