

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

## Newsletter

### Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Ordinary Time? Extraordinary Time!

We have been on a roller-coaster of a journey over the last four weeks.

The wonderful Nativity Service with the children centre stage (metaphorically and actually speaking), the joy of Christmas itself with the arrival of Jesus, Emmanuel. Following that we have had the story of the Flight to Egypt by the Holy Family, then the Epiphany of the Lord, followed by the Baptism of the Lord – encompassing something like 30 years into little more than 30 days! What a journey.

We are now in a time or period of what is referred to as *Ordinary Time*, in the Church calendar. It is quite easy to settle back into a routine after the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparation, the festivities themselves and, perhaps try to lose a little of the 'mince pie effect' – around our waistbands anyway. It is easy to get absorbed in the day-to-day routine. That's fine as far as it goes, and we all probably need a bit of quiet time to recharge our batteries. However, we belong to a faith that has something really important at its source, at its centre, something extraordinary to tell.

We are blessed to belong to a sacramental faith, a faith with love at its heart. Emanuel, God-with-us, in the everyday, in the mundane, in the ordinary. Extraordinary!

Let us truly celebrate the great feasts of Christmas and Easter after a proper period of preparation (Advent and Lent). Let us thank God for His gifts to us. Let us hear the message in the Scripture readings we share in our services. Let us share the message through word and action in our ordinary lives and ordinary time and make them extraordinary.

**Deacon Alan**

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).

<b>Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January</b>			
Sunday 14 <sup>h</sup> January <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Anne Burns
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	Cathie Nyles
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Mem. St. Antony Abbott</b>	C/T	10 am	Kerry Doherty
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	P.J and Ann Conroy
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Mem. St. Wulston Bishop</b>	C/T	10 am	Bernard Seed
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Mem. St. Fabian Pope, Martyr St. Sebastian, Martyr</b>	C/T	10 am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Rushen
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Mary Harper People of the Parish

**Response to the Psalm:**

Here I am, Lord!

I come to do your will.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:**

You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

**Offertory Collection:** Last Sunday came to £232.59.

**January:** Fr Joseph will be away during this month, with the consent of Monsignor Devine. While Fr Joseph is away, Fr Peter will celebrate all the Masses in the parish, and the parish contacts are Deacon Alan and Brendan O’Friel.

**Funeral Mass:** The Funeral Mass for Elizabeth Kelly will be held at St. Mary’s on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 1.45 pm.

**Mass Intentions** Anne Burns, Cathie Nyles, Kerry Doherty, P.J and Ann Conroy, Mary Harper, Bernard Seed, and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Rushen.

**Parish Diary:**

<b>29<sup>th</sup> January 8 pm</b>	Charity concert by Rushen Silver Band at St. Columba's.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> February 10 am to 1 pm</b>	Island Spirituality Network at St John’s Mill. The theme is The Bittersweet Scroll with Michael Manning the eighth Manx Bard.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> March 10 am to 1 pm</b>	Island Spirituality Network at St John’s Mill. The theme is In Uncertain Times with Jenny Sinclair.
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</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.