

# St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

30th April 2023 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

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**'It is true the Lord has risen'. It is now our story to tell the world.**

Last Sunday, we invited Jesus "it is nearly evening ... the day is almost over – stay with us and He stayed with us. We began the liturgy with him, Scripture was read and explained and our hearts burnt within us – everything was clear. He sat down with us at table, "he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to us." – our eyes were opened and recognised Him. When he gave himself to us in the Form of Bread and Wine – the Body of Christ, we responded Amen. Yes, you're the Risen Christ, our 'Lord and God'. After this illuminative and unitive encounter which made us full of hope and Easter joy, we're sent to proclaim the Good News that it is true the Lord has risen and appeared to us in the celebration of the Sacred mysteries. We pray that we recognise the risen Lord in our Liturgy and in our daily lives.

Today we celebrate the fourth Sunday of Easter known as the 'Good Shepherd Sunday' or 'World Day of Prayer for vocations. The Gospel is from Chapter 10: 1-10 of St. John's Gospel where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep, gathers them and lays down his life for them.

The Good Shepherd Jesus, who cares for us, who gathers us in one flock and lays down His life for us; is calling upon us to continue the work of the Good Shepherd. On this Sunday in a special way, we pray for vocations and encourage those who are considering ordained and religious life and each of us to be attentive to listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who is calling us to do some definite service for Him. ***"Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send labourers into his harvest"***. (Mt.9:39)

Fr. Joseph

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).

<b>Week commencing 30th April 2023</b>			
Sunday 30th April: <b><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Eamon & Murray (Private Intention) People of the Parish
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May: <b><i>Mem. St Joseph the worker</i></b>			No Mass
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May: <b><i>Mem. St Athanasius</i></b>	P/E	10am	Mrs McGuigan (RIP)
Wednesday 3rd May: <b><i>Feast of SS Philip &amp; James Apostles</i></b>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 4th May: <b><i>Feast of English Martyrs</i></b>	P/E	10am	Annette McClure (RIP)
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> May: <b><i>Weekday of Easter</i></b>	C/T	10am	Eamon & Murray (Private Intention)
Saturday 6th May: <b><i>Weekday of Easter</i></b>	C/T	10am	Claire O'Friel (RIP)
Sunday 7th May: <b><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Marian McManus ( Get Well)

### **Our response to the Psalm:**

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my own sheep and my own know me.

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 will be Christened this Sunday during the 11am Mass. Please pray for Charlotte and her family.

The Baptism of Olivia Joan Molnar will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> May during the 11am Mass.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection came to £239.87.

**Second Collection:** This week's second collection is for the Priest's Training Fund.

**Assisted Dying Meeting:** Dr Claud Regnard, a preeminent palliative care consultant and one of the leaders in this field for many years is delivering two talks at public meetings on island entitled "Assisted dying : the facts, the evidence" Tuesday 16th May 7.30pm in Douglas at Keyll Darree medical education centre, in Nobles hospital grounds & Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm in Ramsey at Mountain view innovation centre, Jurby Rd, Ramsey.

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

**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](mailto:jenny@irenaeus.co.uk)

**Mass Intentions Received:** Eamon & Murray, Jim Clarkson, Mrs McGuigan, Kerry Doherty, Annette McClure, Claire O'Friel & Marian McManus

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

Contact details for the Social Club are as follows: Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487 or Lynn 472867

## Parish Diary:

<b>13<sup>th</sup> May 10.00am</b>	Island Spirituality Network at St. John's Mill. Rev James McGowan: A Present Faith - chaplaincy for all.
<b>14<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am</b>	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.
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<b>19th May 7.30pm</b>	Leprosy Mission Inter Church quiz, Loch Promenade Methodist Church. Free entry. Hot Pot or Vegetarian Equivalent Supper. Contact Graeme @ gme@manx.net for further details or to enter.
<b>22nd July 11.00am</b>	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.
<b>12th September (Evening)</b>	Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen
<b>16th September 6.30 – 9.30pm</b>	Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00
<b>23rd – 25th September</b>	Archbishop Malcolm's visitation to the parish.
<b>17th December 3.00pm</b>	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.