



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 20th April 2025 ~ Easter Day

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ you have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 10: 34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

THE EASTER ANTHEMS

- 1 Christ our passover has been | sacri•ficed | for us, therefore let us | cele|brate the | feast,
- 2 Not with the old leaven of cor|ruption • and | wickedness, but with the unleavened | bread of • sinc•erity • and | truth.
- 3 Christ, once raised from the dead | dies no | more; death has no | more do|minion | over him.
- 4 In dying, he died to sin | once for | all; in | living, • he | lives to | God.
- 5 See yourselves therefore as | dead to | sin; and alive to God in | Jesus | Christ our | Lord.
- 6 Christ has been | raised • from the | dead: the | firstfruits • of | those who | sleep.
- 7 For as by | man came | death, by man has come also the resur|rection | of the | dead.
- 8 For as in | Adam • all | die, even so in Christ shall | all be | made a|live.

THE EPISTLE READING: I CORINTHIANS 15: 19-26

If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

THE GOSPEL: ST JOHN 20: 1-18

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple

outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes. But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, for our redemption you gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection you have delivered us from the power of our enemy. Grant us so to die daily unto sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	271	274	283	288
The Cathedral	271	277	272	288

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on www.churchservices.tv/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 www.churchservices.tv 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 20 th April Easter Day	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Festal Eucharist	The Cathedral
Monday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 22 nd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	1.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedeal
Wednesday 23 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 24 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 25 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 26 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 27 th Easter II	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

THISWEEK'S NOTICES

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

There will be no Newsletter next week 27th April

Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral: the next lunchtime concert will be on Tuesday 22nd April at 1.15pm, to be given by Seamus Tse (piano). There are also concerts the following weeks on 29th April, and 6th and 13th May.

Prayer meeting: Next meeting will be on Thursday 8th May in the Cathedral at 2.30pm.

Murroe-Boher Historical Society: Our next talk will take place on Thursday, 24th April, at 8.30 p.m. in the Fitzgerald Room, Muintir Na Tíre Hall, Murroe. Tony Browne will speak to us on "Dancehalls of the 1960s." Admission €5 to non-members (including refreshments). All welcome.

Select Vestry 2025-26

Rector's Wardens

St Mary's: Sean Casey; St Michael's: Richard Blennhasset; Abington: Elizabeth Stanley; Glebe: Brian Sheppard

People's Wardens

St Mary's: Frank Sheahan; St Michael's: Richard Brickenden; Abington: Bertie Swanton; Glebe: Victor Brown

Vestry Members

Adrienne Barron, Lindsey Boyle, Margaret Brickenden, Bill Cullen, Suzi Eckhardt, Niamh Hourigan, Shawn Jameson, Joe Lynam, Tracey Lytle, Keith Morrow, Meghan Mulvey (Hon. Secretary), and Ian Mulvey.

An Abhainn: Is now available electronically or in hard copy, by request from the Cathedral Office.

The Evergreens: The next meeting of the Evergreens will take place on Tuesday, 29th April, 2025 (the last Tuesday of the month) at 2:30 pm. One of our members, Tim, has arranged a visit to the Masonic Hall, just beside King John's Castle. He has arranged that cars may be parked in Villiers Square – just a short walk around. This will be followed by refreshments at the café in the castle – just across the road. This time the committee are not providing refreshments, so it will be pay as you want to eat!! Remember to bring some money. Looking forward to as many joining us as possible and it is open to all non-regulars as well. Thank you

The Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland will hold a four-week online reading group, Poems for Hope and Healing, on Wednesday May 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 PM. Everyone is warmly welcome, whether you haven't read a poem since school, or whether you enjoy poetry and would like to read it in the company of others. Each hour-long session will be an invitation to pause, reflect, and pray, and discover how reading poetry together can be a spiritual practice that helps us listen to our emotions, see the world in surprising ways, and open the doors of our own creativity. Our chosen poems, by Emily Dickinson, Wendell Berry, Denise Levertov, and many more, explore our relationship with the divine, and the healing power of nature. Book in via www.ministryofhealing.ie or search for us on Eventbrite.

Villiers School is thrilled to announce that our school has been awarded Sports Capital Funding to support the development of our hockey pitch, with works scheduled to commence in the Summer of 2025. This exciting project will provide enhanced sporting facilities for our students and local clubs, and significantly enrich our school's sporting facilities, not just in hockey, but in a range of sports and recreational activities appropriate to the pitch. While we are very grateful for the funding received, additional investment is required to ensure the pitch is of the highest possible quality. To achieve this goal, we are launching a fundraising appeal <https://www.villiers-school.com/fundraising/>

Display Your Name on a Pitch-Side Legacy Plaque

€100: Single-line engraving featuring your personal or family name.
 €500: Double-line engraving featuring your business, club, or group's name.
 Make a donation of a custom amount.

Pitch-Side Advertising

Businesses, clubs, and groups may wish to contribute by pitch-side advertisement banners. Please contact Ian Jacob bursar@villiers-school.com to discuss this option.

Cycles of prayer: *Provo* Church of England: Diocese of Blackburn, Scottish Episcopal Church: Diocese of Brechin, The Lutheran Church in Great Britain *Anglican*: Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui

Remembrance Book: Oliver Stepleton, Barbara Nevin, William Shine, Lieut. Henry Pierson, Daisy Boyle, Denis Gale, Beryl Pragnell, John Meaney, Rev. Alan Matchett and Det. Gardai Margant Nagle.

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, Uzoma Kabi. *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

	20 th April	27 th April	4 th May	11 th May
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	<i>Richard & Margaret Brickenden</i>	<i>Gillian Cheatley</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Sheila Cusack</i>
Cathedral	<i>Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane</i>	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>	<i>Liz Lynam</i>
READERS				
St Michael's	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>	<i>Bernard Amaeze</i>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>John Shier</i>
Cathedral	<i>Noreen Ellerker</i>	<i>Alan Bunworthy</i>	<i>David Thompson</i>	<i>Paul Cable</i>

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