

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

17<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary

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## **The work of the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, CAFOD.**

The charity was started in 1960 when a group of Catholic women found out that in the Caribbean Island of Dominica children were starving, and they decided to raise funds for a mother-and- baby clinic. Two years later, the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales registered CAFOD as an official charity.

Since then CAFOD has been supporting hundreds of thousands of people in 35 countries to tackle hunger and many other issues associated with poverty. At a global level, a lot of progress has been made to address this issue; hunger has been declining for decades. But it is now on the rise.

Although enough food is produced for all, around 735 million people go hungry every day and the majority of them are those who grow the world's food.

Not being able to feed yourself or your family is not only a problem that affects low-income countries. In the UK, 9% of people experience food insecurity meaning that they don't have enough affordable and nutritious food. The rise in the number of Foodbanks reflects this and your support of this initiative is greatly appreciated.

CAFOD is working towards repairing, and ultimately aims to fix, the food system of our planet, or our common home as Pope Francis refers to it. One action is the Fix The Food System, a campaign to change the way food is produced, processed and transported across the globe. We need alternative food systems that protect the planet and enable those who grow our food to make their own choices and earn a dignified income.

CAFOD needs the support of every Catholic across the world to Fix The Food system.

PLEASE; Fundraise, take campaign actions and pray for justice.

"Gestures of generosity, solidarity and care cannot but well up within us, since we were made for love."

Pope Francis  
Rosanne Ainslie

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 17th September			
Sunday 17th September: 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Linda Stabler (Ann)
Monday 18th September: Weekday in Ordinary Time.			No Mass.
Tuesday 19th September: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	10am	Colin Miles
Wednesday 20th September: Mem. of SS. Andrew Kim Taegon and Companions Martyrs.	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (sick)
Thursday 21st September: Fst. St. Matthew Apostle.	P/E	10am	Joan Hook.
Friday 22nd September: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10am	Mary, John, and Frank Hutchinson.
Saturday 23rd September: Mem. St.Pius of Pietrelcina.	C/T	10am	No Mass
Sunday 24th September: 25th Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Stuart & Elizabeth Haywood People of the Parish

### **Response to the Psalm:**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### **Communion Antiphon**

How precious is your mercy , O Lord !

The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection came to £216.64

This week's second collection is for Misson Sunday.

**First Holy Communion Classes:** If your child will be 7 years or over before September please take a form from Sacristy for First Communion classes to start in November. Otherwise speak with Julie Maddrell on 438462.

**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 Wednesday - 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**.

**Archbishop Malcolm Visit:** On Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October we are planning on holding a luncheon at St. Columba's Hall at 12pm. We are looking for volunteers to help make sandwiches, sausage rolls and cake. A list will be placed in each hall/coffee room if you can add your name where you are able to assist. Thank you for your on-going support.

**Foodbank Item Collection:** This Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> September, we will be holding a Foodbank item collection in both Churches. This has been so well supported previously and we thank you for your continued support.

**CAFOD.** Cafod envelopes will be available this week and next at the back of both churches. The envelopes should be handed in after family fast day on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> of October.

**Games Night:** Thank you for everyone who attended last night's Games Night.

**Cleaners.** We are looking for volunteers to assist with both churches.

**Mass Intentions Received** Colin Miles, Joan Hook, Stuart & Elizabeth Haywood, Mary, John and Frank Hutchinson, Kerry Doherty, Linda Stabler, Alwynne Fidler.

## Parish Diary:

<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>4<sup>th</sup> October 2pm-4pm</b>	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.
<b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Island Spirituality Network</b> Revd Sharon Grenham-Thompson Sharon is an ordained Anglican priest and currently works as a parish vicar. She's also an author and regular radio broadcaster including Radio 4 Daily Service <b>Theme A Single Sunbeam Reflecting with St Francis</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November 3pm</b>	First Communion Classes commence.
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November 11am - 1pm</b>	The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> November from 11am until 1pm all proceeds are to go to the SVP
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Dec. 10am – 12.30pm</b>	Wreath making class. St Columba hall 10am -12.30pm.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 3.00pm</b>	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	First Communion Mass.

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

**Social Club Committee contact details:** Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487, or Lynn 472867.