



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Trinity Sunday I – 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026*

### COLLECT AND READINGS

God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you: Mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you, both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### THE FIRST READING HOSEA 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face. In their distress they will beg my favour: 'Come, let us return to the Lord; for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us; he has struck down, and he will bind us up. After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord; his appearing is as sure as the dawn; he will come to us like the showers, like the spring rains that water the earth.' What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early. Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets, I have killed them by the words of my mouth, and my judgement goes forth as the light. For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

### PSALM 50:7-15

- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak: ♦  
'I will testify against you, O Israel; for I am God, your God.
- 8 'I will not reprove you for your sacrifices, ♦  
for your burnt offerings are always before me.
- 9 'I will take no bull out of your house, ♦  
nor he-goat out of your folds,
- 10 'For all the beasts of the forest are mine, ♦  
the cattle upon a thousand hills.
- 11 'I know every bird of the mountains ♦  
and the insect of the field is mine.
- 12 'If I were hungry, I would not tell you, ♦  
for the whole world is mine and all that fills it.
- 13 'Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, ♦  
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 'Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving ♦  
and fulfil your vows to God Most High.
- 15 'Call upon me in the day of trouble; ♦  
I will deliver you and you shall honour me.'

### EPISTLE ROMANS 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning

the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 9: 9 - 13, 18-26

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.' While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us with these heavenly gifts. May our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	52	94	210	113	
<b>The Cathedral</b>	59	94	366		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> June Trinity I	10.00	<b>NO Service</b>	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	<b>Lunchtime Talk</b>	The Cathedral
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> June Trintiy II	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint 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.

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

**Thank you:** I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has sent their good wishes, volunteered their time in preparing the Cathedral for the ordination, and contributed to the thoughtful gifts, which included a Cross for my home Holy Communion set that was presented to me at Saint Michael's Church on Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> May. It is a privilege and a joy to worship and serve alongside you. I am deeply grateful for your kindness, support, and encouragement, and I look forward with great hope and anticipation to all that the future holds for us here in Limerick. With every blessing, Scott.

**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.

**Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral Outing:** The Friends outing is to Inis Cealtra this year. Please note, friends of the Cathedral have first preference. If any tickets remain, they will be offered to any persons interested in attending. The cost of the trip is €20:00 per person. Payment should be sent to either Noreen Ellerker or Lissy Roopa at the Cathedral office as soon as possible with your contact details, email address and the full remittance please. There are a limited numbers of places on the boat across.

**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!

**CFM Summer Newsletter:** The summer edition of the CFM Summer newsletter is now available to view on the following hyperlink: <https://simplebooklet.com/summer26>

**RSCM Music Sunday:** Sunday 14th June is RSCM Music Sunday. It presents an opportunity to acknowledge and celebrate all those who make music and sing in cathedral and church choirs throughout the world. To mark this special day, at Saint Mary's the junior choir will be singing an anthem, in addition to the usual pieces sung by the cathedral choir.

**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 New Bible for the Lectern.
- 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](http://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.

**Cycles of prayer:** Porvoo: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Iceland, The Spanish Reformed Episcopal Church.  
 Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Diocese of Aba – The Church of Nigeria

**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, Dick Blennerhassett, Stephanie Narramore

*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**

	7 <sup>th</sup> June	14 <sup>th</sup> June	21 <sup>st</sup> June	28 <sup>th</sup> June
<b>Refreshments</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Daire McNamara	Gillian Cheatley	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Richard & Sheila Allen
<b>Cathedral</b>	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane
<b>Readers</b>				
<b>St Michael's</b>	Richard Allen	Tracey Lyttle	Daire McNamara	Margaret Schutz
<b>Cathedral</b>	Paul Cable	Tamasin Plowman	Muyiwa Okeneye	Paul Cable

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