



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – 10th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 14) – 9th August 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING 1 KINGS 19:9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' He said, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.' Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, 'What are you doing here, Elijah?' He answered, 'I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.' Then the Lord said to him, 'Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.'

PSALM 85:8-13

- 8 I will listen to what the Lord God will say, ♦ for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful, that they turn not again to folly.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦ that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together, ♦ righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦ and righteousness look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will indeed give all that is good, ♦ and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him ♦ and direct his steps in the way.

EPISTLE ROMANS 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that 'the person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that comes from faith says, 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) 'or "Who will descend into the abyss?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? 'The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart' (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because* if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet

of those who bring good news!’

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, ‘It is a ghost!’ And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, ‘Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.’ Peter answered him, ‘Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.’ He said, ‘Come.’ So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, ‘Lord, save me!’ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, ‘You of little faith, why did you doubt?’ When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, ‘Truly you are the Son of God.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, as we are strengthened by these holy mysteries, so may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael’s	142	361	449	680	
The Cathedral	612	683	652	549	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 9 th August Trintiy X	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	14.00	Open Day	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Monday 10 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 11 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 12 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 13 th August	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 14 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 15 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 16 th August Trintiy XI	09.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	14.00	Open Day	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

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.

Certificate in Christian Studies: The Certificate in Christian Studies continues to be a real gift to the diocese, offering a structured and welcoming environment for students of all ages to study their faith. If you are interested in finding out more, please speak to a member of the clergy. Registration closes on 27th September.

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, please contact Peter Barley at organist@limerick.anglican.org

Confirmation: Candidates (not their parents or guardians) interested in receiving the sacrament of confirmation this October should contact a member of the clergy. Confirmation is administered to those in 2nd year of second-level education and above. *** **Please let the Dean know by 1st September.**

Ss John & Ailbe, Abington Church:

- i) 3 Visitors' Open Days in Abington Church in August. See attached leaflet for details.
- ii) Sale of textile/embroidery items in aid of Sao Paulo, Brazil women's project in the parish room on this Sunday 9th during the open day times.

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.

Irish Blood Transfusion Service: IBTS is seeking blood donors for the upcoming donation days. See attached leaflet for more details.

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.

Learn to Knit Workshop: Interested in learning to knit or crochet? Contact the Curate Assistant to register your interest. It is hoped that a workshop will be held in the Cathedral on Saturdays. Further details will be announced in due course.

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 Inquiry: For Erasmus student (Sept - Dec 2026) - Amandine Petitjean. contact amandinepetitjean05@gmail.com

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Portsmouth, Church of Sweden: Diocese of Stockholm | Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal Church

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: Albert S. Hanley, Liam Ryan, Ivan Cremins, The Ven. Wayne Carney, Mary Bugler, Teresa Allen, Trooper Jason Thomas Brown, Emily Florence Frost, Gerald Thomas Egan

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				
	9 th August	16 th August	23 rd August	30 th August
Refreshments				
St Michael’s	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Ruth Lillie O’Connell	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle
Cathedral	Alyson McHugh	Keith O’Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Cathedral
Readers				
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