

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

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Laudate Deum

On 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis issued his encyclical on climate and the environment *Laudate Deum* (Praise God). This was 8 years after his previous encyclical on the subject, *Laudato Si'* (Praise to you). And he asks the question, what has happened in those 8 years?

He notes that representatives from 190 countries have met annually since *Laudato Si'* was published to address the issue of climate change. While there has been some progress, the principles agreed on have not yet been implemented, and national interests are too often placed before the common good.

At the same time, he says, economic powers are not interested in solving the problem, because they want "the greatest profit possible at minimum cost". This attitude makes caring for our common home impossible. We need political change on a national and international level. While Pope Francis states that individual actions and efforts to minimise waste are important, he also recognises that they are not enough. We are called to continue to transform society through our individual, family and community actions, but also to call on those in power to take urgent action.

As Christians our motivation to respond is hope-filled, because of the conviction that the risen Christ reconciles all creatures to himself. As Pope Francis says, "The world sings of an infinite Love: how can we fail to care for it?" He asks us not to shy away from the reality that we are facing but to "accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and help to make it more beautiful."

The challenge is undeniably urgent; we cannot hide or turn away from it. The lives of our children and their children depend on our actions now. We do not need to be afraid, because we have faith and hope. But it is time to join together with all people of good will to demand change from those with economic and political power.

I would ask you all to read the encyclical (it's online at <https://tinyurl.com/4w8mran6> or ask me for a copy), pray for change and consider what you personally can do.

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).

Week commencing 15 th October			
Sunday 15 th October : 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9 am 11am	People of the Parish Thanksgiving to St Jude.
Monday 16 th October : Weekday in Ordinary Time.			No Mass.
Tuesday 17 th October : Mem. St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr.	P/E	10am	Margaret Woolnough (RIP)
Wednesday 18 th October: Feast of St Luke, Evangelist.	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (sick)
Thursday 19 th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	10am	Nellie Brown (RIP)
Friday 20 th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10am	Elaine Morley (RIP)
Saturday 21 st October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10am	Intentions of Our Lady
Sunday 22 nd October : 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time. Misson Sunday	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Universal Catholic Church People of the Parish

Response to the Psalm:

The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Word was made flesh and lived among us;

to all who did accept him

he gave power to become children of God.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The rich suffer want and go hungry,

But those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £218.36

Second Collection This Sunday at St Mary's for Catholic Education

Second Collection Next Sunday is for Mission Sunday

First Holy Communion Classes: will start Saturday 4th November at 3 pm . If you have not yet filled in a form, please get one from sacristy asap or phone Julie on 438462. We need to finalise our numbers to ensure we have enough resources in the next week.

Universe Catholic Weekly Newspaper: If you would be interested in receiving a regular copy of the Universal Catholic Weekly newspaper please contact Michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk or phone: 07436 617 650. Samples of the newspaper can be found in the back of both Churches.

Craft Club: The Craft Club has restarted on Wednesday afternoons 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.

Garden Work Party. We hope to have a small session next Thursday 19th October at St Columba's after 10 am Mass to put the cutting garden to bed for the winter. If you can join us, please let Allyson or Julie know after Mass today. Many hands make light work.

Funeral Mass for Nellie Brown will take place at St Columba's on Thursday 26th October 2023 at 10am

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

Mass Intentions Received: Kerry Doherty, Margaret Woolnough, Fr .John Gilden, Elaine Morley, Nellie Brown, Thanksgiving to St Jude.

Parish Diary:

4th November 3pm	First Communion Classes commence.
5th November 12noon	Fairtrade Sale and lunches at St. Columba's after 11.00 Mass.
25th November 11am - 1pm	.Christmas Fayre. All proceeds are to go to the SVP
9th December 10am – 12.30pm	Wreath making class. St Columba hall.
17th December 3.00pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.
29th January 24 8pm	Charity concert by Rushen Silver Band at St. Columba's.
20th April 2024	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
18th May 2024	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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