

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

23rd April 2023 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

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Last Sunday we celebrated 'Low' Sunday (as it used to be called), signifying that it was the Sunday at the end of the Easter Octave. All of our Scripture readings at Mass and the Daily Office prayers during the Octave of Easter were all celebrated as a continuation of the celebration of the Last Supper and the proclamation of the mystery of our faith – the death and resurrection of Jesus and Parousia i.e. his second coming. The Octave we recently celebrated is a reflection of the emphasis placed on the importance of Easter to us. All Masses are celebrated as a continuation and memorial of that first Mass, the Last Supper.

In today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear of Peter's public statement, on that day of Pentecost, of his witness to Jesus' resurrection. He is filled with the Holy Spirit! Today's Gospel again recounts the journey on the road to Emmaus, when Jesus opens the eyes of the travellers to the message in Scripture, to an understanding of his incarnation. Jesus meets and walks with those travellers. He asks them a question and listens to them. He then offers them insight and understanding. He 'breaks bread' with them – then their eyes are opened.

What does that story tell us? It tells us to: ask, to seek, and, to knock - the door will be opened. Our questions will be answered! It tells us to seek and discover the real light in our lives, the true meaning of Christ's presence as the source of that light – God's grace and love for us. It tells us not to let that light go out but to nurture it, develop it and, most importantly, then go and share it with others – just as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus did when their eyes were opened. Just as Peter did on that day of Pentecost. Just as Jesus did through his life, death and resurrection.

Emmaus means 'warm spring'. Perhaps we should think of it as a reflection of Scripture as our 'warm spring', our source of faith, which we can nurture and allow to bubble or spring up within us, to give life to ourselves and to others. Pentecost is the time that the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles and represents the beginning of the Church's mission to bring God's message of love and redemption to the world. *We* are that church – each and every one of us.

Dcn Alan

Please find below details of this week's Mass Intentions and other services in our Parish of St Mary's, Castletown (C/T) and St Columba's, Port Erin (P/E).

| Week commencing 23rd April 2023 | | | |
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| Sunday 23rd April: <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i> | C/T P/E | 9am 11am | People of the Parish Canon Humphrey O'Mahony (Birthday) |
| Monday 24th April: <i>Solemnity of St. George</i> | C/T | 10am | Ellen Illand (RIP) |
| Tuesday 25th April: <i>Feast of St. Mark</i> | P/E | 10am | People of the Parish |
| Wednesday 26th April: <i>Weekday of Easter</i> | C/T | 10am | Kerry Doherty (Sick) |
| Thursday 27th April: <i>St. Maughold, Bishop</i> | P/E | 10am | For the sick of the Parish. |
| Friday 28th April: <i>Weekday of Easter</i> | C/T | 10am | Billy Green (RIP) |
| Saturday 29th April: <i>Feast of St. Catherine of Siena.</i> | C/T | 10am | Alison Ross (RIP) |
| Sunday 30th April: <i>Forth Sunday of Easter</i> | C/T P/E | 9am 11am | Eamon & Murray (Private Intention) People of the Parish |

Our response to the Psalm:

Show us, Lord, the path of life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us.

Alleluia!

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Sign of Peace: If you feel comfortable please feel free to shake hands at the sign of peace.

Charlotte Maria Fantham is being Christened on Sunday 30th April during 11am Mass.

Bishop Tom Williams: An invite has been received for a Mass of thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams on Wednesday 17th May at 7pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral, all are very welcome.

Social Club: Tickets are now on sale for the Quiz night to be held on the 29th April 2023, tickets £10 to include a supper. Please contact Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487 or Lynn 472867 to secure your place/team.

Procession & Crowning of Our Lady's Statue: On Sunday May 14th we will have a crowning of Our Lady's statue at the beginning of the 11 am mass at St Columba's. We hope that all children from both parts of the Parish would take part. Please let Julie Maddrell know asap if your children will be taking part so that we have an idea of how many will be in the procession. Julie phone 438462.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £189.83.

Second Collection: Next week there will be a second collection for the Priest's Training Fund.

What do the Gospels say about the Resurrection Stories? Fr Chris Thomas will be sharing on that theme at the Irenaeus Centre 32 Great Georges Road L22 1RD on Wednesdays 3rd; 10th; 17th and 24th May from 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm. The talks are also available via Zoom. To get the Zoom link, email

jenny@irenaeus.co.uk

Assisted Dying Meeting: Dr. Claude Reynard will be holding two talks entitled "Assisted Dying; the facts, the evidence" at 7pm on Tuesday 16th May at the Keyll Darree Post Grad Centre at Nobles Hospital and 7pm on Wednesday 17th May at the Mountain View Innovation Centre, Ramsey

Mass Intentions Received: Ellen Illand, Kerry Doherty, Billy Green, Alison Ross & Eamon & Murray

Parish Diary:

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| 29th April 6.00pm | The Social club will be holding its annual quiz night, including supper, at St. Columba's Hall. Tickets are £10 each, you can enter as individuals with a team being created on the night or enter as a team of up to six people. There will be prizes on the night, with tea and coffee being provided, you are more than welcome to BYO drinks too. |
| 13th May 10.00am | Island Spirituality Network at St. John's Mill. Rev James McGowan: A Present Faith - chaplaincy for all. |
| 14th May 11.00am | Procession & Crowning of our Lady's Statue will be at the beginning of the 11am mass at St Columba's. We hope that all children from both parts of the Parish would take part. Please let Julie Maddrell (438462) know asap if your children will be taking part so that we have an idea of how many will be in the procession. |
| 19th May 7.30pm | Leprosy Mission Inter Church quiz, Promenade Methodist Church. Free entry. Hot Pot Supper. Contact Graeme for further details or to enter. |
| 22nd July 11.00am | Parish to Parish Walk £5 a ticket to include refreshments and afternoon tea. Starts at St Mary's, ending at St Columba's via Scarlett. Bring family and Friends. |
| 12th September (Evening) | Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen |
| 16th September 6.30 – 9.30pm | Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00 |
| 23rd – 25th September | Archbishop Malcolm's visitation to the parish. |
| 17th December 3.00pm | Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's. |

If there are other future events that you are aware of, please let us know so we can add them to the diary.