

## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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*Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: May 19<sup>th</sup> 2024 ~ Pentecost*

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### COLLECTS AND READINGS

**Collect for the week:** Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: By the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **First Reading: Acts 2: 1-21**

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, 'Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.' All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, 'What does this mean?' But others sneered and said, 'They are filled with new wine.' But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: 'Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

#### **Psalms 104: 26–37 (page 712)**

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦ In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

There is the sea, spread far and wide, ♦ and there move creatures beyond number, both small and great.

There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan ♦ which you have made to play in the deep.

All of these look to you ♦ to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it; ♦ you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦ when you take away their breath, they die & return again to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦ and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦ may the Lord rejoice in his works;

He looks on the earth and it trembles; ♦ he touches the mountains and they smoke.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; ♦ I will make music to my God while I have my being.

So shall my song please him ♦ while I rejoice in the Lord.

Let sinners be consumed out of the earth and the wicked be no more. ♦ Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia.

## Epistle Reading: Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

## Gospel Reading: Saint John 15: 26-27; 16: 4-15

‘When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. ‘I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, “Where are you going?” But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. ‘I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**Post Communion Prayer:** Eternal Giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom. Confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Services are recorded and may be viewed online on [www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys](http://www.churchservices.tv/limerickstmarys) and [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie](http://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](http://www.churchservices.tv) and [www.saintmaryscathedral.ie/other](http://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: A-738650; Use QR code to donate to St Mary’s online*



## Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> <i>Pentecost</i>	9.30	Holy Communion	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	St Michael’s
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Talk	The Cathedral
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Trinity Sunday</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael’s
	10.30	UN Veterans Service	The Cathedral
	11.15	Choral Eucharist	The Cathedral

## THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

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

**Welcome:** As part of Chapter duties, the Dean is leading services today in the Aughrim group of parishes. We welcome the Archdeacon of Tuam & Killaloe, the Ven. John Godfrey to the parish, who will be leading the service in the Cathedral.

**Sympathy:** We extend our sympathy to Brendan Maguire his family on the death of his wife June. We keep Brendan, Tara, Brendan, Barry and the wider family in our thoughts and prayers.

### **Congratulations to**

- Peter and Margaret Schutz who recently celebrated 60 years of marriage
  - Trevor and Tracey Lyttle who recently celebrated 40 years of marriage
- Best wishes and blessings to both couples.

**General Synod:** In light of recent events at General Synod, the bishop has provided us with a thoughtful reflection through a letter. Please see attached.

**Lifts to Killaloe:** The Choir of the Cathedral have been invited to sing Choral Evensong in Killaloe Cathedral on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 5pm. If anyone is interested in attending and can offer car lifts to choir members, please let the Dean or Organist know. Thank you.

**Every year International Tea Day is celebrated on 21 May:** This year Claire Jackson invites you for tea and chocolate biscuit cake between 3pm and 5 pm on Tues 21 May, at Kilbane House Golf Links Road Castletroy Limerick V94X0EF. This event is to raise funds for Feed the Minds. ([www.feedtheminds.org](http://www.feedtheminds.org)). For over 50 years this charity has funded a large number of practical education projects, aimed especially at women, in the developing world. Many of you will be aware of its silk farming and production project in Madagascar supported most generously by this Diocese through last Advent's organ marathon. There is a parking at the house which is directly across from the entrance to the Castletroy Golf Club. The front door is at the back so please do come round! I do hope you can come!

### **UDYC Events**

- We have a very exciting Junior Weekend camp coming up for 10 - 13 year olds on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. This will be an action-packed weekend of fun, faith and fellowship taking place in Petersburg Outdoor Education Centre, Clonbur, Co. Galway. Please see the booking form attached.
- UDYC Annual General Meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> June 2024 at 3:00 PM (Light refreshments available from 2:30 PM) in the Synod Hall, Tuam. All welcome.

**ICO:** Please see attached flyer.

**Evergreens:** A meeting of the Evergreens will take place in Saint Mary's Cathedral on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2024 at 2:30 pm. The speaker will be John Breen who will give a talk on bees and all things to do with apiculture! He will illustrate his talk. John Breen has had a lifelong passion for bees, insects and all flying things. His deep expertise, interest and concern for the future of bees is rooted in his knowledge and love of the outdoors and his understanding of the role that bees and other insects play in maintaining a health ecosystem. All are welcome so come even if you have not joined us before and/or bring a friend.

**Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral, all at 1.15pm: 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Talk: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (ecclesiastical dress). **28<sup>th</sup> May:** Talk: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (ecclesiastical stained glass). Further talks and concerts in June.

**Health and Safety Notices:** *Saint Michael's:* the side aisles are not in use until inspections, remedial works, etc are completed. *Cathedral:* on Sundays, the West door is closed at 11.30am (to avoid disruption). After that time, please use the South West Porch Entrance.

**Community Choir:** Volunteers for the public performance on 31<sup>st</sup> May would also be hugely appreciated to help set up and to be on the door. Please let Catherine know at [catherine@ministryofhealing.ie](mailto:catherine@ministryofhealing.ie)

**Sponsor a flowerbed:** In an effort to maintain flowerbeds around the Cathedral grounds, we are exploring the idea of individuals/families (in memory of a loved one) either adopting a flowerbed (whereby they take care of maintaining same) or sponsoring a flowerbed (making a donation of €200 per annum for the upkeep & maintenance of same). For more information, please consult the Dean.

**Accommodation sought:** Rev Jimmy Ogwal is looking for accommodation from May onwards until Jun 2025, while he completes his postgraduate research at Mary Immaculate College. A single room will suffice.

**Remembrance Book:** Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Among them: Madeline Brislane, Veich Maiden, James Bond, Ben Carroll, Det. Garda Nicholas Dennihan, Kosta Urban, Lee Rigby, Elizabeth Franke and Kenneth (Ken) Graydon.

**Prayers for the Sick:** Your prayers are asked for the sick in our community, especially, Emily; Mac; Alan Kennedy; Zandra; Kathleen Leddin; Martha McDermott; Sandra Pragnell; Danny Stone; Josh Stone; Terry Gibson; Sarah B; Cyril Foster; Patrick Hastings; Patricia Bourke; Jim K, Marie M, Gerry Grace, Mary Grace, Liz Kaldor, Trevor Richmond, Martin Hogan, Garrett Ryan, BO'D, Sue Gibson, Denis O'Connell, John Moore, Edel, Doris, Mary Catherine Finnegan, Jerry Murphy, Frank O'Connor, Baby Sloane O'Hanlon, Erica, Brigid, and John Sparling. *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.*

### Rota of Readers & Refreshments

	5 <sup>th</sup> May	12 <sup>th</sup> May	19 <sup>th</sup> May	26 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> June
<b>REFRESHMENTS</b>					
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	No service	Sheila Cusack	Tony O'Connell	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	tbc
<b>The Cathedral</b>	Jemimah Egbulam	Liz Lynam	Keith O'Neill	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu
<b>READERS</b>					
<b>Saint Michael's</b>	No service	Tracey Lyttle	Jeff McNamara	Sheelagh Morrow	John Shier
<b>The Cathedral</b>	John St George	Keith O'Neill	Heather Peirce	Noreen Ellerker	Frank Sheahan
<b>FLOWERS</b>					
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