

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Saint Mary's, Saint Michael's and Ss John & Ailbe: May 26th 2024 ~ Trinity Sunday

COLLECTS AND READINGS

Collect for the week: Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and in the power of the divine majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; for you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven, • ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name; • worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; • the Lord is upon the mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation; • the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; • the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf • and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; • the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare; • in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'

The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood; • the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.

The Lord shall give strength to his people; • the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Epistle Reading: Romans 8: 12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

New Testament / Gospel Reading: St John 3: 1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the

Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Post Communion Prayer: Almighty God, may we who have received this holy communion, worship you with lips and lives proclaiming your majesty and finally see you in your eternal glory: Holy and Eternal Trinity, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

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: A-738650; Use QR code to donate to St Mary's online*



Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 26 th <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
Monday 27 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 28 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Talk	The Cathedral
Wednesday 29 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	18.00	Family Fun Evening	St Michael's N.S.
Thursday 30 th	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 31 st	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	20.00	Community Choir Concert	The Cathedral
Saturday 1 st June	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 2 nd <i>Trinity I Proper 4</i>	10.00	No service	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Morning Prayer	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)

Welcome: We welcome to the Cathedral the University Choir of Sewanee - The University of the South, U.S.A. who will be leading the service this Sunday.

UDYC Event

UDYC Annual General Meeting, 8th 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.

Installation: The bishop has appointed the Dean of Limerick, the Dean of Killaloe and the Rev'd Alex Morohan (Ballina) to the chapter of Tuam Cathedral. They will be at 5pm on Sunday 16 June in Saint Mary's Cathedral, Tuam. All are very welcome to attend. ***A bus is being organised for this event, if you would like to travel on same (€10 pp), please contact the Dean.

Lifts to Killaloe: The Choir of the Cathedral have been invited to sing Choral Evensong in Killaloe Cathedral on Sunday 9th 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.

Prayers for exams: As we approach the end of the School year, we hold in Prayer all those sitting exams. For those preparing such events – remember it is only an exam and we are all here to support you. The following prayer is for use by all those sitting an examination –
Dear Lord, I want to do my best to fulfil the potential you have given me. Help me:
– to stay calm
– to keep things in perspective and be content with the best I can do on the day
– to look out for my friends who need a bit of encouragement, and
– to always remember that the real test is how closely I can follow in your way.

Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral, all at 1.15pm: 28th May: Talk: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (ecclesiastical stained glass). Further talks and concerts in June.

Saint Michael's Committee: Will meet in the Sunday School room of the church on Wednesday 5th June at 8pm. All Welcome.

Thank you: Claire Jackson would like to thank most warmly those who so generously supported the International Tea Day party on 21 May. As well as much lively conversation, 340 euro was raised that day for the vital literacy work carried out by *Feed The Minds*.

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 31st May would also be hugely appreciated to help set up and to be on the door. Please let Catherine know at catherine@ministryofhealing.ie

Havergal and Roxboro Schools Charity provides financial assistance to Church of Ireland families in the United Dioceses of Limerick and Killaloe as they seek to meet education costs, mainly for second level but also towards third level. If you would like to apply or re-apply, please bring a completed copy of the attached application form to the Dean to discuss the potential for him to add his observations, which is a pre-requisite for submission. The attached letter gives the closing date and return address for applications.

The Cathedral Graveyard:

- We are fortunate to have such a beautiful and peaceful space right in the middle of the city. In recent times the grounds have been enhanced by the inclusion of a wild-flower garden, new seating and planting. If you would like to make a donation towards the upkeep of the grounds, please do so through the Cathedral office or contact Lindsay Boyle or the Dean.
- 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.

Volunteer list for Cathedral: the Dean would be glad to hear from anyone who is available to be included on a volunteer list for Cathedral events that require extra help at the door, in setting up chairs, and other activities. Please let the Dean or the Cathedral office know if you'd be willing to be on this rota and be contacted occasionally when large events are being held.

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.

Diocesan cycle of prayer: Today we contemplate the glory, the mystery and indeed the doctrine of God ... none of these being terms we should have reason to fear. We pray for those who serve church and society as theologians, those who teach and study in our Theological Institute, all who love God with their minds and who through their scholarship and writing offer rich ideas and vision to the pilgrim church. And we pray that our public worship may offer to those who come a captivating yet humbling sense of the beauty, glory, and holiness of God ... and a rich experience of the numinous. *Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa. Porvoo Prayer Diary: Church of Norway: Diocese of Nord-Hålogaland, Bishop Olav Øygard*

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Among them: Newitt Fogerty, Clement Thompson, Elizabeth (Rita) Harris, Marjorie Rolf, Gerard Bourke, Lionel Watts, Kenneth(Ken) Brislane, Peter Harbison and John Erridge.

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. 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

	26 th May	2 nd June	9 th June	16 th June	23 rd June
REFRESHMENTS					
Saint Michael's	Ruth Lillie O'Connell	tbc	tbc	tbc	tbc
The Cathedral	Brian Sheppard	Lillian Okechukwu	Alyson McHugh	Keith O'Neill	Catherine Smith, Karen Wilson & Evelyn Sloane
READERS					
Saint Michael's	Sheelagh Morrow	John Shier	Margaret Brickenden	Stephen Fairbrother	Daire McNamara
The Cathedral	Noreen Ellerker	Frank Sheahan	Lindsay Boyle	David Thompson	Paul Cabel
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