



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – St. Peter & Trinity IV (Proper 8) – 28th June 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things eternal: Grant this, heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our Lord.

THE FIRST READING JEREMIAH 28:5-9

Then the prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, 'Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfil the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet.'

PSALM 89:1-4, 15-18

- 1 My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: ♦ with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.
- 2 I will declare that your love is established for ever; ♦ you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.
- 3 For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; ♦ I have sworn an oath to David my servant:
4 "Your seed will I establish for ever ♦ and build up your throne for all generations."'
- 15 Happy are the people who know the shout of triumph: ♦ they walk, O Lord, in the light of your countenance.
16 In your name they rejoice all the day long ♦ and are exalted in your righteousness.
17 For you are the glory of their strength, ♦ and in your favour you lift up our heads.
18 Truly the Lord is our shield; ♦ the Holy One of Israel is our king.

EPISTLE ROMANS 6:12-23

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your

members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 10: 40 - 42

‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken, you have fed us at the table of life and hope. Teach us the ways of gentleness and peace, that all the world may acknowledge the kingdom of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael’s	381	121	400	668	
The Cathedral	327	459	231		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 28 th June Saint Peter	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 29 th June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 30 th June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 1 st July	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 2 nd July	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 3 rd July	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 4 th July	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 5 th July Trintiy V		No Service	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. Photography & filming are not permitted during church services unless otherwise directed by the clergy, i.e. diocesan occasions.

Thank You: May I express my sincere thanks to parishioners and the Select Vestry for the gift which was presented to me at the mid-week Holy Communion in Saint Mary's Cathedral on 18th June marking the 20th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I am very touched by this gesture. Best wishes, NJWS

Priorities Sunday – 21st June: Many thanks to those who supported the Priorities Fund annual appeal last Sunday. Donations are still welcome and may be made through the dedicated envelope in the sustentation boxes or from envelopes in the churches which are available from the Churchwardens. When this Fund was set up in 1980 it became an immediate success. The aim and purpose is to raise money throughout the Church of Ireland for use as seed capital for innovative projects within the Church. Our parish has benefitted from a number of grants from the fund over the years, including the Parish Room in Abington which is celebrating its twentieth anniversary this July. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Lectern Bible: Please note, an offer by individual to donate a new lectern bible for the cathedral has been accepted by the Dean. Thank you to all those who expressed an interest in donating.

Lunchtime Concert: This week's lunchtime concert is on Tuesday 30th June at 1:15pm. All welcome!

Last Call! Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral Outing: This year's Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral outing will be to Inis Cealtra on 3rd July. Please note that members of the Friends of the Cathedral will be given first preference for places. Any remaining tickets will then be made available to others who wish to attend. The cost of the trip is €20 per person. Payment, together with your contact details and email address, should be sent as soon as possible to Noreen Ellerker or Lissy Roopa at the Cathedral Office. As numbers are limited due to boat capacity, early booking is advised.

Limerick City Parish Summer Craft Project: The Curate Assistant is seeking knitters, as well as anyone interested in learning to knit, to take part in a parish craft project during the summer months. If you would like to get involved or would like further information, please contact the Rev'd Scott E. Elliott at curate@limerick.anglican.org.

Cathedral Wildflower Garden: The clergy are seeking expressions of interest for donations of wildflower seeds/bulbs/herbs along with those interested in volunteering the rewilding of the garden. Please contact either the Dean or the Curate Assistant.

Age Friendly Ireland Initiative: 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. Thank You cards are available at all church entrances.

King Donal Mór O'Brien Statue Fundraiser: Following the collapse of the King Donal Mór O'Brien statue on Saturday, 6th June, a GoFundMe campaign has been launched to assist with the commissioning of a replacement statue for the Cathedral grounds. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed. Those wishing to donate can do so via the following link: <https://gofund.me/bc80d7315>

"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.

UDYC's Summer Programme: UDYC has a range of activities planned for children and young people throughout the summer holidays. Please see attached for further details.

Wanted for the Cathedral

- 3 new computer harddrives

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

Accommodation (2 appeals)

- Abiola needs accommodation with budget between €450-550 (bill inclusive). Contact on 0899525219.
- Accommodation inquiry for Erasmus student (Sept - Dec 2026) - Amandine Petitjean. contact amandinepetitjean05@gmail.com

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Lincoln, Church of Sweden: Diocese of Härnösand, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland: Diocese of Lapua |Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa

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

Remembrance Book: Jack Stockil, Sheila Fogarty, Patrick Thompson, Kayamba Mashini, Cecil Howes, Patrick Gallagher, Eileen Way (née) Sparling, Douglas Sirr, Stephen Hall, Bill Gilmour, Conner Jackson, Martin Bezuidenhort, Geraldine Hely - Hutchinson

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

	28 th June	5 th July	12 th July	19 th July
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Richard & Sheila Allen	Sheila Cusack	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin
Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Jemimah Egbulam	Keith O' Neil
Readers				
St Michael's	Margaret Schutz	Stephen Fairbrother	Margaret Brickenden	Lucy Kavanagh
Cathedral	Muyiwa Okeneye	Noah Copley Brown	Frank Sheahan	Lindsay Boyle

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