

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

1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 – Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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## The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)

The SVP as we call it first started in Paris in 1843 by a group of students who were challenged to help the poor of the city, they were inspired by the example of St Vincent de Paul whose feast day is the 27th September. Blessed Frederic Ozanam as we now know him was the first leader of that group of students and the first UK conference was formed in London a year later. Today there are almost 10.000 UK SVP members, and we are now part of a worldwide organisation.

Recently, I took part in an SVP Webinar, the guest was Fr Vitaly Novac CM from Ukraine. A Vincentian Father and the CEO of DePaul the branch of the SVP which deals with homelessness in Ukraine. He wanted to thank the conferences in the UK for the help they have given in so many forms. Obviously, his role on the outbreak of war meant he took on a completely different and challenging amount of work.

The centres set up to feed those without shelter has grown and are now mobile moving as needed. Money given by the SVP conferences has been invaluable, I am glad that we were able to send a donation on behalf of the parish, so my thanks go to you the parishioners for your ongoing support. Locally we continue to work regularly with the professionals dealing with families and individuals who have often through no fault of their own have ended up in very difficult circumstances.

I would like to finish with what Fr Vitaly said when asked about the war. He was very frightened to be in the thick of the bombing and was told he could leave but he said.

“My Vincentian values made me stay” Please pray that we may all have Vincentian values and continue to help those who need us.

Pauline Holden (SVP President)

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 1 <sup>st</sup> October			
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> October: <b>26th Sunday of Ordinary Time.</b>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Margaret Rennie (Get Well)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October : <b>Mem: of The Guardian Angels.</b>			No Mass.
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October : <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</b>	P/E	10am	Elaine Morley ( RIP)
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October: <b>Mem: of St Francis of Assisi</b>	C/T	10am	Francis O'Friel Kerry Doherty (sick)
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October : <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</b>			No Mass.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October : <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			No Mass.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> October: <b>Mem. of Our Lady of the Rosary.</b>	C/T	10am	Private Intention
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> October : <b>27th Sunday of Ordinary Time.</b>	C/T  P/E	9am  11am	Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem  People of the Parish

**Response to the Psalm:**

Remember your mercy, Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

If anyone loves me he will keep my word.

And my Father will love them,

And we shall come to him.

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

Remember your word to your servant, oh Lord,

By which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection came to £255.72

Next week's second collection is for Catholic Education.

**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.

**Archbishop Malcolm Visit:** This Sunday we welcome Archbishop Malcolm to our parish. We are holding a luncheon at St. Columba's Hall at 12pm All are welcome to attend.

**Confirmation:** Congratulations to the children who received the sacrament of Confirmation and many thanks who prepared them for the sacrament.

**CAFOD:** The envelopes handed out should be handed in after family fast day on Friday 6th of October. These can be put on the offertory plate.

**Pilgrimage:** The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14 to Pray for the Holy Souls. It will be led by the Marian Fathers. Package includes: Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en-suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information

**Spectacles for Albania:** Sister Imelda sends her thanks for the glasses she has been sent recently from the parish - about 100 pairs - which are being much appreciated by folk in Albania. At present no more glasses are required.

**Food Bank:** Thank you for all your generosity and ongoing support. We were overwhelmed with the response for this year's collection.

**Assisted Dying Prayer Evening:** 'Standing in the Gap': Everyone is encouraged to come to this event organised by Churches Alive in Mann at Broadway Baptist Church on Thursday 12 October at 7.00pm.

**Craft Club:** The Craft Club will be re-starting on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at 2pm in St. Columba's Hall. This is a lovely social gathering where we bring along a craft we are working on or just drop in for a cup to tea and a slice of cake. All welcome.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Kerry Doherty, Alwynne Fidler, Eric Moore. Private Intention, John Green, AH & LH Private Intention, Lydia Bonfiglio, Margaret Woolnough, Francis O' Friel.

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

**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>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>5<sup>th</sup> November 12pm</b>	Fairtrade Sale and lunches at St. Columba's after 11.00 Mass
<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.

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