

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

22nd October 2023 – Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time. (A)

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World Mission Sunday

“World Mission Sunday” falls on the penultimate Sunday in October, and is a day when we pray for missionary activity. This year, 2023, World Mission Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, 22 October.

Donations are collected at these worldwide Masses, and they go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young, or poor.

World Mission Sunday is our chance to show love and solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

Mission is responsible for coordinating World Mission Sunday and provides new, young, or poor dioceses with the essential support they need on their journey to becoming self-sufficient.

It works through local bishops, churches, and missionary congregations to ensure that resources are distributed equitably and justly – based on need. The money goes directly from England and Wales to the bishops in the mission territories – local Church directly helping local Church.

Today we have a second collection for Mission. Through our generous donations to Mission, we support all Catholic churches throughout the world.

Fr. Joseph

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 22 nd October			
Sunday 22 nd October: 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Universal Catholic Church People of the Parish
Monday 23 rd October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.			No Mass
Tuesday 24 th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	10 am	Margaret Woolnough (RIP)
Wednesday 25 th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10 am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 26 th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	10 am	Funeral Mass for Nellie Brown
Friday 27 th October: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10 am	Fr. John Gilden
Saturday 28 th October: Feast of St. Simon and Jude, Apostles.	C/T	10 am	Peace in the Holy Land
Sunday 29 th October: 30th Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Alwyne Fidler

Response to the Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Your word is truth, O Lord,
consecrate us in the truth!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
Are on those who fear him,
Who hope in his merciful love,
To rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £234.30.

Second Collection: This Sunday is for Mission Sunday.

Assisted Dying Bill: There will be a short update after each Mass on the Assisted Dying Bill.

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 2 pm 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 are welcome.

Fair-trade Sale Day: This year's Fair-trade sale day is Sunday 5th November from 12 noon till 4 pm in St Columba's church hall. As usual, there will be a huge variety of fair-traded goods, crafts, jewellery, foodstuffs, and cards on sale. Please support the sale again this year as you have previously and publicise it among your friends and work colleagues. Buying fair-traded items ensures that the craftspeople and producers in the developing world who have put the work into making the goods get a fair price for them. As in previous years, we will also be serving delicious homemade soup, bread lunches and cakes throughout the day. If you are a cake baker, bread maker or soup creator and can make some for the refreshments, please contact Stella on 412740 or sharris@iom.com. Proceeds from the sale of refreshments will go to the Loreto Sisters working with deprived children and trafficked women in Albania.

Month of the Holy Souls: Envelopes for names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends, and all for whom you wish to pray are for during the month of the Holy Souls are at the back of each church. There is a box at the back of each church for you to return the envelope in.

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

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

Mass Intentions Received: Kerry Doherty, Margaret Woolnough, Fr. John Gilden, Nellie Brown, Alwyne Fidler, Catherine Casserly, and peace in the Holy Land.

Parish Diary:

4th November 3 pm	First Communion Classes commence.
5th November 12 noon	Fair-trade Sale and lunches at St. Columba's after 11 am Mass.
25th November 11 am – 1 pm	Christmas Fayre. All proceeds go to the St. Vincent de Paul Society.
9th December 10 am – 12.30 pm	Wreath making class. St Columba hall.
17th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.
29th January 2024 8 pm	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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