

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

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Assisted Dying

Thank you to all those who attended the Bin the Bill demonstration.

At the first reading, only two MHKs opposed the Bill. At the second reading, seven opposed, and an eight is now ready to oppose going forward. That means we need a further five to oppose the Bill at the third reading for it to be defeated. While that won't be easy, there were more than five MHKs who expressed significant reservations. We will produce an analysis, detailing the red lines and concerns expressed by MHKs who voted in favour. This information can be used to hold MHKs to what they have said.

Politically, various options are being put forward which could impact on the success or failure of the Bill. Meanwhile, support for our cause continues to grow as people grasp the implications of the Bill.

If you would like to be doing something at this stage, you could write to the MHKs who voted against to express your thanks and to offer your support. These are: Alf Cannan, Claire Christian, Tim Glover, Jason Moorhouse, Julie Edge, Kate Lord-Brennan, and Andrew Smith. You might also consider writing to Laurie Hooper, Health, and Social Care Minister, to express concerns around Manx Care recruitment, retention, and morale.

During Tuesday's Keys sitting Rob Callister's motion for a Select Committee was passed. This will mean that updates will probably be less regular for a while.

Please do continue to pray and to take opportunities as God leads.

Prayer

Please pray for those who are against the Bill, that they would stand firm.

Pray for the MHKs who voted in favour but put forward concerns, that they would come to stand against the Bill. These include Rob Callister, Tim Crookall, David Ashford, Lawrie Hooper, Tim Johnston, John Wannenburg, Chris Thomas, and Ann Corlett.

Pray that more and more people will wake up to the irrevocable damage this Bill would cause.

Pray for stamina for all involved in standing up against the legislation. A small group continues to pray at 8am every Tuesday in The Well, Broadway. You would be very welcome to join us.

Thank you for your prayers, support, and partnership.

"Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain." (1 Corinthians 15:58)

Pastor Bill Leishman.

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 12 th November.			
Sunday 12 th November: 32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Jim and Ann Dolan People of the Parish.
Monday 13 th November: Weekday in Ordinary Time.			No Mass
Tuesday 14 th November: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	10 am	James Clarkson (RIP)
Wednesday 15 th November: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10 am	Private Intention Thanksgiving to God.
Thursday 16 th November: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	P/E	7 pm	Mass for deceased parents, relatives, and friends.
Friday 17 th November: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	7 pm	Mass for deceased parents, relatives, and friends.
Saturday 18 th November: Weekday in Ordinary Time.	C/T	10 am	Intentions of Our Lady.
Sunday 19 th November: 33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish. Elaine Morley (RIP)

Response to the Psalm:

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me.

Offertory Collection: Last week came to £208.90

Month of the Holy Souls: In November we pray for our deceased parents, relatives, and friends. Please return the envelopes before Thursday 16th in St Columba's church and Friday 17th November in St Mary's church. Please note the change of Mass times for those dates.

Christmas Fayre: Sat 25th Nov 11 am until 1 pm. Please come along and support if you can all the proceeds are to go to the SVP who are receiving more than the usual requests from professionals. Please let us recycle any unwanted gifts you may have or any good saleable items. Gifts for the raffle, cakes needed for the cake stall, or chocolate for the chocolate stall. Bottles for the popular bottle stall also most welcome. Enquiries to Pauline 834514 or email holdenfamily@manx.net

Fairtrade Sale: Thank you to everyone who supported the Fairtrade Sale on 5.11.23. The Fairtrade sales totalled £1428.75 and will help ensure that the producers and growers in the developing world get a fair price for their work. The money raised from refreshments and donations for the work of the Loreto Sisters in Albania was £580. This will enable Sr. Imelda and her order to continue their much-needed work among the deprived children and trafficked women in Albania. Special thanks to all those who made soup, bread, and cakes and to those who assisted to set up and tidy up afterwards. as always, a fantastic Parish team effort.

Craft Club: The Craft Club is held every other Wednesday afternoon at 2 pm in St. Columba's Hall. The next Craft Club will be held on the 15th of this month. 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.

Jubilee Year 2025: Pope Francis has called for a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme of **"Pilgrims of Hope."** The Holy Father has invited the whole of the Church to prepare for the Jubilee in two years prior through. Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican (1962-1965) Sacred Liturgy (Sacrosanctum Concilium), Word of God/Divine Revelation (Dei Verbum), The Church (Lumen Gentium) and the Church in the Modern World (Gaudium et Spes).

Deepening our prayer life, with special focus on the Lord's Prayer, 2024.

I urge you to start rooting around in your drawers and shelves for the Vatican Council II document and peruse through these for Constitutions. If you would like to sign up for either the seminars and/or lectures, click here: [Distinguished Lecture and Seminar Series on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council | Liverpool Hope University Online Store](#)

If you'd like a shorter link to share, please use this one: <http://bit.ly/3Ql4e5R>

Mass Intentions Received: Elaine Morley, Jim and Ann Dolan, James Clarkson, and Private Intention Thanksgiving to God.

Parish Diary:

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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