

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

6th August 2023 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.

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The Transfiguration

Today we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus. What does that mean to us? Well, that event, a factual occurrence in history, was witnessed by Jesus' close friends, as he journeyed through Galilee toward his ultimate destination, his calling, his completion of the promises contained in Scripture. Initially, he told the disciples who witnessed it not to tell what they saw until his mission was complete – by his Resurrection – life affirmation, true life, everlasting life. The Transfiguration was confirmation to Jesus, but also to us, of Jesus' message of God's love for each and every one of us. God the Father's affirmation of Jesus; of his message, his words and actions; of our redemption; of our everlasting life, if we want it, if we accept his gift, his call. Jesus, in his humanity, had to learn about his calling and when he did, he accepted it, he put his faith into action. Proof of that calling was in what he experienced and his friends witnessed at his Transfiguration, celebrated today.

We are all called by God. We are all on our own individual journeys of faith, our transfiguration. Let us not worry about our failings and failures. Peter is a good example of someone who stumbled along and then found his own transfiguration in faith. Our transfiguration in faith may not be as dramatic as what happened to Jesus and his friends witnessed but, through and on our own journeys, we experience the light of Life; the love of God, through Jesus, in the Spirit, as we journey toward the promise of everlasting life.

Let us rejoice in the message of the Transfiguration of Jesus. He is the light of the world.

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 6th August			
Sunday 6 th August: <i>Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord.</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish. Mary Molloy (RIP)
Monday 7 th August: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>			No Mass.
Tuesday 8 th August: <i>Mem. St. Dominic.</i>	P/E	10am	Paul Dinan
Wednesday 9 th August: <i>Feast of St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross.</i>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 10 th August: <i>Feast of St. Lawrence.</i>	P/E	10am	Heaney, Doyle & Ross Family
Friday 11 th August: <i>Mem. St. Clare.</i>	C/T	10am	Mary Tierney (RIP)
Saturday 12 th August: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	Intentions for our Lady
Sunday 13 th August: <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Special Intention Heaney Family People of the Parish.

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:

The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is my son, the beloved,

he enjoys my favour;

listen to him.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

When Christ appears, we shall be like him,

for we shall see him as he is.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £261.57.

Next Week's Second Collection is for Survive- Miva

Confirmation Preparation: In preparation for the children being confirmed we require copies of their Baptism Certificates. Please drop these in at the Sacristy or email them to us at your earliest convenience. The sessions are from 7-8pm in St. Mary's Church Castletown on the following Wednesdays: 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**.

Funeral: The funeral of Mary Tierney will take place on the 17th August at St. Columba's Church at 10am.

Catholic Pic: The August edition of the Catholic Pic is now available to download: <https://tinyurl.com/bdcy94js>

Parish to Parish Walk: We have a new date for the Parish to Parish walk. Saturday 26th 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.

Parish Craft Club: The Parish Craft club will be starting up again on Wednesday 4th October at St. Columba's Parish Hall at 2pm. This is a lovely social gathering where we bring along a craft we are working on or use this opportunity to learn a new skill.

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: Kerry Doherty, Mary Tierney, Paul Dinan, Heaney, Doyle & Ross Family, Special Int. Heaney Family.

Parish Diary:

Wednesdays as listed, 7pm	Confirmation Preparation at St. Mary's Castletown. 9th and 23rd August, 6th and 13th Sept.
26th August 11am	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.
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.
4th October 2pm-4pm	The Parish Craft club - This is a lovely social gathering where we bring along a craft we are working on or use this opportunity to learn a new skill.
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.

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