LIMERICK CITY PARISH

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIMERICK

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – The Feast of Saint Philip the Deacon / XIX Sunday after Trinity (Proper 23) – 11th October 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

O God, without you we are not able to please you; Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING ISAIAH 40:27- 41:1

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God'? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgement.

PSALM 119:105-112

Your word is a lantern to my feet ♦
and a light upon my path.
I have sworn and will fulfil it, ♦
to keep your righteous judgements.
I am troubled above measure; ♦
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord, ♦
and teach me your judgements.
My soul is ever in my hand, ♦
yet I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me, ♦
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever; ♦
for they are the very joy of my heart.
I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes: ♦
always, even to the end.

EPISTLE ACTS 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the thiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found

himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

THE GOSPEL SAINT LUKE 10:1-12

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

Holy and blessed God, you feed us with the body and blood of your Son and fill us with your Holy Spirit. May we honour you, not only with our lips but in lives dedicated to the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	10	632	400	456	
The Cathedral	461	566	491		

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on https://www.churchcamlive.ie/limerickstmarys and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie within the following 90 days. After that time recordings will be destroyed; however, exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral requires it. Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on https://www.churchcamlive.ie/limerickstmarys and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie other Cathedral communication channels. If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office. If you do not wish to appear in the recording, please advise Churchwardens who will guide you to an area which will not be filmed and will make arrangements for you to receive Holy Communion there. *NRSV (Anglicized Edition), copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America; Material in this service reproduced from BCP under licence © RCB 2004; One License Number: A738650; Use QR code to donate to Saint Mary's online.*



SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 11th October Trinity XVII	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Monday 12th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 13th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	**Lunchtime concert**	The Cathedral
Wednesday 14th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	19.30	**Friends of Abington**	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
Thursday 15th October	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
	20.00	**Select Vestry**	The Cathedral
Friday 16th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 17th October	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 18th October Trinity XVIII		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Confirmation Service	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.

Congratulations: We welcome in Holy Baptism, Baby Alfie, Son of Norman and Thomasena Symes and little brother to Harry, who will be baptised in the Cathedral today.

Sympathy: Limerick City Parish extends its sincere sympathy to Mary Redden and her family on the recent death of her nephew. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

Cathedral Flowers: Today's flowers are in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Mc Glone, which were donated by her son.

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

Message of Thanks: "I am truly thankful for the prayers, support & friendship of the clergy and parishioners of LCP throughout a difficult year. Thankfully, I received good news recently that my treatment has worked and I'm now cancer free. I recently completed the Cook Medical Mini-Marathon to raise funds for cancer research, a very worthy cause. Thank you" – Caroline Bond.

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.

Lunchtime concert: Tuesday 13th October at 1.15pm, Catherine O'Carroll (mezzo-soprano), Helen Hancock (soprano) accompanied by Irina Dernova (piano).

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.

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

Confirmation: Please note that the Service of Confirmation will be held in Saint Michael's Church on Sunday, 18 October, at 10am. Congratulations and every good wish for the future to those who are being confirmed

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

Select Vestry: The next meeting of the Select Vestry will be held on Thursday 15th October 2026 at 8pm in Saint Mary's Cathedral.

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.**

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@saintmaryscatheral.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 Truro, Church of Norway: Diocese of Tönsberg, Church of Sweden: Diocese of Strängnäs | *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*: The Anglican Church of Burundi

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: Alberta Callender, Alan Condell, Edith Moorhead, Garda Tony Golden, Daniel O' Connell, Nellie Maiden, Clement Sirr, Patrick O'Callaghan, Nell Maiden, James Quin, Ellie Eckhardt, Lindsay Abrahams, Stephen Knight, Anthony Foley and Elizabeth (Betty) 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

	11th October	18th October	25th October	1st November
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Nicholas & Annabelle Griffin	Susi Eckhardt	Daire McNamara	tbc
Cathedral	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam
Readers				
St Michael's	John Shier	Vivian Amaeze	Sheelagh Morrow	tbc
Cathedral	Frank Sheahan	Noah Copley Brown	Alan Bunworth	tbc

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