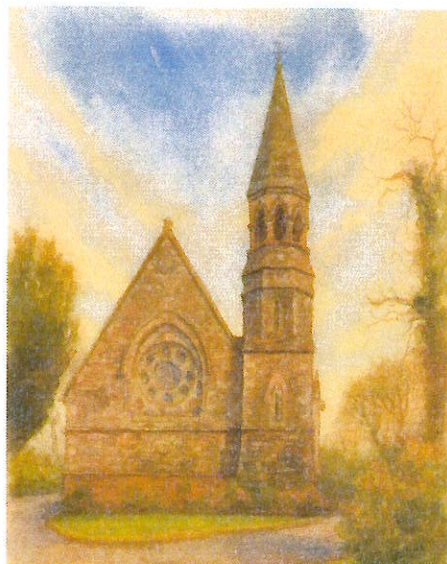




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The churches of Limerick City Parish

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
for year ended 31st December 2025

FROM THE DEAN

Dear Parishioners,

A report such as this provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on the activities of the past year. As you will read, the parish clubs and societies have been both active and engaged throughout the year; however, they are always eager to welcome newcomers to their activities and events.

In June 2025, we were delighted to welcome the Rev'd Scott Elliott to Limerick, and as we write, we look forward with anticipation to his ordination to the priesthood at the end of May 2026.

In 2025, we also welcomed Ms Lynn Perkins as Cathedral and Group Treasurer. In addition, Messrs Dáire McNamara and Bertie Swanton, Mrs Felicity Roche, together with our Parish Finance Committee—under the chairmanship of Mr Keith Morrow—continue to ensure that all aspects of parish finances are managed with diligence and care. We also extend our thanks to Mr Colin Marsden for his assistance in the preparation of the parochial accounts. This report is, in large part, the fruit of their dedicated work.

Charity remains fundamental to our Christian witness. As you will see, a significant amount of funding has been directed towards mission and charitable agencies at local, national, and global levels. I am particularly pleased to note that within our parish we distributed nearly €16,000 to those in financial need.

Our Select Vestry continues to give generously of its wisdom and expertise, and I wish to pay tribute to its members. The stewardship of parish finances remains a central item at every Vestry meeting. As outlined in this report, careful budgeting and prudent management have ensured that parish finances remain stable. However, it is only through the continued generosity of parishioners that we are able to sustain and develop our work.

So to all those who have given – **Thank you!**

With every blessing,



The Very Rev'd Niall J.W. Sloane
Dean & Rector

PARISH INFORMATION

Church Services

	Saint Michael's Church	Saint Mary's Cathedral	Ss John & Ailbe Church Abington
	10.00am	11.15am	10.00am
Week 1	Morning Prayer	Choral Eucharist	No Service
Week 2	Holy Communion	Choral Matins	Morning Prayer
Week 3	Family Service	Choral Eucharist	Holy Communion (9.30am)
Week 4	Holy Communion	Choral Matins	Morning Prayer
Week 5		As announced	

Prayer for our Parish

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our parish to fill us with love. Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter at home, at work, in our neighbourhoods, and in our parish community. Work through us so that we can bring your truth to those who are searching for you. Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognise and thank you for all the good things you have given us. Instil in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time, and our treasures. Deepen our desire to follow your will and to do all things for your honour and glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Note on Limerick City Parish

The city of Limerick, on the banks of the Shannon, grew from a monastery founded by Saint Munchin in the sixth or seventh century. One of its great bishops, Gilbert, was Papal Legate at the Synod of Rathbrasil in 1111, which brought about the reform of the Irish Church. His involvement ensured the establishment of Limerick as an important see.

Saint Mary's Cathedral was gifted to the Church in 1168 by Donal Mhor O'Brien, the last King of Munster. Originally the site of a royal palace it has been a place of Christian worship for over 850 years.

Saint Michael's Church, Pery Square was constructed as a result of the growth in Georgian Limerick. The church was built in 1844. The apse was added in 1859.

Ss John & Ailbe Church, Abington is the last remaining church in the historic diocese of Emly. The present building was opened for worship in 1870.

Limerick City Parish includes a number of ancient parishes including Mungret, Saint Munchin, Saint Nicholas, Saint Laurence, Saint Patrick, Fedamore and Cahernarry.

Saint Michael's National School enrolled its first pupils in November 1882. The school was located on the present site at 11 Barrington Street and was extended in 1953, 1964 and 1968. The present classrooms were added in 1984, the numbers have risen steadily during the last decade, and there have been five mainstream class teachers since September 2008.

WHO'S WHO IN LIMERICK CITY PARISH - 2025

Ministry Team

Dean & Rector

The Very Rev'd Niall J.W. Sloane, The Deanery, 7 Kilbane, Castletroy

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Curate Assistant

The Rev'd Scott E. Elliott, The Curatage, 50 Ballinvoher, Fr Russell Rd (from June 2025)

Telephone: 061 302038 Email: curate@limerick.anglican.org

Hon Assistant Clergy

The Very Rev'd J.M.G. Sirr

Lay Readers

Andrew Ellerker : Oliver Deegan

Parish Reader

Tony O'Connell

Limerick City Parish

Select Vestry

Rector; Curate, Churchwardens; Glebewardens; Adrienne Baron, Lindsay Boyle, Margaret Brickenden, Bill Cullen, Susi Eckhardt, Niamh Hourigan, Shawn Jamieson, Joe Lynam, Tracey Lyttle, Keith Morrow, Ian Mulvey, Meghan Mulvey.

Hon. Secretary

The Curate-Assistant

Hon. Treasurer

Lynn Perkins

Glebewardens

Rector's – Brian Shephard People's – Victor Brown

Parochial Nominators

Frank Sheahan, Tracey Lyttle, Margaret Brickenden, Craig Copley Brown

Supplemental Parochial Nominators

Kieran Sparling, Bertie Swanton, Elizabeth Stanley, Lindsay Boyle

Diocesan Synodspersons

Adrienne Barron, Margaret Brickenden, Craig Copley Brown, Tracey Lyttle, Sheelagh Morrow, Keith Morrow, Catherine Smith, Bertie Swanton, Oliver Deegan, Kieran Sparling

Supplemental Diocesan Synodspersons

Daire McNamara, Cormac O'Connell, Trevor Lyttle, Elizabeth Stanley

Parish Panel

The Dean, The Curate, Kieran Sparling & Ros Stevenson

An Abhainn (Editor)

Jeanne Dippenaar

Dea Scéala

Gillian Cheatley

Saint Mary's Cathedral

Churchwardens: Rector's – Jane Holmes People's – Frank Sheahan

Dean's Verger: Kariba Braide

Caretaker: Noreen Ellerker

Organist: Peter Barley

Readers Guild: Alan Bunworth

Tower Captain: Adrienne Baron

Saint Michael's Church

Churchwardens: Rector's – Richard Blennerhassett People's – Richard Brickenden

Caretaker: VACANT

Saint Michael's Hall Bookings: Oliver Deegan

Organist: Irina Dernova

Readers Guild: Margaret Schutz

Saints John & Ailbe Church, Abington

Churchwardens: Rector's – Elizabeth Stanley People's – Bertie Swanton

Organist: VACANT

Readers Guild: Churchwardens

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FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms

9th March 2025 (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) - Noah and Michael

23rd March 2025 (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) - Robin & Míla Guihen

14th September 2025 (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) - Éowyn Heelan O'Neil Mamczak

Confirmation

19th October (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – 2 candidates

Ordination

8th June 2025 (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – The Rev'd Scott E. Elliott (*to the diaconate*)

Funerals / Memorial Services / Burials

18th March 2025 (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Joyce (Joy) Cooper

19th March 2025 (in the church of Ss John & Ailbe, Abington) – David Jo McBurnie

18th June 2025 (in Saint Michael's Church) – Paschal O'Grady

29th August 2025 (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Bryan Brislane

28th November 2025 (in Saint Mary's Cathedral) – Mark Davies

PAROCHIAL STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Limerick City Parish Population

Number of Households	215
Number of Registered Vestry members	153
Number of Sunday School Roll/Godly Play (Attending)	13

Church Attendance

Total for all Services.....10,781

Saint John's & Saint Ailbe's Church

Sunday (40)	428	average	11
Weekdays (4)	216	average	54

Saint Michael's Church

Sunday (50)	1,961	average	39
Weekdays(5)	920	average	184

Saint Mary's Cathedral

Sunday (62)	4,429	average	71
Weekdays(325)	2,827	average	9

Communicants

Total number of Communicants.....4,166 (125 Celebrations)

Occasional Services

Baptisms	5
Confirmations	2
Marriages	0
Funerals	5
Ordinations	1

Visitors to Saint Mary's Cathedral: 34,188

Church Services TV views
Summary for period 01/01/2025- 31/12/2025

Current Year Totals

Number of Viewers	Number of Unique Viewers	Total Time Viewed (hrs)	1 Min or Less	1 Min to 5 Mins	5 Mins to 1 Hour	1 Hour or More
20,800	13,258	7,004	11,256	4,040	3,919	1,585

Viewers by country (74)

Algeria: 1	Ghana: 2	Philippines: 32
Argentina: 2	Greece: 6	Poland: 14
Australia: 58	Guernsey: 1	Portugal: 11
Austria: 5	Hong Kong: 6	Qatar: 1
Bahrain: 1	Hungary: 3	Romania: 1
Bangladesh: 1	India: 40	Russian: 2
Belarus: 2	Indonesia: 2	Saudi Arabia: 1
Belgium: 3	Iran: 2	Serbia: 1
Benin: 2	Iraq: 1	Singapore: 12
Bermuda: 24	Ireland: 8277	Slovakia: 44
Bosnia and Herzegovina: 2	Isle of Man: 5	South Africa: 7
Brazil: 46	Israel: 3	South Korea: 7
Bulgaria: 2	Italy: 52	Spain: 70
Canada: 85	Japan: 16	Sweden: 120
Chile: 38	Jersey: 1	Switzerland: 6
China: 2	Kenya: 2	Tanzania: 1
Croatia: 1	Malaysia: 1	Thailand: 6
Cyprus: 2	Malta: 2	Trinidad and Tobago: 1
Czech Republic: 1	Mauritius: 3	Turkey: 1
Denmark: 4	Montenegro: 1	Ukraine: 2
Faroe Islands: 1	Namibia: 1	United Arab Emirates: 8
Finland: 4	Netherlands: 18	United Kingdom: 2636
France: 38	New Zealand: 16	U.S.A.: 1396
Georgia: 7	Nigeria: 8	Vietnam: 2
Germany: 71	Norway: 4	

PARISH CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Saint Mary's Cathedral Bellringers

The Cathedral hosted a Bell Ringers Service as part of Evensong in March, during which Achievement and Long Service Certificates were awarded to various ringers. An Honorary Life Member Certificate was presented to Kieron Brislane for over 50 years' service to St. Mary's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers.

During 2025, we rang on 50 of the 52 Sundays and 6 other occasions. All 8 bells were rung on 21 of those occasions, up from 19 in 2024.

Recipient of the best Service Attendance Shield for 2025 was Christy Pratt with 51 out of 58.

We enjoyed our annual New Year Sunday lunch in January in the Cu Chulainn Bar in Patrickswell.

In the final weeks of the year, Theo Ramendik graduated to ringing with the team on Sundays.

New ropes were installed on the Ellacombe chimes, and they are now available to be rung, if needed, again.

There is some concern about the frame and the girders holding them in place. Further inspections are needed – the 5-yearly Inspection by our bell engineer is scheduled for some in the coming year.

Again, we hosted a small New Year's Eve party for ringers, family members and friends prior to ringing-in 2026.

At the Southern District AGM in March, Kieron Brislane was re-elected as the district secretary.

Unfortunately, we were unable to participate in the RR Cherry Cup, which was hosted by the ringers in Kilkenny. We also were unable to participate in the Fred Bogan trophy, in St. Fin Barre's Cathedral. We were the holders, and were preparing for attending, but unfortunately could not travel on the day.

In July we travelled, with our families, to Kildare and visited the National Stud and Japanese Gardens

In September, led by Ian and Louise Wilson, we travelled to their hometown of Warwick in the English Midlands for a weekend of ringing and sightseeing. While there we rang in 13 towers over 3 days as well as scoring a Quarter Peal in the lovely tower of St. James the Great in Snitterfield.

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The QP was dedicated to the memory of Bryan Brislane who died in August. Bryan was a ringer in St. Mary's Cathedral since 1940 and was an Honorary Life Member of the IACR.

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Earlier in the year, our great friend, Hugh O'Brien, a long-time ringer in Mt. St. Alphonsus, also died.

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Occasionally a Sunday Service ring is dedicated to a special person or to mark a special occasion – On 28th September, the Service ring was dedicated to Síle - a first grandchild for Bishop Michael and Mrs. Claire Burrows.

Kieron Brislane

Whist

St Michael's Whist Drives run from January to March and October to December each year - a total of six drives. These nights are very sociable and can go on for some time as lots of chat and laughs along the way. We are very appreciative of those who bake for our suppers and particularly to those who donate lots of lovely prizes. Whilst the main emphasis is on a social gathering, we were delighted to give Saint Michael's Church €1056. We always welcome new faces.

Tracey Lyttle, Co-Ordinator

Mothers' Union

We started January 2025 with a service of Holy Communion followed by lunch in The Locke Bar.

February meeting was Chair Yoga with Karina which was very interesting, also joined by members from Adare.

In March we attended the World Day of Prayer service. Our Lady Day Service was held in St. Mary's Cathedral when Dean Niall Sloane gave the address on the value of women in all our lives.

In May Limerick City Branch and Adare Branch enjoyed a trip on Lough Derg followed by lunch in the Lakeside Hotel. A wonderful day was had by all.

In August we celebrated Mary Sumner Day with a visit to the Limerick Museum followed by afternoon tea in the No 1 Pery Sq. Hotel. Also joined by Adare.

In September Adare branch hosted the Opening Service led by Rev Canon Kevin O'Brien. We also held our 16 Days Vigil during the service.

In October LCB hosted our Harvest Supper, again joined by Adare Branch. This is our main Annual Fundraiser for MU projects.

In November we held our Remembrance Tea Party. MU Cards, diaries calendars were on sale.

In December our AGM and forward planning meeting had to be postponed until January. Through the generosity of members and LCP we gave hampers of food and gifts to Thomond House, a hamper and clothes to Adapt House Women's Refuges and clothing to Brother Russell Men's Refuge.

Lucy Kavanagh, Branch Leader

Saint Michael's Sunday Club

Saint Michael's Church Sunday Club started on the 2nd Sunday in September and takes place every second Sunday of the month. Sunday Club meets in the hall where we have plenty of space and lots of resources. Many thanks to Noreen Johnston and Vicki Wills for their help and support in Sunday Club.

We focus on the church calendar and festivals and bible readings for that period and include bible stories, prayers, art and craft activities and music.

We look forward to welcoming children of primary school age to Sunday Club as we begin 2026.

Margaret Brickenden, Sunday School Coordinator

Saint Mary's Cathedral Sunday Club

Under the guidance of Karen, Pippa, Shawn, Jennifer and Claire the Sunday Club meets, for those of primary school going age, during the 11.15 service in the Cathedral on the first and third Sundays of the month. Teenage help is sometimes also very gratefully received. During the year a collection is made for the Limerick Animal Welfare Society. Before Christmas the parish very kindly sponsors a Sunday Club outing to the Cinema

Claire Jackson, Sunday School Coordinator

Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir

The new calendar year began in customary fashion with the Epiphany Carol service in mid-January. Preparations then began in earnest in advance of the opening concert of the 2025 Limerick Early Music Festival in mid-March. We were pleased once again to collaborate with Ancor in presenting this concert. We also combined with two other choirs for this concert, the Limerick School of Music Senior Choir and *Sagittarius Hiberniensis*, both of which have some shared membership with the cathedral choir, together with a professional orchestra and soloists.

Having welcomed the choir of Saint Fin Barre's Cathedral, Cork to Limerick in mid-November (2024), we were pleased and privileged to be invited to make the return visit to St Fin Barre's in early May 2025, when we sang in two services as part of the annual Cork Choral Festival.

Later in the summer term we paid a visit to St Mary's Church, Nenagh, where we sang an evensong for the Feast Day of the Visitation of Blessed Virgin Mary. The service had been thoughtfully put together by the Rector of Nenagh, the Revd Keith Barry and it was a wonderful idea to include girls from the local branch of the Girls Friendly Society in the service. These youngsters had been working on their Church Badge, and they took part in the service by reading the lessons and also giving a historical introduction to the service. Dean Sloane presented them with their badges during the service. The Dean had been successful in applying for a grant from the Choral Evensong Trust in support of this service. Later in June we were privileged and delighted to sing for the Ordination service of the new Curate of Limerick City Parish, the Rev'd Scott Elliott.

The new choir year began with the Patronal and Friends Festival in early September. We were pleased to welcome four new members of the cathedral choir at the start of the new choir year (September 2025), together with six new youngsters in the junior choir. These

new singers had all auditioned for the choir over the course of the summer and had come from a variety of sources – an excellent article in the Limerick Leader, the cathedral website and social media, word of mouth, via the Limerick School of Music etc.

In October several of the choir participated in a Come and Sing evensong event in Cork, and it is good that all the choir was able to take part once again in the annual concert for Mental Health Week in St John's Cathedral in mid-October.

The cathedral hosted a 'Bring and Sing' Faure Requiem in mid-November, during the season of Remembrance. This was well attended and greatly appreciated by those who came from various different choirs across Limerick to take part. We are very grateful to Paul Cable, a tenor in the cathedral choir, who was a great help with the administration and running of this event.

Work continues to build on recruitment into the choir, and steady progress is being made in this crucial area. We were delighted to feature in a well-researched article in the Limerick Leader in mid-June. It continues to be important to keep encouraging both teenagers and adults to consider joining the choir.

The lunchtime concerts remain very popular. There were 22 concerts in 2025, with an average attendance of around 55 people. There was a special lunchtime concert on 23rd September in honour of the 90th birthday of celebrated Estonian composer Arvo Part.

Peter Barley, Organist & Director of Music

Craft Hub

No activity since March 2020.

Karen Wilson, Convenor

Parish Prayer Group

This past year saw the beginning of a new parish Prayer Group, which meets in the Cathedral.

We have not yet set a regular meeting time, but notice of meetings will be advised in the Newsletter, and all are welcome. Please check us out in Saint Mark's Chapel.

In prayer we can be totally open with God. We can't hide anything from God, so we come as we are. We confess our needs and failings; make requests for the world, ourselves and others; give thanks for our joys; and talk with God, both as our Creator and as our friend.

Our group meeting is a means to

*Consider that in the world which needs prayer,

*To reflect on Scripture.

*Provide a prayer tree, accepting requests from our congregation and the public, which will be prayed for.

*All are welcome to attend, pray, and be part of our Parish prayer group.

We can speak to Him simply, and honestly. God hears all prayers, whether we say them out loud or speak them in our minds, where faith is stirred, assumptions are challenged, sisters and brothers build each other up.

Prayer is instant access to God, an instant way into His presence, love, and help. So don't fear it. Instead, joyfully embrace it. Just ask, seek, and knock

Oliver Deegan, Convenor

Park & Play

No report submitted for 2025.

Carrie Jamieson

Pier Bowling Club

No activity since March 2020.

Lindsay Boyle

The Evergreens

There were three activities in 2025 with Historian Derek Mulcahy Mary Immaculate who spoke on Athlunkard Street. One of our members organised a Visit to Masonic Lodge in April. Our outing brought us out to Old Irish Ways Museum near Bruff followed by lunch in the Yarn Café, Bruff, where we met with one of our former members, Avril Condell.

Thank you to the other committee members for their support throughout the year.

Noreen Allen & Ros Stevenson

Saint Michael's Church Choir

We had a very successful year of Music Ministry in our church. Our Choir supports every Sunday service in St Michael's, singing Canticles, Psalms, anthems and of course supporting congregational singing of the hymns.

We have had a good number of new musical pieces to prepare for Easter celebrations and our Harvest Festival, and it was a very busy time leading to Advent and Christmastide.

Our alto, Avril Condell, has moved to live in a lovely apartment at CareBright Centre and we have already visited her on a number of occasions, and were reassured she feels secure and very happy there enjoying lots of entertaining activities including singing!

A few of us took part in Come and Sing Requiem by G. Faure, hosted by Saint Mary's Cathedral on the 15th of November. It was a memorable event, challenging, but beautiful and moving. It was a great performance and an honour to be a part of.

A number of new hymns were introduced during the service, along with all-time favourites. We always make sure the hymns reflect the Readings from the Scripture and enhance the services with their meaningful texts.

The Choir is really looking forward to a new year of music, choosing new anthems and learning new hymns, chants and choral pieces.

Irina Dernova, Organist and Choir Mistress

Friends of Abington Church

We are an interdenominational community group set up 20 years ago. Our reverend patrons are the rector of Limerick City Parish, the Parish Priest of Murroe/Boher Parish and the Abbot of Glenstal Abbey.

We are grateful to everybody who has supported and encouraged us during the past 20 years.

Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral

There was a very successful outing to Scattery Island in the Summer.

The Friend's AGM was held in the Cathedral in September. The minutes of the 2024 AGM were noted, Financial Accounts approved, the Committee was re-elected. The AGM was followed by a well-attended luncheon, hosted by the Friends.

A successful (and now annual) coffee morning was held in the Cathedral on in the early part of the year, this was open to all.

Please remember the gift of membership of the Friends is a delightful idea or becoming a Friend is a rewarding experience.

Membership Rates:

Silver €15 per annum (under 18 years)

Gold €25 per annum

Diamond €250 for life

Platinum €850 for 10 years

Mary Graydon, Hon. Secretary



THE PARISH SCHOOL SAINT MICHAEL'S NATIONAL SCHOOL

St Michael's National School enjoyed a vibrant calendar year in 2025, filled with enriching opportunities for pupils across all class levels.

Early in the year, pupils took part in swimming lessons at Swim Max, soccer lessons supported by a TUS student teacher, rugby and GAA as well as exciting new learning experiences including French lessons through the Say Yes to Languages programme and ukulele lessons. Creativity and student voice remained central to school life, with the Student Council and Green Schools Committee leading meaningful initiatives. The Council invested funds raised through a Valentine's coffee morning in new yard equipment, while the PTA delivered internet safety talks, launched the "No Phone Code", and supported school resources and activities.

Summer brought many highlights, including Active Schools Week, Sports Day, school tours, and the much-loved Family Fun Evening, which brought families together for games, music, Zumba and fundraising. St Michael's also celebrated outstanding achievement as the school debating team won the Concern Primary Debates Regional Final, showcasing impressive teamwork and communication skills. Senior pupils participated in the Junior Entrepreneur Programme, developing creativity, teamwork and enterprise skills through planning, marketing, and launching their own mini-business ideas.

From September, the new school year began with great positivity as new pupils settled in well and we began the school year with six weeks of Zumba lessons. Pupils took part in STEM and coding workshops in the CRAFT Makers Space at Mary Immaculate College and enjoyed Space Week learning using Micro:bits. The school strengthened its focus on wellbeing through the Bí Cineálta initiative, promoting kindness, respect and positive relationships across the school community. Pupils also benefited from BLAST artist-led experiences, supporting creativity, confidence and collaboration through the arts. The year concluded with a joyful Christmas season, with festive performances, classroom celebrations and a strong sense of gratitude and togetherness throughout the school community.

Kate Gleeson, Principal

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SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

for the year ended
31 December 2025

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SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PAROCHIAL BANK ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2023

The following bank accounts, held under the name of St Mary's Cathedral, are included in the these financial statements:

Allied Irish Banks plc, Raheen, Limerick

Parochial Account - account number 24762652

Parochial Account - account number 45430081

Fabric and Repairs Fund - account number 24762223

Restoration Fund - account number 24762579

Allied Irish Banks plc, 106/108 O'Connell Street, Limerick

Graveyard Fund - account number 39354099

Bank accounts relating to the following funds are not reflected in these financial statements:

The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral

St. Mary's Cathedral Dean's Contingency Fund

St. Mary's Cathedral Bellringing Fund

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

To the members of the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish (St Mary's Cathedral).

We have prepared and reviewed the financial statements of Limerick City Parish (St Mary's Cathedral) for the year ended 31 December 2025, set out on pages 4 to 10. Our review consisted primarily of enquiry, comparison and discussion of these statements and of the information and explanations supplied. In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have not performed an audit on these statements.

The statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to us.

We have also prepared separate financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2025 for the following Cathedral Funds:

Cathedral Graveyard Fund (see page 11)

Cathedral Fabric and Repairs Fund (formerly Repairs Reserve Fund) (see page 12)

Cathedral Restoration Fund (see page 12)

In accordance with the terms of our engagement we have not performed an audit on the financial statements



MARSDEN & CO

Chartered Accountants

59 Clare Street

Limerick

Date: 27th March 2026

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PAROCHIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025	2024
		€	€
<u>Income</u>			
Church offertory	1	49,942	62,886
Investment income	2	29,627	28,173
Special contributions received	3	3,168	3,537
Rentals	4	103,579	111,471
Parking		9,937	7,446
Choral income	5	11,030	5,821
Concerts and events income		13,055	15,861
Cathedral shop	6	14,292	13,932
Other income	7	171,665	34,324
Tourism receipts		96,210	99,655
Diocesan grants		7,000	7,000
Other grants	8	71,853	67,181
		<u>581,358</u>	<u>457,287</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Church services		4,683	7,799
Diocesan assessment		49,846	44,561
Repairs and maintenance	9	22,839	71,917
Cathedral administration	10	161,339	133,818
Church music		28,613	17,800
Concerts/events expenses		3,325	6,417
Charitable allocations (appendix A)		9,786	11,245
Payroll costs		65,992	64,229
Depreciation of tangible assets		7,415	3,730
		<u>353,838</u>	<u>361,516</u>
Surplus for year transferred to general reserve		<u>227,520</u>	<u>95,771</u>
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Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)

The Reverend Scott E. Elliott (Hon. Secretary)

Date:

26th March 2026




SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

PAROCHIAL BALANCE SHEET

at 31 December 2025

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Fixed Assets			
Tangible assets	11	19,486	9,324
Current Assets			
Cathedral shop stocks		28,083	11,031
Debtors	12	74,990	47,967
Investment in RCB General Unit Trust		100,000	100,000
AIB Bank No. 1 current account		47,006	75,870
AIB Bank fixed term deposit account		104,042	101,504
Cash on hand		588	1,851
		354,709	338,223
Current Liabilities			
Creditors and accruals, and deferred income	13	51,815	85,773
Graveyard Fund		600	-
Representative Church Body - Interest-free loan		10,000	10,000
		62,415	95,773
Net Current Assets		292,294	242,450
Total Assets less Current Liabilities		311,780	251,774
Creditors: Amounts falling due after more than one year			
Representative Church Body - Interest-free loan		(70,000)	(80,000)
		241,780	171,774
		=====	=====
Represented by:			
General Reserve:			
Balance at beginning of year		171,774	147,640
Surplus from Parochial Revenue Account		227,520	95,771
Transfer to Restoration Fund		(155,876)	-
Transfer to Fabric and Repairs Fund		(1,638)	(71,637)
Balance at end of year		241,780	171,774
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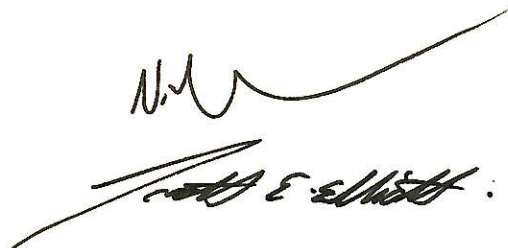
Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)

The Reverend Scott E. Elliott (Hon. Secretary)

Date:

26th March 2026



SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Church offertory	2025	2024
	€	€
Christian stewardship	26,468	26,273
Plate collection	14,972	16,598
Sustentation	4,740	5,776
Income tax refunds	3,762	14,239
	<u>49,942</u>	<u>62,886</u>
	=====	=====
2. Investment income	2025	2024
	€	€
Endowments	13,853	13,401
Trinity Church trust fund	9,987	9,477
Bank deposit interest	2,538	1,504
Investment income	3,249	3,791
	<u>29,627</u>	<u>28,173</u>
	=====	=====
3. Special contributions received	2025	2024
	€	€
Bishop's Appeal projects	610	665
Villiers Homes - School Carol Service plate collection	970	1,075
Bishops Ordinands and In-training Fund (Ordination and Confirmation Services)	738	477
Priorities Fund	365	257
Diocesan Board of Education (Schools' Service)	315	380
Mothers' Union	170	-
Mission Sunday	-	430
Poppy Fund Appeal	-	253
	<u>3,168</u>	<u>3,537</u>
	=====	=====
4. Rentals	2025	2024
	€	€
Cathedral rentals	83,550	90,775
Vodafone: deflector rental income	12,000	12,000
Vodafone: contribution to electricity	7,896	8,596
Kilmurry Church rent	133	100
Visiting choirs, concerts etc	-	-
	<u>103,579</u>	<u>111,471</u>
	=====	=====

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

5	Choral income	2025	2024
		€	€
	Choir donations	11,030	5,821
		=====	=====
6	Cathedral shop	2025	2024
		€	€
	Sales	30,760	30,865
	Cost of sales	(16,468)	(16,933)
		-----	-----
	Gross profit	14,292	13,932
		=====	=====
7	Other income	2025	2024
		€	€
	Bequest received	154,526	20,000
	Contributions received - Donation boxes and online	2,774	2,213
	Miscellaneous donations	5,860	1,663
	Donations from Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral	1,000	-
	Occasional services	1,290	3,780
	Sundry income	1,735	1,065
	Votive candles	889	2,495
	VAT refund	3,591	3,108
		-----	-----
		171,665	34,324
		=====	=====

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

8	Other grants	2023	2024
		€	€
	Fáilte Ireland - Digital that Delivers	31,211	-
	Buckley Foundation	25,000	25,000
	Limerick City & County Council	10,100	11,681
	Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe - contribution to Chapter expenses	3,000	-
	Irish Association of Change Ringers - Bell Restoration	1,500	-
	Bible and Common Book of Prayer	1,042	-
	Representative Church Body	-	30,000
	Diocesan Board of Education (Children's Choir)	-	500
		<u>71,853</u>	<u>67,181</u>
		=====	=====
9	Repairs and maintenance	2023	2024
		€	€
	General repairs and maintenance	13,352	16,233
		<u>-----</u>	<u>-----</u>
	Significant repair items		
	Caretaker's house repairs	4,290	-
	Roof slates repairs and replacement	3,239	-
	Belfry repairs	1,958	5,194
	Cathedral parking - access control system	-	23,383
	Graveyard retaining wall (including Architect's fee)	-	23,363
	Shed roof and floor repairs	-	3,744
		<u>9,487</u>	<u>55,684</u>
		-----	-----
	Total cost of repairs and maintenance	22,839	71,917
		=====	=====

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

10 Cathedral administration	2025	2024
	€	€
Electricity	19,907	30,847
Gas	23,032	23,670
Insurance	22,199	20,751
Contribution to insurance cost from Graveyard Fund	(2,000)	(2,000)
Tourism expenses	7,617	5,838
Postage and telephone	1,265	1,324
Printing, stationery and literature	10,856	10,510
Bank charges	704	811
Credit card charges	2,903	2,405
Sundry expenses	11,217	3,593
Clergy expenses	1,232	2,565
Conference expenses	959	-
Subscriptions and presentations	1,221	2,700
Refuse charges	1,031	880
Magazines	428	-
Audit fees	3,190	2,790
Accountancy and payroll services	5,553	7,283
Water charges	500	500
Local property tax and ground rent	103	103
Catering and canteen	5,509	8,707
Cleaning and consumables	3,458	3,095
Votive candle expenses	700	1,167
Computer and IT expenses	32,934	1,025
Chapter expenses	3,360	1,660
Security and monitoring costs	3,061	3,594
Bell ringers' expenses	400	-
	<u>161,339</u>	<u>133,818</u>
	=====	=====
11 Tangible assets	2025	2024
	€	€
Furniture, office and IT equipment		
At cost	51,604	34,027
Less: accumulated depreciation	(32,118)	(24,703)
	<u>19,486</u>	<u>9,324</u>
	=====	=====

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

continued

12 Debtors	2025	2024
	€	€
St Michael's Church - recharges	-	8,812
Ss. John's & Ailbe's Church, Abington - recharges	-	1,424
Ss. John's & Ailbe's Church, Abington - loan advance	1,800	3,400
Glebes account - recharges	-	200
Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral - recharges	-	680
Other debtors and prepayments	73,190	33,451
	74,990	47,967
	=====	=====

13 Creditors and accruals	2025	2024
	€	€
Creditors and expense accruals	26,387	39,320
Payroll taxes	1,344	922
Credit card facility	2,030	2,028
Charitable allocations	5,326	7,635
St Michael's Church	4,579	3,201
Ss. John's & Ailbe's Church, Abington	43	14,327
Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral	389	336
Deferred income	11,717	18,004
	51,815	85,773
	=====	=====

14 History of recent bequests

<u>The following bequests have been received in recent years:</u>	€
Peter Lowe, deceased (2011 - for liturgical purposes)	25,000
Canon EH Despard, deceased (2012 and 2015 - for Cathedral purposes)	78,523
Geraldine Hely-Hutchinson, deceased (2015)	25,000
Veich H Maiden, deceased (2015)	5,000
Sean O'hAllmhurain, deceased (2016)	420
Mildred Mary Sinclair (2018)	20,341
Hunt Sisters (2019, - credited to Restoration Project)	25,000
Kenneth G. Brislane (2022 - credited to Restoration Fund)	1,000
Beatrice (Baz) Millar (2024)	20,000
Martha Gray-Stack, deceased (2025)	154,526
	=====

15 Approval of financial statements

These financial statements were approved by the members of the Select Vestry on 26th March 2025

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

OTHER FUNDS

<u>Graveyard Fund</u>	2025	2024
	€	€
Opening balance - 1 January	22,460	21,987
Subscriptions	525	2,475
New graves and registration fees	1,950	2,290
Grants from Limerick City & County Council	800	450
Bank charges	(26)	(36)
Repairs and maintenance	(2,140)	(2,706)
Insurance	(2,000)	(2,000)
Closing balance - 31 December	21,569	22,460
	=====	=====

<u>Represented by:</u>	2025	2024
	€	€
Allied Irish Bank current account no. 39354099	20,969	22,460
Add: Amount due from Parochial Revenue Account	600	-
	21,569	22,460
	=====	=====

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)



The Reverend Scott E. Elliott (Hon. Secretary)



Date:

26th March 2026

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

OTHER FUNDS

<u>Restoration Fund</u>	2025	2024
	€	€
Opening balance - 1 January	123,477	85,061
Deposit interest	291	214
Grant received - Benefact Trust	7,792	38,202
Transfer from Parochial account	155,876	-
Closing balance - 31 December	287,436	123,477
	=====	=====

Represented by:	2025	2024
	€	€
Allied Irish Banks plc account no. 24762579	287,436	123,477
	=====	=====

<u>Fabric and Repairs Fund</u>	2025	2024
	€	€
Opening balance - 1 January	272,240	200,000
Deposit interest	680	603
Transfer from Parochial Revenue Account	1,638	71,637
Closing balance - 31 December	274,558	272,240
	=====	=====

Represented by:	2025	2024
	€	€
AIB Bank deposit account no. 24762223	274,558	272,240
	=====	=====

Signed on behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J Sloane (Chairman)



The Reverend Scott E. Elliott (Hon. Secretary)



Date: 26th March 2026

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

APPENDIX A - CHARITABLE ALLOCATIONS

	2025	2024
	€	€
Island Community Partnership (Meals on Wheels)	1,950	600
Bishops' Appeal Projects	1,110	1,265
Childrens' Grief Centre	1,100	-
St. Mary's Church, Limerick	1,100	-
Villiers Homes (Carol Service collection)	1,000	1,075
Bishops' Ordinands and in-training Fund	800	500
Priorities Fund	706	633
Guide Dogs for the Blind	500	-
Diocesan Board of Education	450	680
Church of Ireland Theological Institute	300	300
RCB Library Conservation Fund	250	300
Mothers' Union	170	-
Church's Ministry of Healing	150	300
UDYC	100	100
Mission to Seafarers	100	-
Ana Liffey Drug Project	-	1,761
CARI Foundation	-	1,761
Jigsaw	-	600
Mission Sunday	-	430
Poppy Fund	-	320
Royal School of Church Music	-	320
Limerick Mental Health Association	-	300
	9,786	11,245
	=====	=====

**ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK (LIMERICK CITY PARISH)
BELLRINGING FUND**

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	€	€
<u>Income</u>		
Membership subscriptions	450	340
Donations	208	417
	<u>658</u>	<u>757</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Membership fees	140	125
Administration costs	231	82
Repairs and maintenance	103	645
Educational books	-	50
	<u>474</u>	<u>902</u>
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year	184	(145)
Opening balance at 1 January	<u>3,239</u>	<u>3,384</u>
Closing balance at 31 December	<u><u>3,423</u></u>	<u><u>3,239</u></u>
Represented by:		
Bank and cash balances	<u><u>3,423</u></u>	<u><u>3,239</u></u>

Approved by:

Kieron Brislane
Treasurer

Date: 5 MARCH 2026


Dean Niall J. Sloane
President

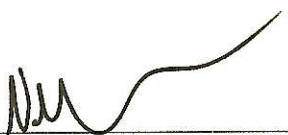
ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK (LIMERICK CITY PARISH)
DEAN'S CONTINGENCY FUND

Income & Expenditure Account

Year ended 31 December 2025

	2025	2024
	€	€
<u>Income</u>		
Private donations	1,200	800
Endowment income (via LCP Churches)	948	900
	<u>2,148</u>	<u>1,700</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Charitable assistance	2,753	898
Bank charges	16	62
	<u>2,769</u>	<u>960</u>
(Deficit)/surplus for year	(621)	740
Opening balance at 1 January	<u>1,616</u>	<u>876</u>
Closing balance at 31 December	<u>995</u>	<u>1,616</u>
Represented by:		
Debtors	597	549
Bank balance	398	1,067
	<u>995</u>	<u>1,616</u>

Signed:


 The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane

Date:

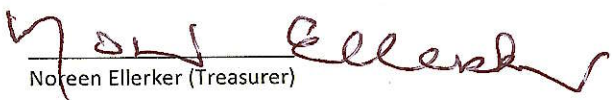
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THE FRIENDS OF ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK (LIMERICK CITY PARISH)

<u>INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
		€	€
<u>Income</u>			
Membership subscriptions and donations		3,420	2,305
Special collection		319	291
		<u>3,739</u>	<u>2,596</u>
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Gifts to St. Mary's Cathedral		1,000	-
Cathedral flagpole costs		1,090	646
Patronal lunch and outing expenses		1,319	109
Donation to the Bishop Jebb Vault, London		500	-
Bank fees		18	2
		<u>3,927</u>	<u>757</u>
(Deficit)/surplus of Income over Expenditure		(188)	1,839
Balance at 1 January		<u>20,810</u>	<u>18,971</u>
Balance at 31 December		<u>20,622</u>	<u>20,810</u>
Represented by:			
Bank balance - Permanent TSB - current account		20,233	21,154
Debtor - amount due from St. Mary's Cathedral		389	336
Creditor - amount due to St. Mary's Cathedral		-	(680)
		<u>20,622</u>	<u>20,810</u>

Signed:


The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane (Chairman)


Noleen Ellerker (Treasurer)

Date: 26th March 2026.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 December 2025

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2025

To the members of the Select Vestry - Limerick City Parish

We have prepared and reviewed the financial statements of St. Michael's Church, Limerick, for the year ended 31 December 2025, set out on pages 3 to 8. Our review consisted primarily of enquiry and discussion of these financial statements and the information and explanations supplied to us by the Hon. Treasurer of St. Michael's Church, Daire McNamara.

We have not performed an audit and consequently, we do not express an opinion on the financial statements.

The financial statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to us.


Mark Maloney & Co
Chartered Accountants
10 Oakfield
Monaleen
Limerick

Date: 26th March 2026

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31 December 2025

Parochial account

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
<u>Income</u>			
Church giving	1	46,168	52,301
Special giving	2	1,635	2,055
Rental income	3	6,740	6,360
Investment income	4	12,605	11,582
Fundraising income	5	6,011	5,525
Other income	6	745	3,497
		-----	-----
		73,904	81,320
		-----	-----
<u>Expenditure</u>			
Diocesan assessment		37,609	34,483
General expenses	7	3,057	5,519
Church premises	8	14,021	10,783
Administrative expenses	9	6,295	6,174
Special contributions	10	4,261	3,813
		-----	-----
		65,243	60,772
		-----	-----
Surplus before transfer to church repairs reserves		8,661	20,548
Transfer to Church repairs reserve	11	(12,775)	(15,000)
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(Deficit)/surplus for year		(4,114)	5,548
		=====	=====

Signed On behalf of the Select Vestry:

The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane (Chairman)

Daire McNamara (Treasurer)

Date:

26th March 2026



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

at 31 December 2025

Bank accounts and investments**2025****2024****€****€****General Bank Account****Bank of Ireland**

Balance in bank - start of year

24,395

18,847

(Deficit)/surplus for year

(4,114)

5,548

Balance in bank - end of year

20,281

24,395

Living Legacy Account**State Savings Prize Bonds**

Balance at start of year

47,200

45,850

Contributions received in year

682

710

Tax refunds received

318

290

Prize Bond draw winnings in period

150

350

Balance at end of year

48,350

47,200

No.

No.

Prize Bond unit numbers held at 31 December

7,736

7,552

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The Very Reverend Niall J. Sloane (Chairman)

Daire McNamara (Treasurer)

Date:

26th March 2026

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. <u>Church giving</u>	2025	2024
	€	€
Christian Stewardship	32,096	37,325
Plate collection	2,595	2,930
Income tax refund	11,477	12,046
	<u>46,168</u>	<u>52,301</u>
2. <u>Special giving</u>	2025	2024
	€	€
Priorities Fund	445	580
Bishops' Appeal	560	660
Mission Sunday	360	480
<u>Retiring and other collections:</u>		
Earl Haig Poppy Fund	70	95
Leprosy Mission	200	240
	<u>1,635</u>	<u>2,055</u>
3. <u>Rental income</u>	2025	2024
	€	€
Church Hall	<u>6,740</u>	<u>6,360</u>

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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4. Investment income

	2025	2024
	€	€
Trinity Church - Trust Fund	9,987	8,887
RCB: Unit Trust Fund - Glebe Sale	546	518
- J. J. Smith	48	46
- Baroness Fermoy	25	23
- Mr and Mrs F. Wallace	243	231
- Clarina School Sale	18	17
- Rev Canon JL Enright Bequest	29	27
- RCB Interest - 4% Fedamore	19	18
- 3% Fedamore Glebe Sale	12	12
- Cahirnarry Glebe Sale	1,095	1,039
- Various Charitable Funds	332	315
Bank of Ireland dividend	251	449
	-----	-----
	12,605	11,582
	=====	=====

5. Fundraising income

	2025	2024
	€	€
CD Project for Organ Fund	-	300
Click and Collect Project	1,515	800
After service coffee receipts	910	850
Whist drives	1,056	1,270
Christmas Fair	1,260	1,124
Sundry Fundraising	1,270	1,181
	-----	-----
	6,011	5,525
	=====	=====

6. Other income

	2025	2024
	€	€
Sundry donations	-	138
Representative Church Body Grant	-	1,100
VAT refund	725	884
Mothers Union	20	90
Newslink receipts	-	1,285
	-----	-----
	745	3,497
	=====	=====

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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7. General expenses

	2025	2024
	€	€
Church services	349	200
Communion wine and candles	-	83
Printing and stationery	400	548
Clergy expenses	1,231	1,911
Bibles, directories, periodicals etc.	80	-
Telephone and postage	500	500
Clergy presentations	-	605
Visiting clergy expenses	317	75
Sundries	-	242
Dea-Sceala/Newslink	180	1,355
	-----	-----
	3,057	5,519
	=====	=====

8. Church premises

	2025	2024
	€	€
Repairs, maintenance and renewals	2,092	360
Electricity	1,433	1,404
Gas	1,629	1,652
Insurances	8,708	7,275
Water rates	159	92
	-----	-----
	14,021	10,783
	=====	=====

9. Administrative expenses

	2025	2024
	€	€
Wages	4,533	4,259
Contribution to LCP audit fee	1,000	1,200
Accountancy fee	461	400
Bank charges	196	210
Payroll services	105	105
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	6,295	6,174
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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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continued

10. Special contributions

	2025	2024
	€	€
Bishops' Appeal	560	660
Diocesan Mission Sunday Appeal	360	480
Diocesan Board of Education	150	100
Earl Haig Poppy Fund	200	200
Limerick Social Services Centre	250	250
MS-Limerick	250	250
United Diocesan Youth Council	100	-
Protestant Aid	250	250
Down Syndrome-Limerick	250	250
Leprosy Mission	200	240
Priorities fund	559	518
LCP Joint Charities	332	315
Limerick Suicide Watch	150	150
Limerick Treaty Suicide Watch	150	150
Kilkeedy Graveyard	500	-
	-----	-----
	4,261	3,813
	=====	=====

11. Church repairs reserve

	2025	2024
	€	€
Transfer to church repairs reserve	12,775	15,000
	=====	=====

12. Approval of financial statements

The financial statements were approved by the Select Vestry on

26th March 2026

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

STATEMENT OF RENTAL INCOME

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CHURCH ORGAN FUND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Period: 01 January 2025 to 31 December 2025

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

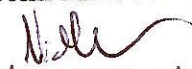
CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE

<u>RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT</u>	<u>YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025</u>	
	2025	2024
	€	€
<u>Receipts</u>		
Grants received – Limerick CCCC (BHIS grant)	32,000	-
– RCB (Marshal Beresford's Fund)	4,750	-
– The Irish Georgian Society	2,500	-
Donations to Roofing Repairs Project	21,250	-
Transfer from Church General Account	12,775	15,000
Net rental income – apartment	10,073	5,430
Deposit interest	151	71
Insurance claim proceeds – plaque remedial works	-	56,077
	-----	-----
	83,499	76,578
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<u>Payments</u>		
Payments to Contractors:		
- Roofing and pointing repairs	87,902	-
- Plaques remedial works	-	52,504
- New LED lighting	-	2,512
- General repairs	-	1,148
Engineer's fees	5,898	2,829
Architect's fees	-	2,214
Sundry expense (presentation)	-	507
	-----	-----
	93,800	61,714
	-----	-----
 (Deficit)/surplus of funds for period	 (10,301)	 14,864
 Net assets - beginning of period	 158,341	 143,477
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Net assets - end of period	 148,040	 158,341
	=====	=====

Prepared by:  Colin Marsden FCA

Approved by:

Date: 24th MARCH 2026

 (CHAIRMAN)

 (Hon. TREASURER)

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH ORGAN FUND

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 €	2024 €
<u>Receipts</u>		
Transfer from Church General Account	- ----	- ----
<u>Payments</u>		
Organ repairs	- ----	- ----
Excess of payments over receipts for period	- ----	- ----
Share in bank account - beginning of period	220 ----	220 ----
Share in bank account - end of period	220 ====	220 ====

The above balance is held in the Church Repairs Reserve deposit account (see page 3).


Prepared by: Colin Marsden FCA

Approved by:  (CHAIRMAN)

Date: 24th MARCH 2026

 (Hon. Treasurer)

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE & CHURCH ORGAN FUND

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	31 December 2025 €	31 December 2024 €
<u>ASSETS</u>		
<u>Bank of Ireland</u>		
Repairs Reserve deposit account	149,318	159,619
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Rental deposit retained	1,058	1,058
NET ASSETS	148,260	158,561
<u>Financed by:</u>		
Church Repairs Reserve	148,040	158,341
Church Organ Fund	220	220
	148,260	158,561


Prepared by: Colin Marsden ECA

Approved by:  (CHAIRMAN)

Date: 24th MARCH 2026


(HON. TREASURER)

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH, PERY SQUARE, LIMERICK

CHURCH REPAIRS RESERVE

STATEMENT OF RENTAL INCOME – APARTMENT
YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

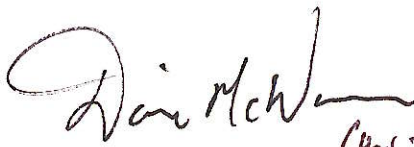
	2025 €	2024 €
<u>Income</u>		
Rental from tenants	12,696	12,696
Contribution to gas heating from tenants	615	551
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	13,311	13,247
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<u>Expenses</u>		
Repairs and maintenance	764	5,436
Property management fees	1,272	1,356
Gas heating	615	551
Insurance	444	371
Local Property Tax	103	103
PRTB registration fee	40	40
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	3,238	7,817
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Net rental income for year	<u>10,073</u>	<u>5,430</u>

Prepared by:  Colin Marsden FCA

Approved by:

 (CHAIRMAN)

Date: 24th MARCH 2026


(HON. TREASURER)

ABINGTON CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the year ended

31 December 2025

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Parochial Bank Accounts

The following bank accounts are incorporated in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities on page 5 of these financial statements:

Abington Church Fund (Account no. 005964) held in Mulcair Credit Union Limited, Newport, Co. Tipperary.

Caherconlish Old Church Interest Account (Account no. 623273) held in St. Ailbe's Credit Union Limited, Caherconlish, Co. Limerick.

Accountant's Report

To the members of the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish.

I have reviewed the financial statements of Abington Church for the year ended 31 December 2025 set out on pages 4 to 8. My review consisted primarily of enquiry, comparison and discussion of these statements and of the information and explanations supplied. In accordance with the terms of our engagement, I have not performed an audit on these statements.

The statements are in agreement with the accounting records and are consistent with the information and explanations supplied to me.



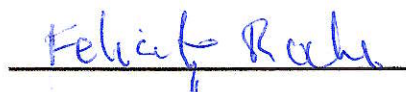
Wesley Scott Accountant

Dated: 10-3-26

Parochial Revenue Accounts

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Income			
Church Offertory	1	7362	7555
Special contributions received	2	1470	1385
Donations	3	8257	6181
Investment income	4	3867	3670
Other income	5	2189	2506
Pobal grant		12498	0
Shared Expenses adjustment		43	0
Total		35686	21297
Expenditure			
Diocesan assessment		7028	6801
Repairs and maintenance	6	18321	5517
Light and heat		2025	2468
Insurance		2337	2266
Newslink		0	135
Special contributions	7	1550	1390
Cathedral shared expenses / recharges		1542	1424
Credit Union Fee, Dirt		10	10
Catering		300	300
Gifts		27	240
Organist		0	100
Consultancy Fee		1200	0
Total		34340	20651
Surplus/(Deficit) for the year		1346	646

On behalf of the Select Vestry



Hon. Treasurer

Dated: 26th March 2026



Rector

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

	Notes	2025 €	2024 €
Debtors			
RCB Interest		1603	1458
Tax Rebate		0	1828
Pobal Grant (Cathedral account)		0	12498
Shared Expenses adjustment		43	0
		<u>1646</u>	<u>15784</u>

Bank and Cash Accounts

Abington Church, Murroe Account		5950	3303
Caherconlish No. 1 account		14097	13652
Cash and cheques in Hand		446	619
		<u>20493</u>	<u>17574</u>

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Accruals/ Loans/ Deferred Income

Cathedral loan (1600 paid)	1800	3400
LCP Shared Expenses/ recharges	0	1424
Repairs	295	738
Deferred Income-Pobal Grant	0	12498
Deferred Income Going for Gold grant	2200	0
Consultancy Fee	1200	0
	<u>5495</u>	<u>18060</u>

On behalf of the Select Vestry



Hon. Treasurer



Rector

Dated: 24th March 2025

Notes to the Financial Statements

	2025 €	2024 €
1 Church Offertory		
Plate collection total	5262	5455
Sustentation fund	2100	2100
	<u>7362</u>	<u>7555</u>
2 Special Contributions Received		
Bishop's appeal	470	365
Mission Sunday	70	130
Carol Service	930	890
	<u>1470</u>	<u>1385</u>
3 Donations Received		
History Day, Le Fanu.	190	70
Donations – General & Donation Box	5627	3486
Slieve Felim concerts	300	0
Syriac Contribution	2140	1825
Church grant	0	825
	<u>8257</u>	<u>6181</u>
4 Investment Income		
RCB Investment - Murroe	123	139
RCB Investment - Caherconlish	3721	3531
Dividend - Caherconlish	23	
	<u>3867</u>	<u>3670</u>
5 Other Income		
Tax rebate	1730	1828
Gift Collection	0	190
Catering Collection	170	240
Tax Rebates Vat	139	203
Newslink Contribution	0	45
Sale of firewood	150	0
	<u>2189</u>	<u>2506</u>

Notes to the Financial Statements contd.

	2025 €	2024 €
6 Repairs and Maintenance		
Water rates	90	83
Toilet block	9667	0
Building repairs	6328	4809
Grass cutting	350	350
Tree felling	1816	0
Sundry	0	275
Christmas tree	70	0
	18321	5517
7 Special Contributions		
Mission Sunday	150	150
Bishop's appeal	470	350
	930	890
Carol service to VDP		
	1550	1390

Notes to the Financial Statements contd.

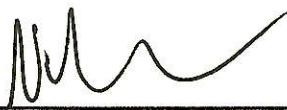
	2025 €	2024 €
8 Movement in Bank and Cash Balances		
Opening balance	17574	19232
Surplus/(Deficit) for year	1346	646
 (Increase) Decrease in debtors	 14138	 (14372)
(Decrease)/Increase in accruals and deferred income	(12565)	12068
 Closing balance	 <u>20493</u>	 <u>17574</u>

Approval of the Financial Statements

The financial statements were approved by the Select Vestry on

DATE 26-3-26

Peter Roche
Hon. Treasurer


Rector

LIMERICK CITY PARISH FUND – GLEBES ACCOUNT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2025

	2025 €	2024 €	2023 €
Income			
Investment Income from RCB	19,084	18,109	17,413
VAT refund (share of LCP refund)	76	196	89
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	19,160	18,305	17,502
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Expenditure			
Maintenance & current expenditure for houses:			
- Deanery	3,976	2,823	5,627
- Curate's house	6,710	2,253	2,295
Bank charges	50	35	51
Deanery – capital works	-	-	3,450
Curate's house – capital works	7,202	-	9,535
Share of audit fee of LCP financial statements	-	200	106
Contribution to Diocesan assessment (ability to pay)	2,478	9,876	10,089
	-----	-----	-----
	20,416	15,187	31,153
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(Deficit)/surplus for year	(1,256)	3,118	(13,651)
Add: capital expenditure treated as fixed assets in LCP consolidated financial statements	-	-	-
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(Deficit)/surplus for LCP consol. financial statements	(1,256)	3,118	(13,651)
	=====	=====	=====
Balance in Bank – 1 st January	35,591	32,473	46,124
(Deficit)/surplus cashflow for year	(1,256)	3,118	(13,651)
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Balance in Bank – 31 st December	34,335	35,591	32,473
Capitalised house expenditure – Deanery	24,152	24,152	24,152
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Total assets in LCP consolidated financial statements	58,487	59,743	56,625
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Approved by Glebe Wardens:

Victor Brown

Date: 08-03-26.

Brian Sheppard

Brian Sheppard
96-02-2026.

ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT:

To the members of the Select Vestry - Limerick City Parish

I have prepared the Financial Statement of Limerick City Parish Fund – Glebes Account, for the year ended 31 December 2025, from the accounting records maintained by the Glebe Warden, Mr. Victor Brown.

Based on my review, I confirm that the Financial Statement is in agreement with the accounting records and is consistent with the information and explanations supplied to me.

Colin Marsden
COLIN MARSDEN FCA

Date: 11 MARCH 2026

DONATIONS TO CHARTITES 2025

As noted in the accounts nearly €16,000 was given by the parish to charitable purposes, among those supported are:

CHARITY	AMOUNT €
Bishops' Appeal	2140
Bishops' Ordinands and in training Fund	800
Childrens Grief Centre	1100
Church of Ireland Theological Institute	300
Church's Ministry of Healing	150
Diocesan Board of Education	600
Diocesan Mission Sunday Appeal	510
Down Syndrome – Limerick	250
Earl Haig Poppy Fund	270
Guide Dogs for the Blind	500
Kilkeedy Graveyard	500
Leprosy Mission	200
LCP Joint Charities	332
Limerick Island Community Partnership (Meals on Wheels)	1950
Limerick Social Services Centre	250
Limerick Suicide Watch	150
Limerick Treaty Suicide Watch	150
Mission to Seafarers	100
Mothers' Union	170
MS – Limerick	250
Priorities Fund	1265
Protestant Aid	250
R.C.B. Library	250
St Mary's Church	1100
St Vincent de Paul	930
UDYC	200
Villiers Housing	1000
TOTAL	€15667

CAPITAL ASSETS *(All buildings are held in Trust by the R.C.B.)*

The Deanery, 7 Kilbane, Castletroy, Limerick

The Curatage, 50 Ballinvohar, Father Russell Road, Dooradoyle, Limerick

St Michael's Apartment

Cathedral House, Nicholas Street, Limerick

Saint Mary's Cathedral, Bridge Street, Limerick

Saint Michael's Church, Pery Square, Limerick

Ss John & Ailbe Church, Abington

Meelick Church (in ruins) Caherconlish Church (in ruins) St Munchin's Church

List of accounts held

- 1) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB, Raheen - Parochial Account No. 24762652
- 2) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB Raheen - Repairs Reserve Fund Account No. 24762223 (deposit)
- 3) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB Raheen – Restoration Fund Account No. 24762579
- 4) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB O'Connell Street - Graveyard Fund Account No. 39354099
- 5) St Mary's Cathedral – AIB O'Connell Street – Dean's Contingency Fund Account No. 99094112
- 6) St Mary's Cathedral - Permanent TSB - Bellringing Fund Account No. 04420044
- 7) The Friends of St Mary's Cathedral – Permanent TSB Account No. 24470009
- 8) St Michael's Church - BOI O'Connell Street - Church Fund Account No. 15371939
- 9) St Michael's Church - BOI O'Connell St - Church Repairs Reserve Deposit A/c No. 15393230
- 10) St Michael's Church - Living Legacy Account – State Savings Prize Bonds
- 11) Abington Church - St Ailbes Credit Union – Old Church Interest Account no. 00623273
- 12) Abington Church - Mulcair Credit Union – Abington Church Fund Account no. 00005964
- 13) Limerick City Parish – BOI O'Connell Street - Glebes Account no. 18633551

BEQUEST FORM

Note

The particular form of bequest set out hereafter is suggested with a view to facilitating the administration of funds left to the Church in trust but the Select vestry of Limerick City Parish recommends that a Solicitor be consulted to ensure that bequest made under Will are valid and satisfy legal requirements.

I GIVE, DEVISE AND BEQUEATH *[here insert clear particulars of the benefaction i.e., a particular sum of money, specific property, a share of the residue, etc.]* to the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish in trust for *[here insert name of church/fund]* in the diocese of Limerick.

I direct that any funds received by the Select Vestry of Limerick City Parish in pursuance of this my Will may be invested in any investments or securities whatsoever in its sole discretion and in all respects as if it were absolutely and beneficially entitled thereto.

ENVELOPE REQUEST FORM

(Please return to the Clergy, Treasurer or a Churchwarden)

I/we request a box of Weekly Envelopes:

Name: _____

Address: _____

LIMERICK CITY PARISH
EASTER GENERAL VESTRY
MEETING PACK



ANNUAL GENERAL VESTRY

MONDAY 20TH APRIL 2026, 7.30PM

THE CHURCH OF SAINTS JOHN & AILBE, ABINGTON, LIMERICK

Any member of Limerick City Parish, or a sub-committee thereof, who has (or whose family member or business partner has) a pecuniary or other material interest in any matter which is the subject of consideration at a meeting at which the member is present, shall declare an interest in the matter and withdraw from the meeting for the duration of discussions or decision making on the matter. No sub-committee of Limerick City Parish shall, without the consent of Limerick City Parish resolve that the Limerick City Parish will enter into a contract with a member of the sub-committee or with any company of which that member is a partner, director or controlling shareholder provided that this shall not apply to any matter which is remote or insubstantial. Every declaration of interest shall be recorded in the minutes

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of Annual General Vestry meeting 6th April 2025.
4. Matters Arising
5. Rector's Address
6. Appointment of Rector's Wardens
7. Triennial Elections – Diocesan Synod 2026-2029
8. Triennial Elections – Parochial Nominators 2026-2029
9. Nominations and Elections to Select Vestry 2026-2027
10. Finance: - (a) St Mary's Cathedral
(b) St Michael's Church
(c) St Michael's Church Repairs/Reserve Account
(d) Abington Church
(e) Glebes Account
(f) Dean's Contingency Fund
(g) The Friends of Saint Mary's Cathedral
11. Appointment of Auditors (HLB McKeogh Gallagher Ryan)
12. Close

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Minutes of Annual General Vestry meeting held on Sunday 6th April 2025 at 8.00pm at Saint Mary's Cathedral.

1. **Opening Prayer:** The Dean opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Dean Niall Sloane (Chairperson), Bertie Swanton, Adrienne Barron, Richard Blennerhasset, Lyndsey Boyle, Roland Boyle, John Bradley, Margaret Brickenden, Richard Brickenden, Alan Bunworth, Helena Burrows, Kevin Burrows, Craig Copley Brown, Sylvia Cowpar, Bill Cullen, Philip Cullen, Oliver Deegan, Suzi Eckhardt, Noreen Elleker, Simon Fairbrother, Jayne Holmes, Sarah Jane Lusk, Joe Lynam, Liz Lynam, Marion Lynch, Tracey Lyttle, Trevor Lyttle, Alyson McHugh, Daire McNamara, Keith Morrow, Sheelagh Morrow, Ian Mulvey, Meghan Mulvey, Catherine Nix, Ruth Lillie O' Connell, Tony O' Connell, Cormac O'Connell, Muiyiwa Okuneye, Heather Peirce, Tom Peirce, Felicity Roche, Margaret Schutz, Peter Schutz, Brian Sheppard, Kieran Sparling, Elizabeth Stanley, Karen Wilson, Joan Wylie.

2. **Apologies:** Lucy Kavanagh and Gillian Cheatley.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the Annual General Vestry meeting held on Sunday 7th of April 2024 were proposed by Tracey, seconded by Cormac, and approved by all.
4. **Matters Arising:** Richard Brickenden in his role as People's Warden raised a concern with regards to rumours surrounding the future of St. Michael's Church. The Dean addressed these concerns by assuring all parish members present that no decisions have been made with regards to the future of St Michael's Church. He advised that all options are being explored and information will be circulated once received. He advised that those seeking information should contact himself or a church warden.
5. **Rector's Report:** The Dean thanked everyone in the parish for their support during the year. His report is attached to these Minutes which was read out during the church service (Appendix A).

6. **Appointment of Rector's Wardens 2025-2026**

St. Mary's Cathedral	Sean Casey
St. Michael's Church	Richard Blennhasset
Abington	Elizabeth Stanley
Glebe	Brian Sheppard

7. **Select Vestry elected for the year 2025-2026**

People's Wardens

St. Mary's Cathedral	Frank Sheahan
St. Michael's Church	Richard Brickenden
Abington	Bertie Swanton
Glebe	Victor Brown

Vestry Members

Adrienne Barron, Lindsey Boyle, Margaret Brickenden, Bill Cullen, Suzi Eckhardt, Niamh Hourigan, Joe Lynam, Tracey Lyttle, Keith Morrow, Meghan Mulvey, and Ian Mulvey.

8. **Finance**

Keith Morrow presented St. Mary's Cathedral Parochial Revenue Account for y/e 31 December 2024. Total income was €457,287 compared to €310,894 in 2023. Expenditure €361,561 compared to €290,395 in 2023. A surplus of €95,771 compared to surplus of €86,776 in 2023. The surplus for the

year has been transferred to general reserve.

Daire McNamara presented the St. Michael's Accounts for y/e 31 December 2024. Total income was €81,320 compared to €85,964 in 2023. Expenditure €60,772 compared to €64,152 in 2023. A surplus of €20,548 compared to a surplus of €21,812 in 2023. €15,000 was transferred to Church repairs reserve leaving a surplus for the year of €5,548. The Living Legacy balance is €47,200. The total income of the Church Reserve Repairs is €76,578 compared to €25,117 in 2023. Expenditure of €61,714 compared to €11,877 in 2023. Leaving a closing bank balance of €158,341.

Bertie Swanton presented the Abington Accounts for y/e 31 December 2024. Total income €21,297 compared to €20,420 in 2023. Expenditure of €20,651 compared to €26,657 in 2023. A surplus of €646 compared to a deficit of €6,237 in 2023.

The following accounts has been circulated prior to the meeting and were taken as read, LCP Glebes account, The Deans Contingency Fund, The Friends of St. Mary's Cathedral, and The Bellringing Fund.

The Dean thanked Colin Marsden for all his work on the accounts for the parish. He also thanked Frank Sheahan and Joe Lynam for their help while the position of Hon. Treasurer is vacant.

The approval of the Financial Statement for y/e 31 December 2024 – proposed by the Keith Morrow, seconded by Peter Schutz, and agreed by all.

9. The appointment of HLB McKeogh Gallagher Ryan as Auditors – proposed by Keith Morrow, seconded by Daire McNamara, and agreed by all.

10. Closing Prayer. The meeting closed with Grace

Signed: _____

Date: _____

2. Submit for Select Vestry Meeting dates 2025

1. Submit

2. Submit

3. Submit (in 40)

4. Submit

5. Submit

Rector's talk to Easter General Vestry – April 6th 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Thank you for being here today. Your presence is a visible sign of your continued commitment and support to your parish. I intend to briefly cover a variety of topics during this talk.

Worship

Worship is central and forefront to all we do as a Christian community in this place. Buildings, finance, compliance, regulations are all secondary – ALL OF THEM. Worship comes first – always.

Last year we had 3 baptisms, 6 Confirmations and 5 funerals, we also had 10,386 (2018: 9,325) worshippers at our church services.

Building Community

Although we are small community, we hold a unique and special place within the City of Limerick. One of the greatest links we have is our relationship with other Christian denominations and I am committed in continuing to build up strong and lasting ecumenical links.

Alongside this we have links with the Prison, 3 city hospitals, St Michael's NS, Villiers School and Square, Castletroy College, UL, Mary I, TUS, City Hall and Limerick Civic Trust to name but a few.

St Michael's National School

The School sits physically at the heart of our parish and we are privileged to have one of the finest schools in the diocese. The Principal, Ms Kate Gleeson, Staff and Board of Management are committed to the highest standards of excellence in education and are to be thanked and commended for their service and dedication in working with and for our children. The Clergy, lead a school assembly there every week. It is of vital importance that the link between school and parish is maintained and built upon not only for the present pupils but for those of the future.

The Church

Our churches stand testament to the faith of the past and the present. We are custodians of a beautiful structures which are not only buildings but houses of prayer. Our churches are in good order and here I would like to thank all those who keep St Mary's, St Michael's and Abington in a manner which is worthy of Almighty God – to Noreen Ellerker and the members of the various committees who keep things in order. Thanks, are also due to those who look after the church grounds.

Our worship week by week is enhanced by the contribution of music and floral decorations and I pay tribute to musicians, Peter Barley & Irina Dernova for their commitment and dedication. Thank you to all members of the flower guilds who help adorn our churches. I also thank those thank who carefully and diligently look after the Church linen.

Obviously, the Cathedral plays a major role in the life of the City and I have already mentioned some of the significant events that have taken place here in 2024. We also note that Saint Mary's also had nearly 37,000 visitors last year.

Safe Guarding Trust

The Church of Ireland is committed to the welfare and protection of all children and vulnerable adults and this parish is no exception. The Parish Panel undergoes regular training, our Sunday Club leaders have also attended a leaders training event and we await further Diocesan input. I would remind you that any incident which falls under the remit of Safe Guarding Trust should be directed immediately towards a member of the Parish Panel – Ros Stevenson, Kieran Sparling and myself. All matters will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence. Thank you to our Panel members and all volunteers who working in our ministry to children and young people. I pay special tribute to our Sunday School leaders, who perform one of the most important roles in our parish.

Clerical Support

As you all know we are without a curate at present. I am in the middle of the process of appointing a new colleague, so we look forward to white smoke very soon.

This year my predecessor and friend, Dean Maurice Sirr will be 60 years ordained and I'm sure you will join me in congratulating him on reaching this milestone. To him and other retired clergy we owe a sincere debt of gratitude for their willingness to assist with services.

Lay Ministry

We are blessed in this parish to have a wonderful team of lay people who are so willing to help with many aspects of worship and indeed numerous other areas of ministry within our parish and community. From a worship perspective I want to highlight the invaluable assistance of our team of readers – thank you to Margaret Schutz and Alan Bunworth who organise the rotas. Thank you to the ministers of the Eucharist who assist at the Holy Communion and all those who assist the Churchwardens. Thank you to our crucifers, acolytes and vergers. I also thank Gillian Cheatley who looks after our Diocesan Magazine and Jeanne Dippenaar, who looks after our parish magazine.

Many thanks are also due to our cathedral shop manager, Lindsay Boyle – you will note from the accounts, the very fruitful works of her labours.

Lay Readers

Lay ministry is something I want to encourage in Limerick. By now, I hope you are all aware of the Intercessions and Readers groups. If you are interested in finding out more, please do speak with me. I am most grateful to Oliver Deegan and Tony O'Connell for their help in leading worship. I also wish to place on record my profound thanks to David McBurnie who died a few weeks ago, we extend our sympathy to his wife Dolores and thank God for this ministry to our parish.

Parish Organisations & committees

The book of reports which I hope you will have now received contains reports from a selection of our parish organisations. Thanks are due to all office holders who give of their time in assuring the smooth running of these groups.

Thank you also to those who run and convene all our parish committees. A particular debt of gratitude to Trevor Lyttle & Richard Brickenden in St Michael's, who along with the fundraising and building committees there have had a significant workload in the last 12 months.

Finance

As we will hear shortly, 2024 has been a good year in terms of finance for the parish, but lest we get too comfortable, it is worth noting that both St Michael's and the Cathedral have major projects on the horizon, so careful stewardship is important.

However, I do want to say a huge thank you to all those who support the parish in terms of money. Our church – our witness, our ministry and our presence largely depend on the generosity of parishioners. So **Thank you!**

Getting Involved

To any others who are involved in the life of our parish – Thank you! It would be impossible to name everyone who should be thanked here as I would run the risk ... even sin... of omitting somebody. So thank you – you know who you are.

I can't emphasize enough how much I want all parishioners to become actively involved in the life of the Parish. In doing so we are building up this sense of community which I have alluded to. We are also using every opportunity to use our gifts and talents in the service of God, the church and the community. I firmly believe that the more people who involved the stronger the community and the more evident God's grace and joy will be.

Finally

At this point I want to thank the outgoing Vestry, in particular:

The Churchwardens: Frank, Victor, Cormac, Barbara, Bertie and Elizabeth.

I want to also thank Tristan whose term of office was cut short by the sad and untimely death of his wife. Our sympathy and support goes to the Kessler family.

The Glebewardens: Tracey and Brian – who do an extra ordinary amount of work behind the scenes.

Hon Secretary: Meghan

Treasurers: Frank, Joe, Darie, Bertie and Felicity

And Colin Marsden who provides sound solid advice and support.

So as we prepare to elect our new office holders for the coming year I invite you to pray for them, for me and for this parish.

Of course, it's impossible to please everyone all the time. As rector, it's my duty to consider the larger picture, which sometimes means making decisions that not everyone will agree with. I believe this is true for all who hold positions of leadership.

My dear parishioners, please know that each day I pray for wisdom and diligence in my role, and when my actions cause hurt or disappointment, I seek God's and your forgiveness. I can only do my best, and know this – my heart is not made of stone.

I want to conclude on two personal notes:

Firstly – to the Deanery family, Karen & Evelyn – thank you for constant love and encouragement. As there is no other opportunity in the year, I want to publicly thank and acknowledge their unwavering support. Often the Deanery family take second place in the parish, and I am humbled by that expression of devotion. Parishioners, if you wish to do anything today, thank them.

Secondly, thanks to all of you for your support and encouragement in my ministry. For times when I have failed, and I am sure there have been many, I humbly apologise. I am privileged and honoured to be your Rector and will continue to work with you with the best of my ability as we all seek to make God's love evident in our own lives and that of others.

And so, may God bless us in the year ahead – with joy, with love and with grace. In the words of St Paul from our epistle reading today – may we strain forward to what lies ahead. Amen.

Appointments

I have great pleasure in appointing Sean Casey, Richard Blennerhassett and Elizabeth Stanley as my Churchwardens and Brian Shepard as my Glebewarden.

Niall J. Sloane: DEAN & RECTOR

1st April 2025

Statement of Charitable Purpose

Saint Mary's Cathedral is the registered name and includes all parishes within Limerick City Parish

The Charitable purpose of Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick of the Church of Ireland is the advancement of religion.

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