

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – XVIII Sunday after Trinity (Proper 22) – 4th October 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty and everlasting God: Increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING ISAIAH 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry

PSALM 80:8-16

- 8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; ♦
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
- 9 You brought a vine out of Egypt; ♦ you drove out the nations and planted it.
- 10 You made room around it, ♦ and when it had taken root, it filled the land.
- 11 The hills were covered with its shadow ♦ and the cedars of God by its boughs.
- 12 It stretched out its branches to the Sea ♦ and its tendrils to the River.
- 13 Why then have you broken down its wall, ♦ so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 14 The wild boar out of the wood tears it off, ♦ and all the insects of the field devour it.
- 15 Turn again, O God of hosts, ♦ look down from heaven and behold;
- 16 Cherish this vine which your right hand has planted, ♦
and the branch that you made so strong for yourself.

EPISTLE PHILLIPIANS 3: 4-14

even though I, too, have reason for confidence in the flesh. If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 21:33-46

‘Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, “They will respect my son.” But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, “This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.” So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They said to him, ‘He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes”? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.’ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

All praise and thanks, O Christ, for this sacred banquet, in which by faith we receive you, the memory of your passion is renewed, our lives are filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory given, to feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael’s	332	366	476	465	
The Cathedral	47	39	GS	37	

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 4 th October Trinity XVIII	09.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael’s
	11.15	Thanksgiving Service	The Cathedral
	18:00	SINGET Concert	The Cathedral
Monday 5 th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 6 th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 7 th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 8 th October	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 9 th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 10 th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 11 th October Trinity XIX	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.

Sympathy: Limerick City Parish extends its sincere sympathy to the family and friends of the Rev'd Canon Ruth Gill, a former Chapter member of Saint Mary's Cathedral on her death. The Parish also extends its sincere condolences to the family and friends of Lowell Albert Shier on his death. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

Harvest at the Cathedral: Thanksgiving Service of Saint Mary's Cathedral will be held on Sunday 4th October at 11.15am. All welcome

Harvest at Saint Michael's Church: Thank you to everyone who helped decorate Saint Michael's Church for our Harvest celebrations. Your time, creativity, and generosity are greatly appreciated and helped make the church look beautiful for this special occasion.

Update on works in Saint Michaels: Congratulations! Our Pots of Paint Appeal has exceeded its target—thank you to everyone who gave so generously. Thanks to your incredible generosity, we raised €34,400 against our target of €30,000, exceeding our goal by €4,400. A special thank you to our Fundraising Committee for their hard work, dedication, and enthusiasm in making this campaign such a success. With the funding now secured, painting works will begin very soon. We look forward to sharing updates as the project gets underway. Thank you all for helping make this achievement possible.

Upcoming Concert: H.I.P.S.T.E.R. presents *SINGET!*, a programme of German choral motets from the 17th and 18th centuries, directed by Mark Duley and featuring the Resurgam Choir with Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir and Sagittarius Hiberniensis. Music by Schütz, Bach, Buxtehude and others. Sunday 4 October, 6 pm, Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick.

Whist Drives: Whist Drives are back in Saint Michael's Church Hall – Starting Time is 7.30pm.
Dates: Saturday 10th October, Saturday 7th November and Saturday 12th December. Contact Gillian on 087 1254687 to learn the game through a refresher/training session of Whist.

Friends of Abington: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 14th October 2026 at 7:30pm.

Confirmation: Please note that the Service of Confirmation will be held in Saint Michael's Church on Sunday, 18 October, at 10am.

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! 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.**

Harvest Appeal: The clergy are inviting donations of food items as part of this year's Harvest Appeal which will support the charities partnered with the Cathedral, as well as Saint Michael's Food Bank. 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@saintmaryscathedral.ie

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.

Cycles of prayer: *Porvoo:* Church of England: Diocese of Liverpool, Church in Wales: Diocese of Monmouth, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Haderslev | Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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

Remembrance Book: Joan Millar(n) Symth, Sarah Williams, Bill Williams, Donald Cameron, Martin Wallace, Ellie Eckhardt, Maurice O'Reilly, Leslie Taylor, Stanley Williams, Thomas O'Donnell, Elizabeth McGlone

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

	4 th October	11 th October	18 th October	25 th October
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Sheila Cusack	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin	Susi Eckhardt	Daire McNamara
Cathedral	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane
Readers				
St Michael's	Jenny Schutz	John Shier	Vivian Amaeze	Sheelagh Morrow
Cathedral	Frank Sheahan	Heather Peirce	Noah Copley Brown	Alan Bunworth

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