



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Trinity Sunday – 31st May 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.

THE FIRST READING GENESIS 1:1-2:4A

In the beginning when God created^{*} the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God^{*} swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, 'Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth.' And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, 'Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky.' So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.' And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind.' And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, 'Let us make humankind^{*} in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth,^{*} and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.' So God created humankind^{*} in his image, in the image of God he created them;^{*} male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created. In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens,

PSALM 8

- 1 O Lord our governor, ♦ how glorious is your name in all the world!
- 2 Your majesty above the heavens is praised ♦ out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
- 3 You have founded a stronghold against your foes, ♦ that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
- 4 When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, ♦ the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
- 5 What is man, that you should be mindful of him; ♦ the son of man, that you should seek him out?
- 6 You have made him little lower than the angels ♦ and crown him with glory and honour.
- 7 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands ♦ and put all things under his feet,
- 8 All sheep and oxen, ♦ even the wild beasts of the field,
- 9 The birds of the air, the fish of the sea ♦ and whatsoever moves in the paths of the sea.
- 10 O Lord our governor, ♦ how glorious is your name in all the world!

EPISTLE 2 CORINTHIANS 13:11-13

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

THE GOSPEL MATTHEW 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'*

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, may we who have received this holy communion, worship you with lips and lives proclaiming your majesty and finally see you in your eternal glory: Holy and Eternal Trinity, one God, now and for ever

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	321	316	324	320	
The Cathedral	321	322	324		

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			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
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
Monday 1 st June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 2 nd June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Talk	The Cathedral
Wednesday 3 rd June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 4 th June	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 5 th June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 6 th June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	14:00	Abington Clean-Up	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

Sunday 7 th June		NO Service	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).

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.

Condolences: The Parish wishes to express its sympathy to;

- Elizabeth, George, and Anne and the Stanley family on the death of Bill.
- Sheighle, Ashley, Tanya, Stella, Naomi and the Birdthistle family on the death of Sandy.
- Oliver & Bertha Deegan on the death of Bertha's brother.

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

Abington Clean-up: The annual cleanup of grounds at Abington church will be on Saturday 6th June at 2pm to about 4pm, weather permitting.

Congratulations: We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Rev'd Scott E. Elliott on his ordination and assure him of our ongoing prayers. May the Holy Spirit guide his steps, strengthen his heart, and fill his ministry with peace and purpose.

Age Friendly Ireland: A new initiative has been launched in Limerick by Age Friendly Ireland, inviting residents to say "thank you" to the people who make a positive difference in their lives. Congratulations and well done to Elizabeth Stanley for inspiring this wonderful initiative, which celebrates kindness, community spirit, and the everyday contributions that help make Limerick a more age-friendly place for all. Cards available at church entrances.

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

Exam prayer: Heavenly Father, be with all students preparing for examinations. Grant them wisdom peace, and confidence, and help them to use well the gifts you have given them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Wanted for the Cathedral

- 3 new computer harddrives
- A Manual Emergency Lifting Chair

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: 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.

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!

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.

Accommodation (3 appeals)

- Room Needed 2-4 June: Young Ukrainian woman (Parishioner of Archdeacon Simon in Killarney) seeks a bed for 3 nights in Limerick as she takes up a short Media training course in Limerick. Offers please to Myroslava on 085 200 6687
- 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 Hereford, The Lusitanian Church (Portugal), The Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church Worldwide *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda

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

	31 st May	7 th June	14 th June	21 st June
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	TBC	TBC	TBC
Cathedral	Shawn & Carrie Jamieson	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	
Readers				
St Michael's	Cormac O'Connell	Richard Alan	Tracey Lyttle	Daire McNamara
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