

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

21st May 2023 – 7th Sunday of Easter (A)

Email: stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk Phone: 01624 822272

Website: www.manxcatholic.org

Parish Priest: Father Joseph Kiganda, CSSp

Fr. Peter Otuonkpaikhian, CSSp. (Ass. P/P St Mary's Douglas)

Deacons: Rev. Alan Molloy a.molloy@rcaol.org.uk

Rev. Graeme Easton g.easton@rcaol.org.uk

“To everything, Turn, Turn, Turn, ... There is a Season, Turn, Turn, Turn...”

This is the season of colour and growth in nature; of Pentecost i.e. of The Holy Spirit and of TT, that eponymous Isle of Man annual event. I am also reminded of the above words. For those of a *certain age*, who remember it – and I loved it -, this line/quote is from an album by a pop group called The Byrds in the 1960s, called “Turn, Turn, Turn”. If you are too young to remember it – Google it!

It is from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8, reminding us that there is a season or time for everything, for all events within our life – a time to be happy, to be sad, to mourn, to party. A time to be reflective and a time to be joyous, to sing and to dance, to receive and to give. Essentially, it tells us that God is sovereign and is everywhere, with us.

We mourn the death of loved ones who have gone home to God. We are thankful for their lives and commitment to their faith or local communities. When those who die are close to us or family members, we feel sad, in our humanity, for our loss and especially that of the family in their loss but joyful, in faith, for the dearly departed - that they are now with their Creator, our Creator.

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of Livia Joan Molnar who is joining our family of faith, our community, as a new member. We welcome Livia, wishing her and all her family every happiness and blessing.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday – the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit and the birthday of the Church. A time to receive the Holy Spirit and then a time to go out and share it with others.

Next weekend is also the start of the annual TT festival. We warmly welcome all visitors to our lovely Island and we wish them an enjoyable, happy and safe time. To all visitors to and residents of our Island and Parish – have fun and please stay safe - remembering the meaning of Ecclesiastes.

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 21st May 2023			
Sunday 21st May: <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter.</i> <i>World Communication Day.</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Claire O'Friel (RIP)
Monday 22nd May: <i>Mem. St. Rita of Cascia.</i>			No Mass
Tuesday 23rd May: <i>Weekday of Easter.</i>	P/E	10am	Fr. Tony Gittin (RIP)
Wednesday 24th May: <i>Weekday of Easter.</i>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 25th May: <i>Mem. St. Bede the Venerable.</i>	P/E	10am	Joan Budd (Sick)
Friday 26th May: <i>Mem. St. Philip Neri.</i>	C/T	10am	Deirdre Waller (RIP)
Saturday 27th May: <i>Feast of St. Augustine of Canterbury.</i>	C/T	10am	Mary & Norman Glassey (RIP)
Sunday 28th May: <i>Ordinary Week 8.</i> <i>Pentecost Sunday.</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Alistair Haywood (RIP) People of the Parish

Our response to the Psalm:

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord;

I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Father, I pray that they may be one
as we also are one, alleluia.

The **Baptism of Livia Joan Molnar** will take place on Sunday during the 11am Mass. Please pray for Livia and her family.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £280.05

Second Collection: This week's second collection is for World Communications Day. Next weeks second collection will be for the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Confirmation: Young people currently in Year 7 (who will be in Year 8 in September 2023) are eligible to receive the Sacrament. Older children under 18, who have missed out on Confirmation in previous years can also be included. During the weekend of 30 September the Archbishop has agreed to take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people from across the Island in St Mary's Church, Douglas. If you wish to enrol your child, please get in touch by emailing the parish office stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk. Details of the preparation courses will be sent in due course to those who have enrolled.

First Holy Communion: If your child will be 7, or over, before this September they will be eligible to make their first Holy Communion. Classes will start after this coming October half term ready to receive the Sacrament next May. Please take a form from the sacristy and return to Julie Maddrell.

Novena to the Holy Spirit: Started Friday 19th May until the 27th May. All welcome on Fridays at 7pm at St Mary's. Sheets available in both Churches for those who want to say the Novena in private.

Month of May Rosary: Pray for Peace to Our Lady Queen of Peace:

"A Marian title inserted into the Litany of Loreto by Pope Benedict XV during World War I as a plea for peace among people and among nations. Mary brought Jesus who is the King of Peace, who spoke the words: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you." In consequence, Mary is the Queen of Peace, and she appeared as such at Fatima, where she promised to bring peace to the world if the faithful would do penance and say the rosary. In the Mass commemorating the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, the faithful ask God that through her intercession he will grant to us the spirit of love, the gifts of unity and peace, and tranquillity in our times."

Thanks: Nugent would like to convey their sincere appreciation for your kind donation. "This generous gift provides us with vital funds which will help us to continue our important work of caring for, educating and protecting those who need us most."

Mass Intentions Received: Claire O'Friel, Fr. Tony Gittin, Kerry Doherty, Joan Budd, Deirdre Waller, Mary & Norman Glassey & Alistair Haywood.

Parish Diary:

24th May 2pm	Craft Club will be taking place this Wednesday at St. Columba's Hall. Bring a long a project or try something new. £2.00 which includes Tea, Coffee and biscuits.
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 Sept. (Evening)	Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen
16th Sept. 6.30 – 9.30pm	Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00
29th September - 2nd October	Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting our parish during this time and will be celebrating Mass in both our churches.
October 2023	Holy Communion Classes. If your child will be 7, or over, before this September they will be eligible to make their first Holy Communion. Classes will start after this coming October half term ready to receive the Sacrament next May. Please take a form from the sacristy and return to Julie Maddrell.
17th Dec. 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.

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