

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

Third Sunday in Lent Year B

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

God starts relationship with people. Last Sunday, I said that God takes the initiative and calls man into relationship with Him, and to reveal Himself who He is, and I gave two examples from Scripture, that it was God who took initiative to call Abram “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you”. (Gen 12:1) It was God who took initiative to call, Moses and revealed Himself who he is, “I have heard the cry of my people, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring forth my people...” (Ex 3:10) tell them, “I AM has sent me to you” (Ex 3:14) This call of persons into relationship with God did not end with Abram, Moses, and the prophets but continues to this day. God still calls us, and we call upon him (in prayers of Praise and Adoration) asking him for our needs as we pray in the prayer Jesus taught us - Our Father (Prayer of Petitions) and for the needs of our fellow brothers and sisters (Prayer of Intercessions) When God calls we must respond in faith, respond and dialogue with God, listen to Him and trust in Him. So, prayer is a relationship with God.

Prayer and Incarnation. God who created man in his image and likeness, in the incarnation, out of his love for his people, through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit He became man so that He can be in close relationship with his people. So, through the Incarnation (God became man) and Emmanuel (God with his people) to make ecclesia or fellowship with God through Jesus Christ possible so that in the guidance of the Holy Spirit the believers can praise, adore, give thanks, ask for their needs, intercede for others, and learn more of God’s will for their lives.

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 3rd March			
Sunday 3 rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Fr. Edward Holmes (RIP)
Monday 4 th March Weekday in Lent.			<i>No Mass</i>
Tuesday 5 th March Weekday in Lent.	P/E	10 am	Betty Saunders (RIP)
Wednesday 6 th March Weekday in Lent.	C/T	10 am	Dee Callister (RIP)
Thursday 7 th March Weekday in Lent.	P/E	10 am	Michael Cronin
Friday 8 th March Weekday in Lent.	C/T	10 am	Angie Hart (Sick)
Saturday 9 th March Weekday in Lent.	C/T	10 am	Brian Gaoland (Sick)
Sunday 10 th March 4th Sunday of Lent.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Bob Preston (Ann) People of the Parish

Response to the Psalm:

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord,
whoever believes in me will never die.

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Communion Antiphon:

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallows a nest for her young.

By your altars, O Lord of hosts, my king and God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house for every singing your praise.

Mass Offerings: last week £212.52

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.

Island Spirituality Network: The next ISN meeting will be held on Saturday, 9 March, at St John's Mill, 10.00 am-1.00 pm. The speaker will be Jenny Sinclair, founder & director of "Together for the Common Good," a charity that works to build a common life and social cohesion in today's fractured society. Jenny was inspired by the collaborative labours of her father, former Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, David Sheppard, and his friend and Roman Catholic colleague, Archbishop Derek Worlock, who strove together for the "common good" of the city of Liverpool.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection on Sunday 17th March towards the flowers for Easter Sunday.

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.

Mass Intentions: Fr. Edward Holmes, Betty Saunders, Dee Callister, Michael Cronin, Angie Hart, Brian Gaoland, and Bob Preston.

Parish Diary:

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.