

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

7th May 2023 – 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)

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I have been in the UK for the last couple of weeks at a variety of places including a funeral, a retreat, some time volunteering on a railway and some diocesan meetings. Luckily, I have a SatNav to help me find my way, but even with that, it's important to know your destination before start out. I was thinking about this as I read today's Gospel when Thomas asks: "Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

Jesus is much better than a SatNav. He not only shows us the way, He is the Way and He tells us where we are going. And like the SatNav, when we take a wrong turn in life, He always gives us a new route to Our Father in Heaven.

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In today's first reading we see some tension between the Greek and Hebrew speakers over the distribution of food. The Twelve can no longer do all the preaching and other daily tasks so they decide that Seven others should be chosen to look after the distribution of food. Interestingly, of the Seven, at least two – Stephen and Philip – were also great preachers.

It isn't that surprising that I relate to this reading. The Seven were chosen primarily for service, but also to preach and assist the Twelve. The first Deacons. The Apostles prayed and laid hands on them, just as the Bishop prayed and laid hands on Alan and I at our Ordinations.

To me there is something deeper here as well. The Apostles knew that spreading God's word was important, but so was looking after the needy. We come to church to meet as a community, hear God's word and be nourished by the Eucharist but we must then go out and practice the Gospel by our actions.

Dcn. 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).

<b>Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>			
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)
Monday 8th May: <b><i>Weekday of Easter</i></b>			No Mass
Tuesday 9th May: <b><i>Weekday of Easter</i></b>	P/E	10am	Fr Brian Dougherty (Sick)
Wednesday 10th May: <b><i>Mem. St. John of Avila</i></b>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 11th May: <b><i>Weekday of Easter</i></b>	P/E	10am	Elaine Morley (RIP)
Friday 12th May: <b><i>Mem. St’s. Nereus &amp; Achilleus</i></b>	C/T	10am	Claire O’Friel (RIP)
Saturday 13th May: <b><i>Feast Dedication of Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King.</i></b>	C/T	10am	Fr. John Gilda (RIP)
Sunday 14th May: <b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Moira Clarke (RIP) People of the Parish

**Our response to the Psalm:**

May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: “I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.”

Alleluia!

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

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection came to £254.22.

**Second Collection:** Last week's second collection for the Priest's Training Fund came to £273.57.

**Assisted Dying Meetings:** 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 at Keyll Darree medical education centre, in Nobles Hospital grounds & Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm at Mountain View Innovation Centre, Jurby Rd, Ramsey.

**Island Spirituality Network:** The next Island Spirituality Network meeting will be on Saturday 13 May, 10.00am-1.00pm at St John's Mill. The speaker will be Revd James McGowan from Newcastle and his theme will be "A Present Faith – Insights from Chaplaincy as a model for Christian mission and life". All are welcome.

**Catholic Pic:** The May edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download: <https://tinyurl.com/4fhe926z>

**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. If you wish to enrol your child, please get in touch by emailing the parish office [stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk). Details of the preparation courses will be sent in due course to those who have enrolled.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Bishop Tom Williams:** Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will celebrate a Holy Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Tom Williams' 20 years' ministry as Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.00pm in the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King. Everyone is invited to the Mass and the Drinks Reception which will follow.

**We remember** our parishioner **Moira Clarke** whose funeral took place last week and we think of her grieving family and friends. May she rest in peace.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Fr. Brian Dougherty, Kerry Doherty, Elaine Morley, Claire O'Friel, Fr John Gilda & Moira Clarke.

**Grass at St. Columba's:** To ensure that our garden is always looking at its best is there anyone who would be prepared to join a rota to mow the grass at St Columba's? If we could get a few willing volunteers, then it might only fall to each person less than once a month. If you can help, please contact David Maddrell 430847.

### Parish Diary:

<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>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</b> <b>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 contact Julie Maddrell (438462) for further details.
<b>16th May</b> <b>7.30pm</b>	Dr Claud Regnard, will be giving a talk entitled "Assisted dying: the facts, the evidence" <b>at Keyll Darree medical education centre, in Nobles Hospital grounds.</b>
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<b>19th May</b> <b>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. Closing date for entries 15 <sup>th</sup> May.
<b>22nd July</b> <b>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 Sept.</b> <b>(Evening)</b>	Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen
<b>16th Sept.</b> <b>6.30 – 9.30pm</b>	Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00
<b>23rd – 25th</b> <b>September</b>	Archbishop Malcolm's visitation to the parish.
<b>17th Dec.</b> <b>3.00pm</b>	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