LIMERICK CITY PARISH

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL LIMERICK

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe –All Saints Day / IV Sunday Before Advent (Proper 26) – 1st November 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints: Grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE FIRST READING JEREMIAH 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

PSALM 34:1-10

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.
3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.
5 Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.
7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦
and delivers them.
8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦
for those who fear him lack nothing.
10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

EPISTLE 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of heaven, in this eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect. As in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	461	464	471	459	
The Cathedral	529	476	459		

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
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
Monday 2nd November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 3rd November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	**Lunchtime Concert**	The Cathedral
Wednesday 4th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 5th November	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 6th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 7th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 8th November III Before Advent- Remembrance Sunday (Proper 26)	10.00	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	15.00	**Remembrance Tea Party**	St. Michael's

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.

Lunchtime concert: Tuesday 3rd November at 1.15pm, William Jack (cello).

Items for the Newsletter: Any requests for additions, corrections, or items to be removed from the newsletter should be submitted preferably by email to limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com before 12 noon Wednesdays.

UHL Remembrance Badges: The Bereavement Services at UHL have kindly donated free remembrance badges for parishioners and visitors. These badges are a symbol of remembrance for those we love but see no longer. The badges will be available at the back of the churches and the Cathedral for any parishioners or visitors who wish to take one.

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.

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 Winchester, Church of Norway: Diocese of Agder and Telemark | *Anglican Cycle of Prayer*: Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America

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, Mike Sheehan, Philomena

Remembrance Book: Martin Bennis, Bernard Parsons, Mark Parsons, Eileen Nelson, Emily Beatrice Groves, Jack Hennessy, Gerard Browne, Lennon Howes, Patricia Deegan, Gladys Blackledge, Phyllis Gale, Frederick Charles Pragnell, Annie Maria Battle, John Nix

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

	1st November	8th November	15th November	22nd November
Refreshments				
St Michael's	John & Kayt Shier	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Cormac & Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle
Cathedral	Liz Lynam & Joe Lynam	Joan Wylie & Adrienne Baron	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard
Readers				
St Michael's	Cormac O'Connell	Tracey Lyttle	Richard Allen	Daire McNamara
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