



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – The Feast of Pentecost – 24th May 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

O Lord, from whom all good things come: Grant to us your humble servants, that, by your holy inspiration we may think those things that be good, and by your merciful guiding may perform the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' 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. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

PSALM 104: 26-36, 37

- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.
27 There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦ and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.
28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦ which you have made to play in the deep.
29 All of these look to you ♦ to give them their food in due season.
30 When you give it them, they gather it; ♦ you open your hand and they are filled with good.
31 When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die and return again to the dust.
32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦ and you renew the face of the earth.
33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦ may the Lord rejoice in his works;
34 He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦ he touches the mountains and they smoke.
35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦ I will make music to my God while I have my being.
36 So shall my song please him ♦ while I rejoice in the Lord.
37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. ♦ Bless the Lord, O my soul.
Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE: ICORINTHIANS 12:3-13

Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated

by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-23

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,

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Gracious God, lover of all, in this sacrament we are one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, and one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We make our prayer through your Son our Saviour. Amen.

| HYMNS | | | | | |
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| The Cathedral | 293 | 294 | 318 | | |
| Saint Michael's | 295 | 453 | 293 | 306 | |

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on <https://www.churchcamlive.ie/limerickstmarys> and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie within the following 90 days. After that time recordings will be destroyed; however, exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral requires it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on <https://www.churchcamlive.ie/limerickstmarys> and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie other Cathedral communication channels. If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office. If you do not wish to appear in the recording, please advise Churchwardens who will guide you to an area which will not be filmed and will make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion there. *NRSV (Anglicized Edition), copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America; Material in this service reproduced from BCP under licence © RCB 2004; One License Number: A738650; Use QR code to donate to Saint Mary's online.*



| SERVICES & EVENTS | | | |
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| DATE | TIME | EVENT | VENUE |
| Sunday 24 th May (The Feast of Pentecost) | 10.00 | Morning Prayer | Ss John & Ailbe, Abington |
| | 10.00 | Morning Prayer | Saint Michael's |
| | 10:30 | UN Service | The Cathedral |
| | 11.15 | Choral Mattins | The Cathedral |
| Monday 25 th May | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Tuesday 26 th May | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| | 13.15 | Lunchtime Talk | The Cathedral |
| | 20.00 | Saint Michael's Committee | Saint Michael's |
| Wednesday 27 th May | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Thursday 28 th May | 10.30 | Holy Communion | The Cathedral |
| Friday 29 th May | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| Saturday 30 th May | 10.30 | Morning Prayer | The Cathedral |
| | 16.00 | Ordination | The Cathedral |
| Sunday 31 st May (Trinity Sunday) | 10.00 | Morning Prayer | Ss John & Ailbe, Abington |
| | 10.00 | Morning Prayer | Saint 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).

Condolences: We extend our sympathy to:

- John Hassett and his family on the death of his sister
- Jane & Paul Cable and the wider family circle on the death of Jane's uncle
- Will, Ester and the Symes family on the death of Will's cousin
- Dee Russell and her family on the death of niece, Ciara

We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Ordination: Please note that 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.

UDYC AGM: The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the United Diocesan Youth Council of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe is to be held on Saturday, June 6th 2026 at St. Nicholas' Old School, Adare, Co. Limerick at 2pm with Light Refreshments at 1:30 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our achievements, discuss future plans, and share ideas for the year ahead. We encourage everyone to attend, whether you have been actively involved or are simply curious about what we do. We would love to have you there! Please find attached a flyer with further details. Feel free to share this email and the flyer with anyone who may be interested.

Tuesday Club: Please note that the Tuesday Club is now on its summer break and will resume in September. An outing is being planned for when the club reconvenes. Thank you to all members of the organizing team for their hard work and dedication over the past few months.

Killaloe Music Festival: The SCS Killaloe Music Festival 2026 will take place across venues in Ballina and Killaloe from Wednesday 27 May to Monday 1 June. Enjoy an exciting programme of music and culture, including stunning evening and late night concerts in St Flannan's Cathedral, featuring acclaimed national and international artists. Ticket information and the full programme of headline concerts, family friendly events, school performances, community choral concert and daytime activities are available at killaloemusicfestival.com/programme-2026.

Lunchtime Talks: Talks on Ireland's presidency in EU over various domains will be held every Tuesday till 9th June at 1.15 pm at the Cathedral. All welcome!

Photography & Filming: A gentle reminder that photography & filming are not permitted during church services unless otherwise directed by the clergy, i.e. diocesan occasions.

Thank You! Claire Jackson would like to thank the many recent donors of used stamps for Barnardos not least the congregation of Adare/Ballingrane Methodist Church who succeeded in collecting an extremely generous sized boxful!

Saint Michael's Committee: The next meeting of the Saint Michael's Committee will take place on Tuesday 26th May 2026 at 8pm in the Parish Room.

Wanted for the Cathedral

- 3 new computer harddrives
- A Manual Emergency Lifting Chair
- A new lectern bible

If you are interested in gifting any of these to the Cathedral (perhaps in memory of a loved one), please speak with the Dean.

“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.

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 28th, and June 4th. Booking: www.ministryofhealing.ie

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.

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

Weekday Services: Did you know weekday services are held in Saint Mary's Cathedral at 10.30am? Services normally last around 20 minutes with a midweek Holy Communion held on Thursday. All welcome to attend!

Accommodation (2 appeals)

Abiola needs accommodation with budget between €450-550 (bill inclusive). Contact on 0899525219.

Adeola 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 Exeter, Church of Norway: Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland
Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

Remembrance Book: Elisabeth Franke, Kenneth Graydon, Nevitt Fogerty, Clement Thompson, Elizabeth Harris, Marjorie Rolf, Gerard Bourke, Lionel Watts, Kenneth Brislane

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. 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

| | 24th May | 31st May | 7th June | 14th June |
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| Refreshments | | | | |
| St Michael's | John & Kayt Shier | Richard & Margaret Brickenden | TBC | TBC |
| Cathedral | Brian Sheppard | Shawn & Carrie Jamieson | Lillian Okechukwu | Alyson McHugh |
| Readers | | | | |
| St Michael's | Sheelagh Morrow | Cormac O'Connell | Richard Alan | Tracey Lyttle |
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