

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

9th April 2023 – Easter Sunday

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Alleluia. Happy Easter from all the parish clergy.

Today as you all know is Easter Sunday. The most important day in the Church's year. After all, without Christ's resurrection, his death on Good Friday would be meaningless. And without His death and resurrection, Christmas would also be meaningless.

If you are at the Vigil Mass, you will notice how we are led by the readings from creation to the resurrection and beyond. The Church sets these readings before us to show us how the events of the Old Testament lead us to Christ's death and resurrection. And then in St. Paul's letter to the Romans we are reminded that we were baptised in Christ's death and we will rise again with him. I would encourage everyone to take some time to read through that set of readings and think what it means for you.

Occasionally people ask me why I believe in Jesus, the Son of God. The first thing to say is that it is a belief, not a knowledge. What we do know from sources other than the Gospels is that Jesus the person existed. We also know as we hear today that his followers believed he had risen from the dead. And in due course many of them were prepared to die for that belief. Why would they do that if he hadn't risen?

Easter is all about new life so it is wonderful that this weekend we are welcoming two new people at different ends of the age range into the church. May God bless them and their families.

The Church celebrates until next Sunday as if it is still Easter Day and the Easter Season lasts for 50 days until Pentecost. Enjoy yourselves and celebrate (perhaps with things you gave up for lent), but always remember why we are celebrating.

Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord! Graeme

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 9th April 2023			
Saturday 8 th April <i>Easter Vigil</i>	C/T	7pm	Eileen Haywood
Sunday 9 th April: <i>Easter Sunday</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Corrin & Harris Families
Monday 10 th April: <i>Easter Monday</i>	C/T	10am	Kath & Mary - Private Intention.
Tuesday 11 th April: <i>Easter Tuesday</i>	P/E	10am	Ann & Jim Dolan & Sadie - Sick
Wednesday 12 th April: <i>Easter Wednesday</i>	C/T	10am	Betty & Michael Starrs (RIP)
Thursday 13 th April: <i>Easter Thursday</i>	P/E	10am	Patricia & Robert White (RIP) <i>Followed by confessions</i>
Friday 14 th April: <i>Easter Friday</i>	C/T	10am	People of the Parish
Saturday 15 th April: <i>Easter Saturday</i>	C/T	10am	People of the Parish <i>Followed by confessions and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
Sunday 16 th April:	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Ted Holmes (RIP) People of the Parish

Sidney John Corrin is being Christened on Easter Sunday during 11am Mass. Food and cake in the hall afterwards, all are welcome.

Rayeka Shay Lim will be making her First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil.

Eileen Haywood will be received into full Communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil.

Congratulations to Sidney, Rayeka and Eileen, please pray for them and their families.

Our response to the Psalm:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

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Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed;
Let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.
Alleluia!

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Thank you to everyone who prepared our churches and contributed to the Easter Services.

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

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £181.58

Flower Collection: St. Columba's £230 & St. Mary's £145.00

Second Collection: Today there will be a second collection for the diocesan alms which are going to Asylum Link.

Mass Intentions Received: Kath & Mary, Ann & Jim Dolan, Sadie, Betty & Michael Starrs, Patricia & Robert White.

Parish Diary:

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, 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.
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 visitation to the parish
17th December 3.00pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's

For further details in relation to the social club, please contact Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487 & Lynn 472867.

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