



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: 18th May 2025 ~ Easter 5

COLLECTS AND READINGS

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: Grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

THE FIRST READING: ACTS 11: 1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Psalm 148 (BCP 764)

Alleluia Praise the Lord from the heavens; ♦ praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you his angels; ♦ praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon; ♦ praise him, all you stars of light.

Praise him, heaven of heavens, ♦ and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, ♦ for he commanded and they were created.

He made them fast for ever and ever; ♦ he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

Praise the Lord from the earth, ♦ you sea monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and mist, ♦ tempestuous wind, fulfilling his word;

Mountains and all hills, ♦ fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle, ♦ creeping things and birds on the wing;

Kings of the earth and all peoples, ♦ princes and all rulers of the world;
 Young men and women, old and young together; ♦ let them praise the name of the Lord.
 For his name only is exalted, ♦ his splendour above earth and heaven.
 He has raised up the horn of his people and praise for all his faithful servants, ♦
 the children of Israel, a people who are near him. Alleluia.

THE EPISTLE READING: REVELATION 21: 1-6

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.'

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 13: 31-35

When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, in word and sacrament we proclaim your truth in Jesus Christ and share his life. In his strength may we ever walk in his way, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

HYMNS				
Saint Michael's	3	515	97	432
The Cathedral	97	438	251	

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 18 th Easter 5	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	Saint Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral

Monday 19 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 20 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Wednesday 21 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	Committee Meeting	Saint Michael's
Thursday 22 nd	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 23 rd	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 24 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 25 th Easter 6	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	Saint Michael's
	10.30	UN Veterans Service	The Cathedral
	11.15	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

NOTICE

This morning in the Cathedral, a cameraman will be present to record images and video of our living cathedral for a new website which is being created. If you are NOT happy with being recorded please speak with a warden or the Dean. Tomorrow, the cameras will also be present and the Dean is looking for people to appear in the recordings - Please contact him if you are free and willing to help.



Childrens and Family Ministry: Summer 2025 Newsletter

The Summer Newsletter is available to view now. You can read the online magazine here: <https://bit.ly/4IZm5> or download the PDF here: <https://cfm.Ireland.anglican.org/summer-25-newsletter/>

The Slieve Felim Singers are holding their summer concert in Abington Church on Friday 23rd May at 7.30pm. Tickets at the door. Proceeds to a local charity.

St Michael's Committee: Will meet on Wednesday 21st May 2025 @ 20:00 hrs in Saint Michael's Church (Sunday School Room).

Spiritual Tourism in our diocese: You will find more information on Spiritual Tourism and Pilgrimage here:- www.tlk.ie/spiritualtourism/

Also, for your information, details on the two upcoming Spiritual Tourism events can be found on the Diocesan Website - please share this information far and wide and encourage sign-ups if possible. Both

promise to be fulfilling and interesting days out. The first is in East Galway - a guided tour with Dr Christy Cuniffe reconnecting with the traditions of Pilgrimage through Early Christian Sites (Aughrim - Kilconnell- Clontuskert - Clonfert - return to Aughrim) takes place on Saturday 24th May, 2025 cost €35 per person - use this link to access more information, book and pay <https://tlk.ie/pilgrimage-early-christian-sites/> The second event is a Pilgrim's Walk on Sleah Head - Dingle Peninsula, Co Kerry taking place on 21st June, 2025 - more information can be found at <https://tlk.ie/a-pilgrims-walk-on-sleah-head-dingle-peninsula-co-kerry/>

The Pioneer Ministry Leadership Team has organised two Info Days for our Diocese. These days are to help us cast the net wider and update everyone on the Pioneer Ministry people and projects across the Island. They also provide opportunities for individual churches to think about how they could be pioneering in their setting and ways in which each parish can support the Diocesan Pioneer Minister, Valerie Raitt, and the Diocesan Pioneer Ministry Project of Pilgrimage and Spiritual. The meeting will be held in the Woodstock Hotel, Ennis on Saturday, 27th September 2025 at 10.30am. A representative from each church is encouraged to attend. Please speak with the Dean if you would be interested in representing our parish at this.

Cycles of prayer: *Provo:* Church of England: Diocese of Guildford, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Denmark: Diocese of Viborg. *Anglican:* The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Remembrance Book: John Ruddock, Joe O'Connor, Madeline Brislane, Vich Maiden, James Bond JR, Ben Carroll, Det. Garda Nicholas Deenihan, Kosta Urban, Drummer Rigby, Elisabeth Franke and Kenneth Graydon.

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

	18 th May	25 th May	1 st June	8 th June
REFRESHMENTS				
St Michael's	<i>Tony O'Connell</i>	<i>Ruth Lillie O'Connell</i>	<i>tbc</i>	<i>tbc</i>
Cathedral	<i>Keith O'Neil</i>	<i>Brian Sheppard</i>	<i>Lillian Okechukwu</i>	<i>Alyson Mc Hugh</i>
READERS				
St Michael's	<i>Sheelagh Morrow</i>	<i>Lucy Kavanagh</i>	<i>Bernard/Vivian Amaeze</i>	<i>Keith Morrow</i>
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