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SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

LIMERICK

Choral Eucharist
Passion Sunday ~ 6th April 2025



A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

On behalf of the chapter and parish I welcome you to Saint Mary's Cathedral, Limerick. You are very welcome, whether you are visiting for the first time or for the 1000th time! We share in worship which has been offered here for 850 years.

We hope this service booklet is easy to follow and that in the worship you will really know that God is close to you. Please say the words printed in bold text as your response during the worship. At times you are invited to stand, sit or kneel. These are helpful ways to engage in the service, but please be comfortable and don't worry if you need to do something different! Some parts of the service are louder and some quieter, as you will notice.

To the parents of our young children, may we suggest...

Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on. They tire of seeing the backs of others heads. Quietly explain the parts of the services and actions of the clergy, wardens, choir, etc. Sing the hymns, pray and join in the responses. Children learn liturgical behaviour by copying you.

The numbers in brackets denotes pages in the Children's Communion Book (available at the church door) and activity packs for children are also available. Feel free to use the space across at the back of the cathedral if your children become restless; please stay with your children in this area for their safety. If required, the Churchwardens can direct you to the toilets.

If you have to leave the service with your child, feel free to do so, but please come back. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church of God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship.

To the adults

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents 😊

Finally, if you need any assistance during service, please speak to one of the Churchwardens by the church doors.

The Very Rev'd Niall J.W. Sloane,
Dean.

DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS

Before Service

O Lord, open our Lips, that our mouths may proclaim your praise, and purify our hearts that we may worthily magnify your glorious Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Spirit of God, without Your presence our worship is in vain.
May each one of us feel You near, may we be uplifted, may our worship be true, may we go from this place with Your presence in our hearts. Amen.

Lord God You are here, may we come to You with a mixture of humility and joy.
May we feel Your nearness and learn from You. Amen.

Lord, it is not easy to be humble; but in this service we ask for humility, so that it is You who may be seen by each person here.
May Your will be done. Amen.

Before a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

Cleanse us, O Lord, and keep us undefiled, that we may be numbered among those blessed ones, who, having washed their robes, and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb, stand before your throne, and serve you day and night in Your Temple. Amen.

Father in heaven, you have made us for yourself; our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Fulfill this longing through Jesus, the bread of life, so that we may witness to him who alone satisfies the hungers of the human family.
By the power of your Spirit lead us to the heavenly table where we may feast on the vision of your glory forever and ever. Amen.

After Celebration

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament
left us a memorial of your Passion:
grant, we implore you,
that we may so venerate
the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood,
as always to be conscious of the fruit of your Redemption.
You who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

After Service

Grant, O Lord, that what we have sung with our lips we may believe in our hearts, and may always steadfastly fulfil; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHORAL EUCHARIST

Order of Service



The Choir, Clergy and other ministers assemble in Saint James' Chapel for the Vestry Prayer

Please stand for procession

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

HYMN 248

1

We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope though all deride,
for this we count the world but loss.

2

Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.

3

The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.

4

It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light:

5

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PENITENCE

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these your laws in our hearts.

The Confession is introduced with appropriate words, such as:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace:

Silence, following which the Kyrie is sung

Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)
Christe Eleison (Christ, Have Mercy)
Kyrie Eleison (Lord, Have Mercy)

The president pronounces the Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: Grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of his victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

THE EPISTLE READING - PHILIPPIANS 3: 4B-14

Please Sit

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.

At the end the reader may say
This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL ANTHEM – DROP, DROP SLOW TEARS (GIBBONS)

THE GOSPEL

Please stand and face the reader

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John chapter 12 beginning at verse 1

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

THE SERMON – THE DEAN

Please sit

Please stand as the preacher leaves the pulpit

THE NICENE CREED

Please face the Altar

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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Please kneel or sit

Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

THE PEACE

Please stand

Now in union with Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood; for he is our peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

The peace may be exchanged with others

CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

THE OFFERTORY HYMN – 81

During which a collection of money for charitable purposes is taken

1

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.

3

Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4

Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5

Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us
therefore let us celebrate the feast.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise: Through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who, for the redemption of the world, humbled himself to death on the cross; that, being lifted up from the earth, he might draw all people to himself: And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing/saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us: he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God, who has taken away the sins of the world.

Happy are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

THE AGNUS DEI *[may be sung by the Choir]*

Please sit

THE COMMUNION

This communion service is according to the Church of Ireland/Anglican rite and all are welcome to receive in both kinds (bread & wine) at communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, you are welcome to come to the altar for a blessing (crossing your arms over your chest).

THE GREAT SILENCE

GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of hope, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the richness of eternal life. May we who bear witness to the death of your Son, also proclaim the glory of his resurrection, for he is Lord for ever and ever.

followed by

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

I

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing,
if our God our Father be.

2

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
all our weakness thou dost know;
thou didst tread this earth before us,
thou didst feel its keenest woe;
self denying, death defying,
thou to Calvary didst go.

3

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cloy:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
nothing can our peace destroy.

THE BLESSING

Christ draw you to himself and grant that you find in his cross a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven: and may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

Please join us for refreshments in the Consistorial Court

SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL, LIMERICK – A HISTORY

According to tradition, Saint Mary's Cathedral is built on the site of the Viking place of assembly – the thing; subsequently the palace of the O'Brien kings of Thomond, and was given to the Church by King Donal Mór O'Brien in 1168. This legend appears to have no foundation and obscures the extraordinary importance of Saint Mary's Cathedral – probably the most important medieval building to survive intact in Ireland that still performs its original function.

The diocese of Limerick was formally established by the Synod of Ráth Breasail in 1111, and the church of Saint Mary, in the heart of the Norse city, was declared the cathedral of the diocese – the only cathedral in any diocese named by the synod. That church was replaced between 1150 and 1174 by the core of the present Saint Mary's Cathedral. The great pointed arcade arches of the nave (among the earliest in Ireland) and the round arched windows of the clerestory above them, with the narrow aisles, represent the only intact Irish church built on a Continental scale to survive intact from before the Norman invasion in 1169 – all the others are in ruins. The design of the nave, aisles and chancel is a native Irish adaptation of the Burgundian style, introduced into Ireland by the Cistercians after 1142, further embellished by the fine Hiberno-Romanesque west door. The tombstone of its first great benefactor, King Donal Mór O'Brien, can still be seen in the chancel.

In the following centuries the cathedral was embellished by the wealthy merchants of Limerick who built the chantry chapels on the north and south sides of the nave – the largest surviving range of medieval chantry chapels in any Irish church. The cathedral boasts Ireland's largest medieval altar stone and Ireland's only surviving medieval choir stalls. These choir stalls, with their charming carved misericords, constitute the largest intact collection of carved woodwork and furniture from medieval Ireland. Thought to date from about 1480, they may actually date to before 1426. The misericords supported the choral posteriors during the long offices the Cathedral Chapter was obliged to perform.

Later centuries saw the installation of the massive seventeenth-century Thomond Monument in the chancel, beside the tomb of Donal Mór O'Brien. In the early nineteenth century, the Pain brothers designed the Bishop's Throne or Cathedra, the screen to the Glentworth Chapel, and the monument to Bishop John Jebb, the pioneer of the Oxford Movement with his High Church opinions. The nineteenth-century stained glass is particularly fine; the largest window, by the Harry Clarke Studio, was dedicated in 1961 by Michael Ramsey, Archbishop of York. Michael Pearse, the father of the patriot, Patrick Pearse, carved the reredos in the chancel, and the chancel screen was designed by Edward Conor O'Brien in 1921.

Saint Mary's Cathedral is an extraordinarily complex building representing developments from the mid-twelfth century to the later twentieth century – a treasure of Irish religious art. It continues to be a place of prayer and pilgrimage for all who enter its doors and a symbol of faith, hope and love to the city of Limerick.

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SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL – GENERAL INFORMATION

Opening Times

The Cathedral is open every day except the 26th December to 2nd January (subject to change). No charges are made for those who come to join our worship or who wish to pray privately, and everyone is welcome.

Supporting the Cathedral

Saint Mary's Cathedral is a registered charity, and we do not receive guaranteed regular state aid. It costs approximately €7000 a week to run the cathedral. By purchasing a ticket or making a donation or legacy, you are contributing towards the maintenance, mission and ministry of Saint Mary's Cathedral and helping preserve it for future generations. Thank you!

The Cathedral Choir

Whilst Saint Mary's Cathedral is a church in the full tradition of the Church of Ireland, membership of that church is not a pre-requisite for joining the cathedral choir. If you love singing, church/choral music and historic buildings, then why not get in touch with us? We'd be pleased to hear from you. You don't need to be an expert singer. What we are looking for are young people with a pleasant singing voice, who are able to sing in tune and who have an interest in, and commitment to, this kind of music-making within the context of this magnificent medieval cathedral. Potential choir members should please contact the Organist and Choirmaster to arrange an informal meeting at the cathedral. Contact: organist@limerick.anglican.org / 061 310293

Become a Friend

The Friends of Saint Mary's exists to support the Dean & Cathedral Chapter in maintaining and enhancing the Cathedral and its surroundings. Assisting and supporting the Dean and Chapter in maintaining and improving the services, music, fabric, fittings, furniture, ornaments, monuments and facilities of the Cathedral. Encouraging the interest and participation of young people through education and activities. Stimulating and maintaining public interest in the Cathedral. Supporting the needs of the Cathedral's mission in the modern world.

The Friends are united in their desire to support and maintain this 850-year-old Cathedral. Joining the Friends helps ensure that we can continue this important work.

Please visit the website for full details – www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org

Services will be recorded and may be viewed online on: www.churchservices.tv and the Cathedral website (www.saintmaryscathedral.ie) within the 90 days following the service. After that time recordings will be destroyed however exceptions may apply and recordings could last longer if the Cathedral required it.

Occasional services may be recorded and will be advertised on both websites www.churchservices.tv and www.saintmaryscathedral.ie and/or other communication channels of the Cathedral). If you would like further information on a particular event, please contact the Cathedral office.

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SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 6 th April <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
		No Service	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
	12.00	Easter General Vestry	The Cathedral
Monday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 8 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	1.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 9 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 10 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 11 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 12 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 13 th <i>Palm Sunday</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

(Where attachments are mentioned, hard copies are available through the parish office upon request)

Sympathy: We extend our condolences to Val & Gloria Casey on the death of Gloria's mother, Rita. We hold them in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

EGV: Notice is given that the annual Easter General Vestry (in effect the AGM of the Parish), will be held on Sunday 6th April 2025 in St Mary's Cathedral at 12noon. The meeting will be preceded by a united service of Holy Communion beginning at 11.15am. There will be no services in the other churches of the parish on this day.

Good Friday: In preparation for the Annual Ecumenical Walk of Witness, the Dean is looking for readers for the service (beginning at 12noon at St John's Cathedral). Please contact him for more information.

Bishops' Appeal supports Christian Aid's response to South East Asia earthquake

Following the devastating earthquake last Friday (28th March) in South East Asia in which over two thousand lives have been lost, the Bishops' Appeal Advisory Committee is sending emergency assistance of €10,000 (currently equivalent to £8,400) to Christian Aid's appeal for Myanmar. Parishes and individuals are encouraged to donate directly to Christian Aid to ensure that what we can give reaches those affected as swiftly as possible. Donations can be made directly through the Christian Aid Ireland website at this link: www.christianaid.ie/appeals/emergencies/myanmar-earthquake-appeal

Charity Concert: Doon Charity Clare's Wish Foundation are holding a charity fundraising "Songs of Inspiration " in association with the Mulcair Mens' shed Choir on Saturday 26th April From Abington Church Murroe with special Guests Tracy Costelloe Soprano, Martyn Cosgrave Jnr Music. Tickets available from Mulcair Mens' Shed.

Diocesan Magazine: The electronic version may be found at www.tlk.ie/3d-flip-book/dea-sceala/

Shed for sale: 4 x 2 Steeltech shed for sale. Contact the cathedral office for more information.

Parish Table Quiz: *Tracey Lyttle reports:* Last Friday night a great enjoyable and sociable evening had by all. The winners were:-

1st - The Wizards (Schutz Family); 2nd - The Odd Quad (Hogan Family) & 3rd - The Great Schism (The Allens & Co)

Thank you to our Quiz master, Pip Cullen for keeping the questions challenging but interesting. Thanks also to the dodgy scorekeepers, the bakers, and everyone who kindly donated prizes. A bit thank you to all those who attended and apologies to those we could not facilitate but Health and Safety had to be respected as we were full to the brim. €1,270 was the proceeds from the evening, however the most important thing is - it was a good social evening. When is the next one Pip.....

Note: Huge thanks is also due to Tracey Lyttle who co-ordinated the whole event. *The Dean.*

Wanted: 20 stackable chairs for use long term use in St Michael's Hall. Contact the Dean for more information.

Car Show: What has now become an annual event, will take place on Saturday 3rd May in the Cathedral grounds. If you are willing to help volunteer on the day, please contact the Cathedral office.

Choir Supervision: The Dean and Organist are looking for volunteers to help occasionally with supervision of the Junior Choir (a panel of adults that can be present in the room to adhere to Safeguarding guidelines). Any volunteer would probably only be required once or twice a year. Enquires to either individual.

Free lunchtime concert in the Cathedral: A Lunchtime Concert will be on Tuesday 8th April at 1.15pm ~ Catherine O'Carroll (Soprano)

Cathedral Flowers: The flower rota is being updated. If you wish to have your name added or removed to the list of arrangers; or would like to 'sponsor a Sunday'/donate flowers. Please contact the Cathedral office on 310293 or speak to the flower co-ordinator, Adrienne Baron.

Cycles of prayer: *Provoo:* Church of Sweden, Diocese of Uppsala & Church in Wales, Diocese of Llandaff. *Anglican:* Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

Remembrance Book: 2nd Lieutenant Archie Maynard Brown, Dorothy (Dodie) Reid, Erwin Dendikon, Ruth Ryan, The Very Rev'd Herbert Cassidy, John Mc Namara, Noel Bingham, Sean Shinkins and Karen Buckley.

Prayers for the Sick: Terry Gibson, Martin Hogan, Jerry Murphy, Sarah B, Mary Alicia Downes, Kathleen Leddin, John Sparling, Patricia Bourke, David, Elayne and Hilary Noonan, Hazel, Mac, Dean Sandra Pragnell, Pashcal, Layla, Karine Egan. *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

	6 th April	13 th April	20 th April	27 th April
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	x	Daire McNamara & Jill Storey	Richard & Margaret Brickenden	Gillian Cheatley
Cathedral	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neil	Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane
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SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL

CHURCH OF IRELAND - ANGLICAN - EPISCOPAL

HOLY WEEK & EASTER - 2025

Sunday 13th April (Palm Sunday)

10.00am: Morning Prayer - Saints John's & Ailbe,
Abington
10.00am: Holy Communion – Saint Michael's
Church
11.15am: Choral Eucharist & Palm Procession –
Saint Mary's Cathedral

Monday 14th April (Holy/Fig Monday)

7.30am: Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Prayer
7.30pm: Compline

Tuesday 15th April (Holy/Temple Tuesday)

7.30am: Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Prayer
7.30pm: A Late Evening Office

Wednesday 16th April (Spy Wednesday)

7.30am: Holy Communion
10.30am: Morning Prayer
7.30pm: Tenebrae

Thursday 17th April (Maundy Thursday)

7.30am: Holy Communion
10.30am: Holy Communion
12.00pm: Diocesan Chrism Service
7.30pm: The Lord's Supper

Friday 18th April (Good Friday)

7.30 am: Ante Communion & Litany
10.30am: Morning Prayer
12.00pm The Way of the Cross –
starting at Saint John's Cathedral
3.50pm Bishop's visit to Cathedral

Saturday 19th April (Easter Eve)

10.30am: Morning Prayer

Sunday 20th April (Easter Day)

9.30am: Holy Communion – Saints
John's & Ailbe, Abington
10.00am: Holy Communion – Saint
Michael's Church
11.15am: Festal Choral Eucharist –
Saint Mary's Cathedral

**All are welcome to join us for Holy Week services at the Cathedral, as we remember
the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ**

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