LIMERICK CITY PARISH

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIMERICK

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – V Sunday Before Advent (Proper 25) – 25th October 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Help us to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

THE FIRST READING LEVITICUS 19:1-2,15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbour. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbour: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbour, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbour as yourself: I am the Lord.

PSALM 1

1 Blessed are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, ♦
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the assembly of the scornful.
2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord ♦
and they meditate on his law day and night.
3 Like a tree planted by streams of water
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither, ♦
whatever they do, it shall prosper.
4 As for the wicked, it is not so with them; ♦
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not be able to stand in the judgement, ♦
nor the sinner in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, ♦
but the way of the wicked shall perish.

EPISTLE I THESSALONIANS 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"? If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	576	384	668	250	
The Cathedral	320	708	517	372	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 25th October V Sunday Before Advent (Proper 25)	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 26th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 27th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	14:00	**Tuesday Social**	The Cathedral
Wednesday 28th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 29th October	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 30th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 31st October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 1st November All Saints Day IV Before Advent (Proper 26)		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	10:30	**Act of Remembrance**	Kings Island Military Cemetery
	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.

Donation of Flowers: The flowers in the Cathedral have been kindly donated in memory of Leslie Cowpar by his wife, Sylvia.

All Saints-Tide – 1st November: During the service on 1st November, there will be a special commemoration, offering us an opportunity to remember by name those whom we love and who have died. All those from our parish who have died during the past year will be commemorated. Everyone is also invited to add the names of other loved ones they wish to remember to the list at the back of the church.

Tuesday Club The Tuesday Club will meet in the Cathedral on Tuesday 27th October, at 2pm. This is an opportunity to catch up with friends over refreshments. Noreen Ellerker will also give a historical talk. All are welcome!

Bible Reading Fellowship: Orders for next year's Guidelines and New Daylight are due in Dublin in November. The cost of the three issues in 2027 will be €26. If anyone would like to know more about the booklets, please let me know. Unless I hear to the contrary I will assume that current readers are happy to renew their orders and will bill them in due course! My contact number is 087 2200216 – Margaret Schutz.

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.

Murroe-Boher Historical Society: Our monthly talks will resume on **Thursday**, 29 October 2026 at 8.30pm in the Fitzgerald Room, Muintir na Tíre Hall, Murroe (V94 N720). Admission €5 to non-members. All welcome.

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.

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 England: Diocese of Carlisle|Church of Norway: Diocese of Stavanger| *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*: The Church of the Province of Central Africa
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, Lily Forde (nee Copley) and Mike Sheehan

Remembrance Book: Paddy Fogerty, Emily McCormack (nee Waterstone), Samual Hanley, John Mulvey, Private Victor S Brown, Derek Thompson, Eamon Doyle, Tanya Lewis, The Rt Rev'd Peter Barrett, Lucy Copley, Peter Atherden, Eamonn Murphy, Paul Rolandson.

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

	25th October	1st November	8th November	15th November
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Daire McNamara	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Gillian Cheatley
Cathedral	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Jemimah Egbulam	Keith O'Neil
Readers				
St Michael's	Sheelagh Morrow	Cormac O'Connell	Tracey Lyttle	Richard Allen
Cathedral	Alan Bunworth	RBL Representative	John St George	Ringers' Representative

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