

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

Second Sunday in Lent Year B

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

Saint Augustine key aspects of prayer.

This weekend we continue with St. Augustine's key aspects of prayer.

Prayer as a conversation with God: St. Augustine viewed prayer as a conversation between a person and God. He emphasized that prayer is a two-way communication that involves both speaking and listening. He taught that in prayer, believers should pour out their hearts to God, but also attentively listen to his guidance and wisdom.

Prayer as a relationship with God: St. Augustine emphasised the relational aspect of prayer. He shows prayer as an opportunity to gain experience closer to God, to seek intimacy and communion with Him. He believed that prayer is the foundation of a Christian's life. Where a believer can experience the love, mercy, and presence of God.

Prayer as a humble and contrite heart: St. Augustine put a strong emphasis on the importance of humility in prayer. He taught that true prayer is rooted in recognising one's weaknesses, sins, and need for God's forgiveness and grace. He taught that a contrite heart, acknowledging one's limitations and dependence on God, is essential for genuine and transformative prayer. ***“A heart contrite and humble, O God, you will not spurn.” (Psalm 51: 17)***

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 25th February			
Sunday 25 th February 2nd Sunday of Lent.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Margaret Whitfield (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 26 th February Weekday in Lent.			<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 27 th February Weekday in Lent.	P/E	10 am	Michael Casserly (Ann)
Wednesday 28 th February Weekday in Lent.	C/T	10 am	Ellen May Brown (RIP)
Thursday 29 th February Weekday in Lent.	P/E	10 am	Kevin Lawson (RIP)
Friday 1 st March Feast of St David, Patron of Wales.	C/T	10 am	Betty Saunders (RIP)
Saturday 2 nd March Weekday in Lent.	C/T	10 am	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Rushen.
Sunday 3 rd February 3rd Sunday of Lent.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Fr. Edward Holmes (RIP)

Response to the Psalm:

I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

From the bright cloud the Father's voice was heard:
"This is my son, the Beloved. Listen to him"

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Communion Antiphon:

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

Lent: During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at St Mary's at 10.30 am and at St Columba's at 7 pm. If you would like to lead the Stations at St Columba's please contact Barbara O'Friel at 833636.

Assisted Dying Meeting: As Dr. Allinson's bill is being considered by a clauses committee, it is important that we keep up pressure on our MHKs. The Christian Institute is a UK charity which seeks to help people to live out Christ's teaching in a secular world. At 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 28 February, at The Empress Hotel, Douglas, The Christian Institute is holding a meeting which will introduce their work and explain why legalising euthanasia and assisted suicide is so dangerous. Open to all.

Food Bank: Our next Parish Foodbank Collection will be on Sunday, 3rd March. Please bring any item of food, cleaning materials or toiletries to Mass that day. Items can be placed in the labelled boxes. All donations are distributed locally.

Women's World Day of Prayer: An Ecumenical service at St Catherine's C of E Church Port Erin on 1st March at 10 am refreshments/11 am - 12 noon service. The theme is '**I beg you, bear with one another in love**' prepared by Christian Women in Palestine (wwdp.org.uk).

Inter-church Quiz: in aid of Leprosy Mission will take place 8th March at 7 pm at Loch Promenade Methodist Church, Douglas. Included is a hotpot supper. Please see Deacon Graeme for more information or to enter.

Garden Team: Many hands make very light work. Last year the members of the garden team were only on the rota a few times in the growing season. Would you be happy to add your name to our list to mow lawn and help once or twice a year? Please let Julie know if you can.

Mass Intentions: Betty Saunders, Margaret Whitfield, Michael Casserly, Kevin Lawson, Ellen May Brown, Fr. Edward Holmes, and Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Rushen.

Parish Diary:

28th February 7.30 pm	Assisted Dying Meeting at the Empress Hotel, Douglas.
1st March 10 am	Women's World Day of Prayer. At St Catherine's C. Of E. Church Port Erin.
8th March 7 pm	Leprosy Mission inter-church quiz at Loch Promenade Methodist Church, Douglas.
9th March 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is The Common Good and Our Calling Spiritual and Civil Renewal.
20th April	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
19th May	First Communion Mass.
15th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

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.