LIMERICK CITY PARISH

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIMERICK

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – the Feast of Saint Luke / XX Sunday after Trinity (Proper 24) – 18th October 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: By the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING ISAIAH 35:3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

PSALM 147:1-7

1 Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God, ♦
how joyful to honour him with praise.
2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem ♦
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He heals the brokenhearted ♦
and binds up all their wounds.
4 He counts the number of the stars ♦
and calls them all by their names.
5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power; ♦
his wisdom is beyond all telling.
6 The Lord lifts up the poor, ♦
but casts down the wicked to the ground.
7 Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; ♦
make music to our God upon the lyre;

EPISTLE 2TIMOTHY 4:5-17

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my

support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth.

THE GOSPEL SAINT LUKE 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, may we who have shared these holy mysteries enjoy health of body and mind and witness faithfully to your gospel, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	166	104	584	218	488
The Cathedral	492	459	478		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 18th October Trinity XX		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Confirmation service	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 19th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 20th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 21st October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 22nd October	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 23rd October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 24th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 25th October Trinity XXI	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

(Where attachments are mentioned, hard copies are available through the parish office upon request).
Please note: Items for inclusion in the newsletter must be submitted by 12 Noon each Wednesday for consideration of the clergy. Items must be kept to 50 words or less. Photography & Filming: A gentle reminder that photography & filming are not permitted during church services unless otherwise directed by the clergy, i.e. diocesan occasions.

Sympathies: Limerick City Parish extends its sincere sympathies to:

- Mervyn and Patricia Shorten, their wider family circle and friends, on the death of Mervyn's mother, Rebecca Shorten.
- Annet Birabwa, her family and friends, on the recent death of her brother.

We hold both families in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.

Confirmation: This Saturday, five candidates for Confirmation will be confirmed by the Bishop of Tuam, Limerick and Killaloe in Saint Michael's Church. We extend our warmest congratulations to **Annabelle, Aoibheann Lily, Ilse, Noah and Tiago** on this special occasion. We assure them of our continued prayers and support as they take this important step on their journey of faith. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen them, filling them with wisdom, courage and faith as they continue to grow in their relationship with God.

Big Confirmation Day Out: Bishop Michael Burrows and the UDYC of Tuam, Limerick & Killaloe are delighted to invite everyone who was confirmed in 2025 or 2026 to Bishop Michael's Big Confirmation Day Out! on Saturday 24th October 2026. This is a fantastic opportunity to meet and make new friends and enjoy a fun-filled day together. You can also bring a friend along! **Please see the attached booking form for full details.**

Bishops Appeal Envelope: Due to an administrative error Bishops' Appeal (BA) Sunday was promoted earlier this year; however, as those on the Envelope scheme will have noticed, this Sunday (18th October) has a designated envelope in the box. You may have already contributed towards BA this year (in which case please disregard Sunday's special envelope), for which we say Thank you. If you still would like to donate to this important ministry of the church - your support would be greatly appreciated.

Missing Keys: A set of keys has gone missing from Saint Michael's Church. Parishioners are asked to keep a lookout for them when visiting the church. If you have any information or believe you may have seen them, please speak with one of the Church Wardens.

Sponsor or decorate a Christmas Tree: To mark the completion of the restoration works at Saint Michael's Church, we are planning a Christmas Tree Showcase to celebrate our parish and wider community. Parishioners, businesses, schools, and community organisations are warmly invited to sponsor a Christmas tree, decorate a tree, or do both. For further information, please speak with the Curate or email curate@limerick.anglican.org.

CFM Newsletter: The new edition of the CFM Newsletter is now available to read online at the following link: Read the CFM Newsletter – Autumn/Winter 2026

Whist Drives: Whist Drives in Saint Michael's Church Hall – Starting Time is 7.30pm. Dates: Saturday 7th November and Saturday 12th December. Contact Gillian on 087 1254687.

Sunday Club: The Cathedral Sunday Club will next meet during the 11.15 service on All Saints' Day.

Harvest Appeal: The clergy are inviting donations of food items as part of this year's Harvest Appeal. Donations may be brought to either the Cathedral or the Church and will be presented to the charities before the end of October.

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

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

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Church of Sweden: Diocese of Växjö, Church of England: Diocese of Oxford | *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*: The Anglican Church of Canada

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

Remembrance Book: Florence Fogerty, Florence McCormack, Christina Mack, Albert Gill, Brian Penn, Violet Watts, John F. (Jack) Ormston, Kay Bingham, Sylvia Brickenden, Leslie Cowpar

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

	18th October	25th October	1st November	8th November
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Susi Eckhardt	Daire McNamara	tbc	
Cathedral	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Jemimah Egbulam
Readers				
St Michael's	Vivian Amaeze	Sheelagh Morrow	tbc	
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