

Collects and Readings

Collect: God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: Grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

First Reading ~ Acts 10: 44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, ♦ for he has done marvellous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm ♦ have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation; ♦ his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel, ♦ and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; ♦ break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre, ♦ with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn ♦ sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, ♦ the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands ♦ and let the hills ring out together before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world ♦ and the peoples with equity

Epistle Reading ~ I John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel/New Testament Reading ~ John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Post-Communion Prayer: God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: May we also thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Hymns	Saint Mary's	294	456	231
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Services & Events

Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 5 th <i>The Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>		NO SERVICE	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
		NO SERVICE	St Michael's
	11.15	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Monday 6 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Tuesday 7 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
	13.15	Lunchtime Concert	The Cathedral
Wednesday 8 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Thursday 9 th <i>Ascension Day</i>	10.30	Holy Communion	The Cathedral
Friday 10 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Saturday 11 th	10.30	Morning Prayer	The Cathedral
Sunday 12 th <i>The Sunday after the Ascension</i>	10.00	Morning Prayer	Ss John & Ailbe, Abington
	10.00	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	11.15	Choral Matins	The Cathedral
	16.00	Choral Evensong	The Cathedral

THIS WEEK'S NOTICES

Services this weekend: Due to Riverfest (and the Great Limerick Run), there will be no service in St Michael's on Sunday. There will be a service in the Cathedral at 11.15am

Art4Limerick: A pop up Art exhibition will be held on 4th and 5th May as part of RIVERFEST at 19 Nickolas Street, Limerick from 9.30 am to 5.30pm. All welcome.

Bishops' Appeal Sunday – 12th May 2024: A Bishop writes, "Our TV screens tell of one disaster after another, and our hearts go out to the victims. But how do we respond? Emergency relief or long-term aid to prevent further disasters? Bishops' Appeal can help by receiving donations from across the Church and then channel funds directly to whatever agency is on the ground, and support long-term sustainable projects to bring meaningful change. A donation to Bishops' Appeal is the most effective way to respond to tragedy and need in the developing world." For those in the envelope scheme, a donation envelope is included in your box. Alternatively, you may wish to place something aside that can be included in the collection. Thank you!

Lifts to Killaloe: The Choir of the Cathedral have been invited to sing Choral Evensong in Killaloe Cathedral on Sunday 9th June at 4pm. If anyone is interested in attending and can offer car lifts to choir members, please let the Dean or Organist know. Thank you.

Tower News:

- A clean up of the tower is being organised on Saturday 18th May from 11amff. All help welcome!
- Congratulations to Kieron Brislane who was recently elected an Honorary Life Member of Saint Mary's Cathedral Society of Bell Ringers, for services to same over many years.

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.

Friends of Abington: Next meeting will be held on Mon. 13th May at 8pm in the Parish room, Abington.

ICO: Please see attached flyer.

Evergreens: Will meet next on Tuesday 21st May at 2.30pm in the Cathedral.

Diocesan service: a service of choral evensong will be held in Saint Mary's Cathedral on 12th May at 4pm to celebrate ministry (lay and ordained) within the diocese. It is a liturgical way of giving thanks for all those who aid ministry, whether in the form of serving on committees, preparing refreshments, cleaning a building or leading services. Please join us for this service, which will be followed by refreshments.

Free lunchtime concerts in the Cathedral, all at 1.15pm: 7th May: Konrad Cygal (tenor) and Stefano Chiurchiu (piano). **14th May:** Anabella Aparicio (soprano) and Joaquim Junior (tenor). **21st May:** Talk: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (ecclesiastical dress). **28th May:** Talk: Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness (ecclesiastical stained glass). Further talks and concerts in June.

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.

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

Parish Clean-ups: Thank you to all those who helped out with recent clean-ups in the Cathedral and St Michael's.

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.

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.

Accommodation sought:

- 1) 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.
- 2) Family of 4 along with budgie and hamster are looking for a house to rent in Limerick City. Both my husband and myself work and our daughters attend Villiers School and St. Michaels N.S. We have been renting for the past 15yrs, so have all our own furniture, and take care of the houses we have rented, cut grass, hedging etc. Please contact Julie Cade on 0833638026. Thank you very much.

Limerick Bookfair: May 6th, 10 am to 4 pm, at LPYMA Hall, 97 O'Connell Street, Limerick. Admission free. Join book dealers from across the country and discover a diverse selection of new and rare books on local history, architecture, literature, and more.

Remembrance Book: Please remember those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Among them: Thalia White, Frank Mc Glone, Pdraig O'Connor, Yvonne and Ella Buchtrup, Steve Gardiner, Ann Menheneoth, John Kernan, Carole Anne Cable, Art O'Leary, David Hayes, Maureen Gaffney and Wilfred Maduchor.

Diocesan cycle of prayer: the Bishop writes: "We pray this Rogationtide for all who work on the land especially in our midst, that there may be a bountiful and duly shared harvest. We give thanks for those who through their work are co - creators with God, those who exercise good stewardship of the resources of our delicate planet, those whose mission is both to safeguard the integrity of creation and to renew the life of the earth As we approach Ascension, we pray that we will see through and finish well all that we undertake, remembering that when we embark on any great matter it is 'not the beginning of the thing, but its continuing until it be thoroughly finished ' which yields the true glory. And we pray for the General Synod meeting this week in Armagh, and especially for all our diocesan representatives there." *Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil. Porvoo Prayer Diary: Church of Norway: Diocese of Björgvin, Bishop Ragnhild Jepsen*

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

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

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