

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

28th May 2023 – Pentecost Sunday (A)

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Celebration of Pentecost/ Shavout.

Jews: Pentecost (in Greek Pentecoste) and in Hebrew Shavuot was a Jewish feast and still is, a Jewish Feast. The English word Pentecost comes from the Greek word Pentecoste which means 50th day. The Jews don't use the word Pentecoste for the feast but use the Hebrew word, Shavout which means 'weeks' in this sense meaning the seven weeks after Passover, so Pentecost is the 50th day after Passover. Passover is one of the three biggest pilgrimage festivals, and these were: Passover (Pesach as it is known in Hebrew), Pentecoste (Shavout) and Booths or Tabernacles (Sukkot) Pentecost or Shavout was the second of the great pilgrimage feasts among the Jews. What were they celebrating? ***"Pentecost or Shavout was originally a thanksgiving feast marking the last stage of the grain harvest with the offering of first fruits of wheat. It was therefore also known as the feast of First Fruits"***. As time went on, Shavout became a celebration of Moses receiving the Law on Mount Sanai, remembering the tradition that during the Exodus the people arrived at Mount Sanai 50 days after escaping from slavery in Egypt and eventually Shavuot became an annual renewal of the Covenant.

Christians: The Christian denominations like Catholic Church, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutheran and others, celebrate Pentecost (Fifty days after Easter). They celebrate Pentecost because after the death, resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, his promise to his disciples, ***"I will not leave you as orphans and I will ask the Father and he will give you another advocate, to be with you forever..."*** (Jn14:16) was fulfilled on the feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus; and this was the birthday of the Church – the people of God. ***'Be filled with the Holy Spirit...'*** (Acts 2:4) and speak the word of God with boldness.

Fr. Joseph

This week we celebrate Fr. Joseph's Silver Jubilee of Ordination. We thank God for his 25 years of service and his current service to us as a parish and wish him every blessing in his ongoing ministry.

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 28 th May: <i>Pentecost Sunday.</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Bob Stabler (RIP)
Monday 29 th May: <i>Mem. of Our Lady, Mother of the Church.</i>			No Mass
Tuesday 30 th May: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	P/E	10am	Fr. Joseph (25 th anniversary of Ordination)
Wednesday 31 st May: <i>Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	C/T	6.40pm 7pm	Rosary Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 1 st June: <i>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest.</i>	P/E	10am	Lucy & Benny Gresty (Ann)
Friday 2 nd June: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	Andrew & Yvette Moreno
Saturday 3 rd June: <i>Memorial of Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs</i>	C/T	10am	Brain Weldon (RIP)
Sunday 4 th June: <i>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Kenneth Saez (RIP) People of the Parish

Note that the Mass on Wednesday is at 7pm preceded by reciting the Rosary at 6.40pm to mark the end of the month of May; the month of the Holy Rosary.

Our response to the Psalm:

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit
and spoke of the marvels of God, alleluia.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £213.70

Second Collection: This week's second collection is for the Holy Ghost Fathers.

Last week's collection for Communication's Sunday came to £166.90.

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.

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. Archbishop Malcolm will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for people from across the Island in St Mary's Church, Douglas at 5pm on Saturday 30th September. If you wish to enrol your child, please email the parish office stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk. Details of the preparation courses will be sent in due course to those who have enrolled.

Mass Intentions Received: Bob Stabler, Kenneth Saez, Andrew & Yvette Moreno, Lucy & Benny Gresty, Kerry Doherty.

Parish Diary:

17th June 10.00am	ISN, St. John's Mill. Fr. Nick King on St. John's Gospel. (Fr. Nick King will also be saying the 11am Mass on 18 th June) Please pick up a leaflet for future dates.
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 Sept. - 2nd Oct.	Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting our parish during this time and will be celebrating Mass in both our churches. <i>PLEASE NOTE AMENDED DATES</i>
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