



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – VIII Sunday after Trinity (Proper 12) – 26th July 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Blessed are you, O Lord, and blessed are those who observe and keep your law: Help us to seek you with our whole heart, to delight in your commandments and to walk in the glorious liberty given us by your Son, Jesus Christ.

THE OLD TESTAMENT I KINGS 3:5-12

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you

PSALM 119:129-136

- 129 Your testimonies are wonderful; ♦ therefore my soul keeps them.
130 The opening of your word gives light; ♦ it gives understanding to the simple.
131 I open my mouth and draw in my breath, ♦ as I long for your commandments.
132 Turn to me and be gracious to me, ♦ as is your way with those who love your name.
133 Order my steps by your word, ♦ and let no wickedness have dominion over me.
134 Redeem me from earthly oppressors ♦ so that I may keep your commandments.
135 Show the light of your countenance upon your servant ♦ and teach me your statutes.
136 My eyes run down with streams of water, ♦ because the wicked do not keep your law.

THE EPISTLE ROMANS 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 13:31-33, 44-52

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.' 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fulness of your life; glory to you for ever

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	16	3	421	565	
The Cathedral	533	683	384	643	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 26 th July The VIII after Trinity	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 27 th July	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 28 th July	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 29 th July	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 30 th July	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 31 st July	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 1 st August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 2 nd August The IX after Trinity		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. Photography & Filming: A gentle reminder that photography & filming are not permitted during church services unless otherwise directed by the clergy, i.e. diocesan occasions.

Lunchtime Concerts: This week's lunchtime concert is on Tuesday 28th July.

Thank You! Ann Oakley wishes to express her sincere gratitude for the many kind messages, well wishes, and support she has received in recent weeks.

Join the Cathedral Choir: Interested in joining the Cathedral Choir? Why not get in touch? Expressions of interest are warmly welcome. To register your interest contact Peter Barley at organist@limerick.anglican.org

Ss John & Ailbe, Abington Church: 3 Visitors Open Days in Abington Church in August. See attached leaflet for details.

Bespoke Greeting Cards: Bespoke greeting cards featuring the Baptismal Font and High Altar of Saint Mary's Cathedral are now available to purchase. Designed by the Curate Assistant, these unique cards make a beautiful keepsake or gift while celebrating the heritage, beauty and sacramental tradition of the Cathedral.

Limerick City Parish Summer Craft Project: Thank you to everyone who has expressed interest in the Summer Knitted Project Appeal. The theme of this year's project is *"All Things Bright and Beautiful – Memory Blanket."* Participants are invited to knit 5 x 5-inch squares that can be embroidered with patterns or wording, adorned with decorations such as buttons or ribbons that hold special memories, or simply knitted as plain squares. The squares will be stitched together to create a memory blanket, which we hope to have completed in time for Harvest, when its namesake hymn is often sung.

Project Guidelines:

- Knit 5 x 5-inch squares, preferably using size 4 knitting needles.
- Crocheted squares are also very welcome.
- Squares may be plain or creatively decorated to reflect a memory or meaningful theme.

If you would like any further information, please contact me at curate@limerick.anglican.org.

Limerick to Killaloe Camino: Interested in taking part in the Limerick to Killaloe Camino this summer? Pilgrimage booklets are available from the Cathedral Shop and can be stamped before you begin your pilgrimage. It is hoped that a group walk will be organised in the coming weeks. If you would like to take part, please register your interest by contacting the Curate Assistant.

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.

"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.

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*: Evangelical Lutheran Church of Lithuania: Bishop Mindaugas Sabutis, Church of Ireland: Diocese of Derry and Raphoe, Bishop Andrew Foster | *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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, Deirdre, Olwen, Paddy Sirr, Dick Blennerhassett, Stephanie Narramore

Remembrance Book: Kingsmill Pennefather, Alan Lillingston, Peter Elms, Charlese Obyakkor, Bishop Cornelius O'Dea, Patrick Conroy, David Pyle, Betty Brislane, Dymphna Burke, Christopher Watts

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

	26 th July	2 nd August	9 th August	16 th August
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Susi Eckhardt	Sheila Cusack	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden
Cathedral	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil
Readers				
St Michael's	Vivian Amaeze	Sheelagh Morrow	Margaret Brickenden	Cormac O'Connell
Cathedral	Alan Bunworth	Caroline Bond	David Thompson	Keith O'Neil

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