

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

16th July 2023 –Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. (A)

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One Parish, One 'Church', One Community

I attended Canon Brendan Alger's funeral last Monday. It brought together individual parishioners and friends. People from all parts of the Island and 'across', his *confreres* and Archbishop Malcolm and Bishop Tom, all gathered together to celebrate and give thanks for the life of a good man, a man who adopted the Island as his own, who enjoyed the Celtic traditions of faith and our community.

Last week, I had a caller at my home, a visiting minister from the Gospel Church, spreading the message of Jesus. We had a warm and long conversation. He invited me to visit his church today (Theirs is next door to St. Columba's in Port Erin). I told him that as I would be preaching today, it was unlikely that I could leave during our Mass to pop in to join him but I was left with a feeling that he was a good man, seeking to spread the Gospel message. Part of the Christian community.

Last Friday we held a (well attended) parish meeting which had representation from all parts of our parish – young and mature, male and female, single, widowed, married and celibate, from Port St. Mary, Port Erin, Malew, Ballasalla/Santon and Castletown – and we shared information and ideas on all aspects of our parish. This is community and church in action. Fr. Joseph reminded us that when he celebrates Mass, irrespective of whether he does so in Castletown or Port Erin, he does so for *all* the parishioners. We are all members of one parish.

Yesterday was the walk between both churches of the parish – St. Mary and St. Columba. Another tangible illustration of 'church' in action and of 'community'. Thanks to all who were able to take part. We are 'church' i.e. the people who make up our community, not just those in a particular building. Our community also includes those who are housebound, in care or unable to join us in person, for whatever reason.

Fr. Joseph wishes to inaugurate a Parish Day, to celebrate our parish annually, to bring together all our members and celebrate our faith and traditions as one. We have yet to decide on an appropriate date so, if you have a suggestion, please give it to Fr Joseph, Dcn Graeme or myself and it will be considered (summertime is better!). Remember, we are one parish, one church, one community. 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 16th July			
Sunday 16 th July: 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Theresa Curran (Sick) People of the Parish
Monday 17 th July: Weekday in Ordinary Time.			No Mass
Tuesday 18 th July: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	10am	Pat Dolan (RIP)
Wednesday 19 th July: Weekday in Ordinary Time..	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 20 th July: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	10am	Fr. John Gilda (RIP)
Friday 21 st July: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10am	
Saturday 22 nd July: Feast St Mary Magdalene.	C/T	10am	Graeme Easton (1st Anniversary of Ordination).
Sunday 23 rd July: 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish

Response to the Psalm:

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced it's crop.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young:

By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

Welcome: We welcome Archibald Elliot who is to be accepted into the order of Catechumens 9am at St. Mary's today, (16th July). We also welcome Hannah Luckman and Phillip Nyamande who will be accepted into the order of Catechumens 11am at St. Columba's next Sunday (23rd July).

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £181.27.

Next week's 2nd Collection is for the Priests in Retirement.

Confirmation Preparation: The sessions are from 7-8pm in St. Mary's Church Castletown on the following Wednesdays: 26th July, 9th August, 23rd August, 6th September, 13th September. There will be a rehearsal at 4.45pm on Tuesday 19th September in St. Mary's **Douglas**. The Confirmation Celebration will be at 11am on Saturday 30th September in St. Mary's **Douglas**.

Tesco Tokens: If you shop in Tesco, please collect a blue token for St Mary's School at the counter as you leave the store. This will help the school raise funds to develop the field. Thank you!

Wanted For Albania: If you have any redundant spectacles could you bring them along and place them in the shoebox in the porches of both Churches. Thank you.

Mass Intentions Received: Kerry Doherty, Theresa Curran, Fr. John Gilda, Pat Dolan, Graeme Eastern, Lily Bradley & Bob Preston.

Parish Diary:

Wednesdays as listed, 7pm	Confirmation Preparation at St. Mary's Castletown. 26th July, 9th and 23rd August, 6th and 13th Sept.
30th July	After 11am Mass at St Columba's there will be a blessing of the new garden.
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 October	Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting our parish during this time and will be celebrating Mass in both our churches.
30th September 11am	Confirmation Service, St. Mary's Douglas.
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.
9th Dec. 10am – 12.30pm	Wreath making class. St Columba hall 10am -12.30pm.
17th Dec. 3.00pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

If there are other future events of which you are aware, please let us know so we can add them to the diary.

Contact details for the Social Club are as follows:

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