

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – 14th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 18) – 6th September 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: Give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING EZEKIEL 33:7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

PSALM 119:33-40

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes ♦
and I shall keep it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding and I shall keep your law; ♦
I shall keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Lead me in the path of your commandments, ♦
for therein is my delight.
- 36 Incline my heart to your testimonies ♦
and not to unjust gain.
- 37 Turn away my eyes lest they gaze on vanities; ♦
O give me life in your ways.
- 38 Confirm to your servant your promise, ♦
which stands for all who fear you.
- 39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, ♦
because your judgements are good.
- 40 Behold, I long for your commandments; ♦
in your righteousness give me life.

EPISTLE ROMANS 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day,

not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 18:15-20

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love: Keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	488	523	619	468	
The Cathedral	326	175	462		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 6 th September Trinity XIV (The Feast of the Birth of the Virgin Mary)		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Patronal Festival	The Cathedral
	15:00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral
Monday 7 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 8 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 9 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 10 th September	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 11 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 12 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 13 th September Trinity XV	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	15:00	Harvest Festival	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

(Where attachments are mentioned, hard copies are available through the parish office upon request).

Please note: Items for inclusion in the newsletter must be submitted by 12 Noon each Wednesday for consideration of the clergy.

Items must be kept to 50 words or less.

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

Choral evensong: The Patronal Choral Evensong service will be held later today at 15:00 at the cathedral. All welcome.

National Services Day: Yesterday, September 5th was National Services day, which was created a much-needed focal point for the frontline, emergency and security services to acknowledge their appreciation to the public. In return we are invited to uphold them in prayer and give thanks for their service to local communities and the Nation.

Deep clean: A clean up of Saint Michael's church takes place on Tuesday 8th September at 7.15pm. Volunteers needed. Please bring a bucket, cleaning stuff and some cloths and polish. Thanks to those who have already volunteered.

Road Closure Update: Please note the service in Saint Michael's Church on Sunday 13th September will go ahead as scheduled at 10am.

General Synod 2027–2029 Elections: Nominations are now sought for clergy and lay representatives from Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe to the Church of Ireland General Synod, with expressions of interest due by 14 September 2026 (see attached document for further details).

Harvest Thanksgiving Service: Thanksgiving Service at Abington church will be held on Sunday 13th September at 3.00pm. All welcome

Mothers' Union: The Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service celebrating 150 years in Ireland will be held in St Mary's Church, Shinrone, on Sunday 13th September at 3pm. Bishop Michael will lead the service, with an address from Mrs June Butler. Refreshments follow at Cloughmoyle Hall, Shinrone. All welcome. Lifts available from Lucy at 087 2078850.

Saint Mary's Sunday Club: will recommence today, Sunday 6th September and will be held in the Cathedral Office during the 11.15 am service, normally on the first and third Sundays of the month. It is open to those of primary school going age whose family/carers remain in the Cathedral during the service younger children may come to the Sunday Club if accompanied by a carer. Coins are collected in a special tin for The Limerick Animal Welfare organisation.

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. Barbara, trained in the Botanic Gardens, Dublin, was the first woman gardener to be appointed in the city. All are welcome.

Harvesting Hope: All welcome to a shared conversation, debate, and thoughtful engagement on farming and farmers. at Gurteen College, Co. Tipperary. Date: 19th September, 10am – 4.15pm. Bookings through email, phone or text (michael.hanna4@gmail.com or 087 832 6113. See attached leaflet for details

Lay Ministers' Retreat: The Commission of Ministry (COI) is hosting a Lay Ministers' Retreat on 3rd October. See attached leaflet for further details

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

Wanted: Abington are looking for approximately 8 good quality scaffolding planks for use in the church garden (maybe you have some lying around your garage or garden?). Please speak with the clergy if you are in a position to help.

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

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

Accommodation Appeal: International student seeking preferably Christian accommodation from September. He is looking for a room, house share or 7-day digs. Please contact Joy on WhatsApp at +94 76 908 6691 or email joyjathinson@gmail.com

Cycles of prayer: Porvoo: Church of England: Diocese of Salisbury, Church in Wales: Diocese of St Asaph | Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

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, Rev'd Brian O'Reilly

Remembrance Book: John Jennings, Retd. Garda Jerry Murphy, George Bingham, Juliet Maouchor, Loretta Byrnes Dent, Conway Ryan Jaruis, Richard Gullagher, Paul Brislane

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

	6 th September	13 th September	20 th September	27 th September
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Gillian Cheatley	Richard & Sheila Allen	Dick & Mary Blennerhassett	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle
Cathedral	Cathedral	Jemimah Egbulam	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard
Readers				
St Michael's	Annabelle Griffin	John Shier	Margaret Schutz	Stephen Fairbrother
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