

NEWSLETTER

Parishes of St Anthony of Padua, Onchan; St Mary of the Isle and St Joseph, Douglas

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7th Sunday of Easter, 21st May 2023

World Communications Day

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(Year A for Sundays) (Cycle 1 for weekdays)

Dear Parishioners

This weekend we are delighted to welcome Archbishop Malcolm on an official visitation to our parishes of St Anthony's and St Mary of the Isle & St Joseph's. He arrived on Friday afternoon and enjoyed a warm and enthusiastic welcome to St Mary's School.

The Archbishop will celebrate all our weekend Masses. There will be an opportunity after Mass for parishioners to greet him. On Saturday evening at 5pm Mass in St Mary's Church a group of 16 children will make their **First Holy Communion**. Light refreshments will be served after this Mass to allow regular parishioners and First Communion families to meet Archbishop Malcolm.

On Sunday morning, St Anthony's parishioners will be able to meet Archbishop Malcolm before and after 9.30am Mass as well as during refreshments in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre before he leaves to celebrate the 11am Mass in St Mary's. Again, the congregation in St Mary's will be able to greet Archbishop Malcolm at the back of church after 11am Mass. The usual teas and coffees will be served in the meeting room at the back of church.

At 3pm on Sunday in St Mary's Church, Archbishop Malcolm will administer the **Sacrament of the Sick** to which our elderly and sick parishioners are encouraged to attend, along with the 'walking wounded' – which include many of us who suffer from chronic conditions and the aches and pains that come with advancing years. Refreshments will be served at the back of church after this service to allow an opportunity for those attending to spend a moment with the Archbishop.

Archbishop Malcolm will complete his visitation on Monday morning with civic and national engagements before leaving on the Manannan in early afternoon.

World Communications Day

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May 2023. The theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010. You will find information, resources, prayers and more on the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day.

There will be a second Collection this weekend for World Communications Day.

- **Confirmation:** Thank you to parents who have returned completed forms. Details of the preparation courses will be sent out shortly to those who have returned forms. Many thanks to high school teachers Peter Wiles and Gerard Murphy who have again generously agreed to lead the course in Ballakermeen School.
- **Sacrament of the Sick:** On this **Sunday 21 May at 3pm Archbishop Malcolm will administer the Sacrament of the Sick in St Mary's Church.**
- **Praying the Keeills Week 20-27 May:** This coming **Monday 22 May at 7.30pm in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre**, Rev Ian Faulds will give a talk on 'St Maughold, the Isle of Man's forgotten patron saint'. Exploring the story of the once internationally renowned, 5th century saint who inspired generations of pilgrims.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Anthony's £532; St Mary & St Joseph £1,010. Thank you for your generosity.

Masses and Services for the coming week
All Masses and Services from St Mary's are live-streamed

Saturday 20th May			
7 th Sunday of Easter	5.00pm	St Mary's	People of our Parishes
Sunday 21st May	9.30am	St Anthony's	Helen Cowburn-Wood & Elizabeth Gilhooly, anniversaries
7 th Sunday of Easter	11.00am	St Mary's	Sue Manning, 70 th birthday anniversary
<i>World Communications Day</i>	3.00pm	St Mary's	Sacrament of the Sick
Monday 22nd May	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Parishioners struggling with mental health
Tuesday 23rd May	10.00am	St Anthony's	Funeral Service: Dolores Keighley
	12.10 noon	St Mary's	John & Alice Cullen, anniversary
Wednesday 24th May	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Mary & Nora Gallagher
Thursday 25th May	10.00am	St Anthony's	Alan Bridson, recently died
St Bede the Venerable	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Thanksgiving: Elendu family
Friday 26th May	12.10 noon	St Mary's	Jocelyn Marquez, recently died
St Philip Neri			
Saturday 27th May	11am-12.00noon	St Mary's	Confessions & Exposition
St Augustine of Canterbury			
Pentecost Sunday	5.00pm	St Mary's	Sister Mary Dominic, recently died
Sunday 28th May	9.30am	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
Pentecost Sunday	11.00am	St Mary's	Karl Slann, 10 th anniversary

We remember **Frank O'Connor** who died this week and his grieving family and friends. My he rest in peace.

Fr John's 50th anniversary of Ordination and 75th birthday: An event to celebrate Fr John's special milestones will take place on **Sunday 18th June from 3pm to 4.30pm in St Mary's Church and outside in the garden** if weather permits. Finger Food Canapés & Drinks will be provided. All St Anthony's and St Mary of the Isle & St Joseph's parishioners are invited. However, **for catering purposes, please let the parish office know soon if you would like to attend, preferably by email to saintmaryiom@rcaol.org.uk**. Collection envelopes are available at the back of Church if you would like to contribute to a gift for Fr John. Thank you.

Feast of the Ascension of the Lord

We saw his light break through the cloud of glory
 Whilst we were rooted still in time and place
 As earth became a part of Heaven's story
 And heaven opened to his human face.
 We saw him go and yet we were not parted.
 He took us with him to the heart of things
 The heart that broke for all the broken-hearted
 Is whole and Heaven-centred now, and sings,
 Sings in the strength that rises out of weakness,
 Sings through the clouds that veil him from our sight,
 Whilst we ourselves become his clouds of witness
 And sing the waning darkness into light,
 His light in us, and ours in him concealed,
 Which all creation waits to see revealed.

Rev Dr Malcolm Guite