

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – 15th Sunday after Trinity (Proper 19) – 13th September 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: Grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel; that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING GENESIS 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid!' Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

PSALM 103:8-13

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, ♦
slow to anger and of great kindness.
9 He will not always accuse us, ♦
neither will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, ♦
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, ♦
so great is his mercy upon those who fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, ♦
so far has he set our sins from us.
13 As a father has compassion on his children, ♦
so is the Lord merciful towards those who fear him.

EPISTLE ROMANS 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times. ‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we have received these tokens of your promise. May we who have been nourished with holy things live as faithful heirs of your promised kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	589	623	450	487	
The Cathedral	366	358	24		

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SERVICES & EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
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
Monday 14 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 15 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 16 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 17 th September	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 18 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 19 th September	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 20 th September Trinity XVI	9.30	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.

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 are welcome. Lifts available from Lucy at 087 2078850.

Clean up in Saint Michael's: Tuesday 8th September - Tracey would like to thank, Richard & Margaret Brickenden, John & Gillian Cheatley, Keith & Sheelagh Morrow, Trevor Lyttle, Lucy Kavanagh, Noreen Johnson, Susi Eckhardt, Richard Allen, Douglas Blennerhassett, The Dean, Karen Wilson, Evelyn Sloane, Rev. Scott Elliott, and Anne Johnson for their help with the big cleanup - the church is gleaming!!

Annual General Meeting: Limerick Protestant Orphan & Childcare Society will take place on 24th September 2026 at 5.00 p.m. in St Michael's Church Hall.

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's Assistant.

Saint Michael's Committee: The Saint Michael's Committee will meet on Wednesday, 23 September, at 8.00 pm.

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

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.

Update on King Donal Mór O'Brien: Many of you will be aware that a social media and GoFundMe appeal was launched earlier this summer to support the replacement of the King Donal Mór O'Brien statue. Thanks to the generosity of supporters, €2,000 was raised. Discussions are continuing with the artist regarding both the replacement statue and the redevelopment of the wildflower garden. It is hoped that the new King Donal Mór O'Brien statue will be in place by the spring. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to and supported this project.

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).

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.

Saint Mary's Sunday Club: 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.

Whist Drives: Whist Drives are back in St. Michael's Church Hall – Starting Time is 7.30pm. Date: Saturday 10th October. Contact Gillian on 087 1254687 to learn the game through a refresher/training session of Whist.

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.

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Ribe, Church of England: Diocese of Bath and Wells | *Anglican Cycle of Prayer:* The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia

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, Olwen, Paddy Sirr, Dick Blennerhassett, Stephanie Narramore, Rev'd Brian O'Reilly

Remembrance Book: Caitriona Lucas, Donie Cahill, Roger Leeman, Stephen Roche, Mary O'Sullivan, Frederick Sydney Howes, The Rev'd Canon George Flynn, Elizabeth Mulcahy, Vera Hanna, Canon Marie Rowley Brooke, Marian Locke.

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

	13 th September	20 th September	27 th September	4 th October
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Richard & Sheila Allen	Dick & Mary Blennerhassett	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Daire McNamara
Cathedral	Jemimah Egbulam	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu
Readers				
St Michael's	Keith Morrow	Margaret Schutz	Stephen Fairbrother	Lucy Kavanagh
Cathedral	Lindsay Boyle	Paul Cable	Muyiwa Okeneye	Frank Sheahan

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