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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe – Remembrance Sunday / III Sunday Before Advent (Proper 27)
8th November 2026

COLLECT AND READINGS

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the king of all: Govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE FIRST READING WISDOM 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

PSALM 70

1 O God, make speed to save me; ♦
O Lord, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life
be put to shame and confusion; ♦
let them be turned back and disgraced
who wish me evil.
3 Let those who mock and deride me ♦
turn back because of their shame.
4 But let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; ♦
let those who love your salvation say always, 'Great is the Lord!'
5 As for me, I am poor and needy; ♦
come to me quickly, O God.
6 You are my help and my deliverer; ♦
O Lord, do not delay.

EPISTLE I THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

THE GOSPEL SAINT MATTHEW 25:14-30

'Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life: Look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

HYMNS					
Saint Michael's	502	496	544	537	
The Cathedral	469	537			

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SERVICES & EVENTS			
DATE	TIME	EVENT	VENUE
Sunday 8th November III Before Advent (Remembrance Sunday)	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
Monday 9th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 10th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	**Lunchtime Concert**	The Cathedral
Wednesday 11th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 12th November	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 13th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 14th November	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 15th November II Before Advent / Trinity 24 (Proper 28)	9.30	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	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.

Lunchtime concert: Tuesday 10th November at 1.15pm, Peter Barley (organ).

Christmas at Limerick City Parish: We are pleased to announce our programme for the seasons od Advent and Christmas. Please see attached document listing upcoming events and services.

Volunteers Needed – Saint Michael's Christmas Tree Showcase: As restoration at Saint Michael's nears completion, we are delighted by the positive feedback and grateful to everyone involved. This December, our Christmas Tree Showcase will celebrate our community's creativity. We are seeking volunteers to welcome visitors on Sunday afternoons. If you can help, please email the Curate your name. Thank you! – curate@limerick.anglican.org

Contribute a Christmas Tree: To celebrate the completion of the restoration at Saint Michael's Church, we are hosting a Christmas Tree Showcase this December. We warmly invite parishioners, local businesses, schools and community groups to sponsor a tree and help make this a special celebration of our community. To get involved, speak to the Curate or email curate@limerick.anglican.org.

Accommodation: Ayomide (Mide) Ogun-Ajala, a 24-year-old parishioner of Saint Mary's Church, Maynooth, has recently secured a position with Verizon in Limerick City. He is seeking an affordable, furnished single room in a shared house, ideally near the city centre, with a budget of €600–€800 per month, preferably including bills. If you can help, please contact Mide directly at ayomide5462@gmail.com or 089 217 3864. Thank you for your support.

Church Ministry of Healing: We are delighted to invite you to our annual Advent day retreat, which, this year, takes place in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, on 14th November 2026. Resting in the Shadow: Finding Peace in Advent Darkness Sat 14 Nov 2026, 10am-3.30pm, CITI (Dublin 14). Further details and booking available at:
CMH:I Advent Day Retreat 2026 Tickets, Saturday, November 14 • 10 AM - 3:30 PM | Eventbrite

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.

Pioneer Ministry: Dear Friends, Where might God be inviting us to participate in his mission today? Revd Carole (Advocate for Pioneer Ministry in TLK) and I, Valerie (Pioneer Minister in Training), invite you to a scheduled Zoom meeting of prayer and conversation. Topic for reflection: What does 'Church' mean to You? Time: Nov 10, 2026, 07:30 PM London till 8.30 PM. Join Zoom Meeting
https://zoom.us/j/94797235748?pwd=tWBRJj58lBzNhTHxbU705IlglyLcjY.1 Meeting ID: 947 9723 5748 Passcode: 531745

United Diocesan Youth Council: The UDYC has events planned over November and December for the age groups between 8-17 (primary and secondary school levels). See leaflet for further details.

Anam Cara's next Bereavement Information Evening explores creativity and grief with author and psychotherapist Sasha Bates. Open to all bereaved parents, whatever their child's age, circumstances of death, or time since loss, this gentle online event takes place Thursday 19 November at 7pm. Register here: Meeting Registration - Zoom

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.

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 Norwich, Church of Sweden: Diocese of Luleå | Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo

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: Mary Copley, Frank Penney, Rahema Nabiwemba, Louise Baker, Shane Geoghegan, Allan Williamson, Jim O'Mara, Rev. George Chambers, Violet Shier, Paddy Egan, Collette Pratt, Dawney Lynch, Donald Pollard, Alec Brislane, Maire Fitzgerald

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

	8th November	15th November	22nd November	29th November
Refreshments				
St Michael's	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Cormac & Ruth Lillie O'Connell	Trevor & Tracey Lyttle	Gillian Cheatley
Cathedral	Joan Wylie & Adrienne Baron	Keith O'Neil	Brian Sheppard	Shawn & Carrie Jamieson
Readers				
St Michael's	Tracey Lyttle	Richard Allen	Daire McNamara	Margaret Schutz
Cathedral	John St George	Bell Ringers' Representative	Lindsay Boyle	Frank Sheahan

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