



**4th May 2025**  
**Easter 3**

**SERVICE BOOKLET**



## 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. 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 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: 646 OMIT V3

1

Glorious things of thee are spoken,  
Zion, city of our God.  
He whose Word cannot be broken  
formed thee for His own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded,  
what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded,  
thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2

See, the streams of living waters,  
springing from eternal love,  
well supply thy sons and daughters  
and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river  
ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord, the Giver,  
never fails from age to age.

4

Savior, since of Zion's city  
I through grace a member am,  
let the world deride or pity,  
I will glory in Thy name.  
Fading is the worldling's pleasures,  
all his boasted pomp and show;  
solid joys and lasting treasures  
none but Zion's children know

### 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*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may walk in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*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.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Sung by the Choir (said during Choir recess)*

*Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.*

*For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

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.**

## **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**

THE OLD TESTAMENT OR FIRST READING

*Please Sit*

### **ACTS 9:1-6**

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

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

## THE PSALM 30

I will exalt you, O Lord, because you have raised me up ♦ and have not let my foes triumph over me.

O Lord my God, I cried out to you ♦ and you have healed me.

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; ♦ you restored me to life from among those that go down to the Pit.

Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; ♦ give thanks to his holy name.

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, his favour for a lifetime. ♦ Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

In my prosperity I said, 'I shall never be moved. ♦ You, Lord, of your goodness, have made my hill so strong.'

Then you hid your face from me ♦ and I was utterly dismayed.

To you, O Lord, I cried; ♦ to the Lord I made my supplication:

'What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? ♦ Will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?

'Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; ♦ O Lord, be my helper.'

You have turned my mourning into dancing; ♦ you have put off my sackcloth and girded me with gladness;

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; ♦ O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

## THE EPISTLE: REVELATION 5: 11-14

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!' Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, 'To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honour and glory and might for ever and ever! 'And the four living creatures said, 'Amen!' And the elders fell down and worshipped.

**At the end the reader may say**

**This is the Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN: 587

1

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

2

Just as I am, and waiting not  
To rid my soul of one dark blot;  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt;  
Fightings within, and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind;  
Yes, all I need, in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

5

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, of that free love,  
The breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
Here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

#### THE GOSPEL

*Please stand and face the reader*

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St John chapter 21 beginning at verse 1

#### **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow 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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, Peace be with you. Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.



*Please stand*

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: 288 (*a collection of money for charitable purposes is taken*)

1

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;  
endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son,  
Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.*

2

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting. *Refrain*

3

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;  
life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. *Refrain*

## **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: Above all we praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, the true paschal lamb who was sacrificed for us; by dying he destroyed our death; by rising he restored our life: 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 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

Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.**

## THANKSGIVING HYMN 292

*Please stand*

1

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

2

For Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.

3

Devouring depths of hell their prey  
At his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where Jesus goes before.

4

Triumphant in his glory now  
To him all power is given:  
To him in one communion bow,  
All saints in earth and heaven.

5

While we, his servants, praise our king,  
his mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring,  
and keep us evermore.

6

All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

## THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, raise you up to walk with him in the newness of his risen life: and 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.

**[www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org](http://www.cathedral.limerick.anglican.org)**

## SAINT MARY'S CATHEDRAL – GENERAL INFORMATION

### *Opening Times*

The Cathedral is open every day except the 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> December and 1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:organist@limerick.anglican.org) / 061 310293

### *Become a Friend*

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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.

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## PARISH NEWS

### SERVICES & EVENTS

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> April <i>Easter Day</i>		No Service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
		No Service	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	1.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	16.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral

### THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Great Limerick Run:** As a result of the run there will be no services in St Michael's this morning. A united parish service will be held in the Cathedral at 11.15am.

**Actors wanted!** The Dean is looking for volunteers to feature in some video work being done for the new Cathedral website – all talents welcome, no speaking parts, zero commissions, and fun guaranteed! Please contact him if you are free and willing to help.

**General Synod:** Will meet this week in Naas, Co. Kildare. Please pray for its work and those attending.

**No Thursday Service:** There will be no service in the Cathedral on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May

**Bishops Appeal Sunday:** will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Mothers' Union:** Dear Members and friends, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May we will have our outing which will be a trip on Lough Derg with Killaloe River Cruises. We will need to be in Killaloe around 12.30 as the trip starts at 1pm. Following the cruise, we will have lunch in the Lakeside Hotel. I will need numbers, so please let me know as soon as possible if you can come. Looking forward to a lovely day! Lucy

**Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral:** There is a lunchtime concert on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May by David Vesey (piano)

**Prayer meeting:** Next meeting will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May in the Cathedral at 2.30pm.

**The Church's Ministry of Healing: Ireland** will hold a four-week online reading group, Poems for Hope and Healing, on Wednesday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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](mailto:bursar@villiers-school.com) to discuss this option.

**Cycles of prayer:** *Provo:* Church of England: Diocese of Southwark & Church of Norway: Diocese of Björgvin. *Anglican:* The Church of Ireland.

**Remembrance Book:** Norma Naughton, Susan & Pepe Ellerker Freda, Shorton, Honoria Howes, Frank Tyrell, George, Copley, Patricia King, Vera Fenton, Robert O'Neil, Joan Marsden, Edna McElveen, Amanda Armstrong, Muriel Blennerhassett, Thalia White, Frank Mc Glone, Pdraig O'Connor, Yvonne Buchtrup and Ella Buchtrup, Steve Gardener, Hilary Redden, John Kernan, Carole Anne Cable, Art O'Leary and Maureen Gaffney.

**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, Frank, Uzoma Kabi, Wayne. *NOTE: If you wish to place a name on the list, please email it to [limerickcityparishnews@gmail.com](mailto: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.*

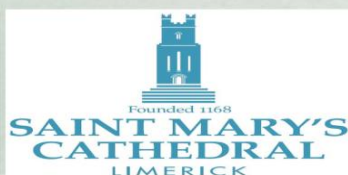


## ROTAS

	4 <sup>th</sup> May	11 <sup>th</sup> May	18 <sup>th</sup> May	25 <sup>th</sup> May
REFRESHMENTS				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>Sheila Cusack</i>	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>Jemimah Egbulam</i>	<i>Liz Lynam</i>	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>	<i>Brian Sheppard</i>
READERS				
<b>St Michael's</b>	<i>No Service</i>	<i>John Shier</i>	<i>Sheelagh Morrow</i>	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>
<b>Cathedral</b>	<i>David Thompson</i>	<i>Paul Cable</i>	<i>Tamasin Plowman</i>	<i>Heather Peirce</i>

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## Dates for your diary & parish

The Diocesan Chrism Eucharist  
12pm Thursday 17th April

Choral Evensong with a celebration of ministry in the  
diocese  
4pm Sunday 11th May

Cathedral Patronal Festival  
11.15am & 3pm Sunday 7th September

The Advent Procession  
7pm Sunday 30th November

ALL WELCOME

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