



LIMERICK CITY
PARISH



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – XI Sunday after Trinity (Proper 15) – 16th August 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING ISAIAH 56:1,6-8

Thus says the Lord: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. And the foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, to minister to him, to love the name of the Lord, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. Thus says the Lord God, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

PSALM 67

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us ♦ and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 That your way may be known upon earth, ♦ your saving power among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 O let the nations rejoice and be glad, ♦ for you will judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; ♦ let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ♦ and God, our own God, will bless us.
- 7 God will bless us, ♦ and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

EPISTLE ROMANS 11:1-2, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 15:21-28

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of all mercy, we your faithful people have celebrated the memorial of that single sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace. By our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	342	324	522	658	
The Cathedral	104	695	108	324	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
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
Monday 17 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 18 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 19 th August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 20 th August	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 21 st August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 22 nd August	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 23 rd August Trintiy XII	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.

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

Sympathy: We offer our condolences to the Foster and Cooper families, in particular Alf on the death of his brother Cyril Foster. We hold them all in our thoughts and prayers at this time.

Dates for the diary:

Sunday 6th September at 11.15am in St Mary's – The Cathedral patronal festival

Sunday 13th September at 3pm in Abington – Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 27th September at 10am in St Michael's – Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 4th October at 11.15am in St Mary's – Harvest Thanksgiving

Please keep an eye on social media pages and the weekly newsletter for information about more upcoming events in the cathedral and parish.

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 for the September 2026 intake. The Cathedral is welcoming applications for **Soprano and Tenor Lay Vicars Choral** to join our friendly, professional music department. To register your interest, contact Peter Barley at

Notice: The Tuesday Club re-commences with an outing to the Flying Boat Museum, Foynes on Tuesday, 25th August, 2026. All are welcome even if you've never been to the museum or the club before! Please contact Noreen Allen (085 733 5855) if you wish to go as soon as possible.

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:

- Last of the Visitors' Open Days in August this Sunday at Abington Church
- Sale of textile/embroidery items in aid of Sao Paulo, Brazil women's project in the parish room this Sunday 16th during the open day times. See attached leaflet for details.

German Day: Come together for a celebration of German hymns, readings, and prayer on Saturday, September 5 between 12 noon – 3.30pm marking the Irish Presidency of the European Union. See attached leaflet for details.

Vue Cinemas: Limerick Vue is showing a Biblical cartoon "David" (PG), a superb animated film based on 1 Samuel for 2 weeks from 21st August at 12.45pm. Tickets booked online.

Community Awards 2026: Inviting nominations of Limerick residents who have positively impacted the community. Deadline: 30th November. Awards presented in February 2027. Forms available at the Cathedral Office or email at info@saintmaryscathedral.ie

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, email curate@limerick.anglican.org.

Harvesting Hope: Celebrating the Soil's bounty - All are welcome to a shared conversation, debate, and thoughtful engagement on many important topics. Place: Gurteen College, Co. Tipperary. Date: 19th September, 10am – 4.15pm. See attached leaflet for details.

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.

St Michaels church interior painting, last call: With painting of the church due to start in September, this is the last call to make your donations. Donations can be made directly to ‘St Michael’s Church Fund’. Reach out to the clergy or churchwardens for more details.

Sunday Clubs: Ministry to and from children is a joy and blessing. We are fortunate to now have Sunday clubs in all three churches, please speak with a member of the clergy for further information.

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Church of Ireland: Diocese of Kilmore, Elphin and Ardagh, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Aarhus | *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church in Wales

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: Alison Erridge, Patrick McNamara, Lilian Maude Tardivel, Annette Cronin, Pamela Lusk, Robert Jordan, Dorothy O’Neil, Rev’d Neil Oosthuizen, Pearl White

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

	16 th August	23 rd August	30 th August	6 th September
Refreshments				
St Michael’s	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Ruth Lillie O’Connell	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Tbc
Cathedral	Keith O’Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Cathedral	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam
Readers				
St Michael’s	Cormac O’Connell	Richard Allen	Daire McNamara	Annabelle Griffin
Cathedral	Keith O’Neil	Noreen Ellerker	John St George	Noreen Ellerker

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