

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

30<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time. (A)

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## The Mass

Have you ever wondered why Catholic churches have so many pictures and statues compared to non-Catholic ones? It goes back to the many years when Mass was celebrated in a language that few people understood, with the Priest having his back to the people. The statues and pictures were there to give the congregation something to focus on.

That was not how the Mass was intended to be. At the Last Supper, Jesus was around a table with his friends, talking with them in their common language. He wasn't mumbling inaudibly with his back to them.

It is clear from various writings that the very early Christians met together for a shared meal, prayer and mutual support, following the example of the Last Supper.

When Christianity was granted the status of a legal religion in the fourth century, the Christian celebrations took on a more formal appearance and were embellished by the use of vestments, candles and incense. Prayers by the presider gave way to texts previously approved by synods of bishops as a guarantee of the orthodoxy of the content, leading to the formation of liturgical "rites".

Many different rites were adopted over time, but following the Council of Trent, Pope Pius V enforced the Tridentine Rite throughout the church. This rite remained in force virtually unchanged until the major changes decreed by Pope Paul VI in 1969 following Vatican II.

The most obvious changes were the Priest facing the people and the use of the local language. But the people were also encouraged to join in with the responses rather than just being there while a server made them.

We occasionally still have people saying they are going to "hear" Mass. That is not the intention. We should all be participating in the Mass. Some have

special roles such as musicians, readers and servers. But all of us can and should join in the responses and singing.

It is said that the more you put into something the more you get out of it, so I'd encourage you all to put as much as you can into the Mass so as to get the most from it.

Deacon 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 30th July</b>			
Sunday 30th July: <b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time.</b>	C/T	9am	Lily Bradley & Bob Preston (Ann).
	P/E	11am	People of the Parish.
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> July: <b>Mem. St. Ignatius Loyola.</b>			No Mass.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> August: <b>Mem. St. Alphonsus Liguori.</b>	P/E	10am	Elaine Morley (RIP)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August: <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</b>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August: <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</b>	P/E	10am	Mary Tierney (RIP)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> August: <b>Mem. St. John Vianney.</b>	C/T	10am	James Doyle (RIP)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> August: <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10am	Mary Doyle (Birthday)
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> August: <b>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.</b>	C/T	9am	People of the Parish.
	P/E	11am	Mary Molloy (RIP)

### **Assistance Wanted**

We are looking for someone to assist with preparation of the Newsletter and other parish administration. If you are able to help, please see Fr. Joseph, Deacon Alan or Deacon Graeme

**Response to the Psalm:**

Lord how I love your law!

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget the benefits.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection came to £182.00.

Last week's 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for the Priests in Retirement came to £248.50 –  
thank you for your kind generosity.

**Prayers please for Mary Tierney** who died on Wednesday. May she rest in  
peace. Funeral details will follow.

**Centenary Garden:** Today at the end of the 11am Mass we will bless and  
open our new garden at St. Columba's, in honour of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the church there and dedicated to our parishioners who have gone before  
us to the Lord.

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

**Parish to Parish Walk:** We have a new date for the Parish to Parish walk.  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> August. The walk will commence from St. Mary's at 11am,  
walking to St. Columba's, via Scarlett. Tickets £3.00 to include sausage baps  
and refreshments. If the weather is against us we will meet at St. Columba's  
at 11am for brunch.

**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 old spectacles could you bring them along and place them in the shoebox in the porches of both Churches. Thank you.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Lily Bradley, Bob Preston, Elaine Morley, Kerry Doherty, James Doyle, Mary Doyle, Mary Molloy, Brian Molloy, Mary Tierney

**Parish Diary:**

<b>Wednesdays as listed, 7pm</b>	Confirmation Preparation at St. Mary's Castletown. 9th and 23rd August, 6th and 13th Sept.
<b>30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	After 11am Mass at St Columba's there will be a blessing of the new garden.
<b>26<sup>th</sup> August 11am</b>	Parish to Parish Walk. Starting at 11am St. Mary's walking to St. Columba's via Scarlett. Tickets £3.00 to include a sausage baps and refreshments. If the weather is against us, we will meet at St. Columba's Church Hall at 11am for Brunch.
<b>12th Sept. (Evening)</b>	Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen
<b>16th Sept. 6.30 – 9.30pm</b>	Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00
<b>29<sup>th</sup> Sept. - 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting our parish during this time and will be celebrating Mass in both our churches.
<b>30<sup>th</sup> September 11am</b>	Confirmation Service, St. Mary's Douglas.
<b>October 2023</b>	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.
<b>9th Dec. 10am – 12.30pm</b>	Wreath making class. St Columba hall 10am -12.30pm.
<b>17th Dec. 3.00pm</b>	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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