

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – XVII Sunday after Trinity (Proper 21) – 27th September 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: Teach us to offer ourselves to your service, that here we may have your peace, and in the world to come may see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING EZEKIEL 18: 1-4, 35-32

The word of the Lord came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

PSALM 25:1-8

- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust; ♦ let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame, ♦ but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ♦ and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦ for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦ for they are from everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, ♦ but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦ therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right ♦ and teach his way to the lowly.

EPISTLE PHILLIPIANS 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus

Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, ‘By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?’ Jesus said to them, ‘I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?’ And they argued with one another, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will say to us, “Why then did you not believe him?” But if we say, “Of human origin”, we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.’ So they answered Jesus, ‘We do not know.’ And he said to them, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ‘What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, “Son, go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not”; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, “I go, sir”; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?’ They said, ‘The first.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God our guide, you feed us with bread from heaven as you fed your people Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all the days of our pilgrimage on earth, until we come to your kingdom in heaven. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael’s	37	41	36	47	
The Cathedral	601	630	94		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 27 th September Trinity XVII	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Harvest Thanksgiving Festival	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 28 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 29 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	14.30	Tuesday Club	The Cathedral
Wednesday 30 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 1 st October	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 2 nd October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 3 rd October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 4 th October Trinity XVIII	09.30	Holy Communion	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.

Congratulations: We extend our warmest congratulations to John and Vivienne McKechnie on the birth of their granddaughter during the summer.

Harvest Thanksgiving Service: Thanksgiving Service of St. Michael's church will be held on Sunday 27th September at 10.00am. All welcome

The Tuesday Club: Barbara Mulcahy will give a talk and demonstration on seed-saving using plants that are common in our gardens, on Tuesday, 29th September 2026 at 2.30pm in the Cathedral. Barbara, trained in the Botanic Gardens, Dublin, was the first woman gardener to be appointed in the city. All are welcome.

Upcoming Concert: H.I.P.S.T.E.R. presents *SINGET!*, a programme of German choral motets from the 17th and 18th centuries, directed by Mark Duley and featuring the Resurgam Choir with Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir and Sagittarius Hiberniensis. Music by Schütz, Bach, Buxtehude and others. Sunday, 4 October, 6 pm, Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

LPYMA: The Board of the LPYMA expresses its thanks to all those who donated to the replacement of the clubhouse windows in recent months. As part of this €75,000 project, 12 windows at the clubhouse in 97 O'Connell Street have been replaced with new Georgian style timber sash windows.

Whist Drives: Whist Drives are back in Saint Michael's Church Hall – Starting Time is 7.30pm.

Dates: Saturday 10th October, Saturday 7th November and Saturday 12th December. Contact Gillian on 087 1254687 to learn the game through a refresher/training session of Whist.

Friends of Abington: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7:30pm.

Confirmation: Please note that the Service of Confirmation will be held in Saint Michael's Church on Sunday, 18 October, at 11.15 am.

Harvest Appeal: The clergy are inviting donations of food items as part of this year's Harvest Appeal which will support the charities partnered with the Cathedral, as well as Saint Michael's Food Bank. Donations may be brought to either the Cathedral or the Church and will be presented to the charities before the end of October.

Calling all crafters! The clergy are seeking donations of handcrafted hearts for use during bereavement services at University Hospital Limerick (UHL). A display of the donated hearts will be featured in the Cathedral during Remembrancetide. Hearts may be knitted, crocheted, painted, sewn, or created using any other craft medium. For further information, please contact the Curate Assistant.

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

Assisting at Worship: The clergy are seeking expressions of interest from parishioners who would be willing to bring forward the gifts at Holy Communion. If you would like to become more involved in the life and ministry of the parish, please speak to a member of the clergy about the various opportunities available.

Prayer List for the Sick: Please note that the Prayer List for the Sick will be reviewed and updated in the coming weeks. Anyone who wishes to remain on the list, or to have a loved one continue to be included, is asked to contact a member of the clergy. Thank you for your assistance in helping us keep the list current and accurate.

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Church in Wales: Diocese of Swansea and Brecon, Church of England: Diocese of Leicester | *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Church of Bangladesh

Prayers for the Sick: Irene Trousdell, Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Sarah B, David, Elayne and Hilary Noonan, Hazel, Mac, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Layla, Karine Egan, Uzoma Kabi. Lillian O'Connell, Kevin Sullivan, Alan Kennedy, Olwen, Paddy Sirr, Stephanie Narramore, Rev'd Brian O'Reilly

Remembrance Book: Dr. Desmond Parker, Michael Sheahan, Jimmy Murray, Mary June Shaje, Richard Langford, Det. Garda P. J. Mc Donagh, Fritz Ischner, Ronald Sydney, Anne Moloney, John Rolf

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

	27 th September	4 th October	11 th October	18 th October
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Daire McNamara	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin	Susi Eckhardt
Cathedral	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil
Readers				
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