

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

Second Sunday of Easter, Day of Divine Mercy, Year B

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

An excerpt from Pope Francis' Easter Message, 'Urbi et Orbi': Easter 2024:

“The Church relives the amazement of the women who went to the tomb at dawn on the first day of the week. The tomb of Jesus had been sealed with a great stone. Today too, great stones, heavy stones, block the hopes of humanity: the stone of war, the stone of humanitarian crises, the stone of human rights violations, the stone of human trafficking, and other stones as well. Like the women disciples of Jesus, we ask one another: ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ (cf. *Mk 16:3*).

This is the amazing discovery of that Easter morning: the stone, the immense stone, was rolled away.

The astonishment of the women is our astonishment as well: the tomb of Jesus is open, and it is empty! From this, everything begins anew! A new path leads through that empty tomb: the path that none of us, but God alone, could open: the path of life in the midst of death, the path of peace in the midst of war, the path of reconciliation in the midst of hatred, the path of fraternity in the midst of hostility. Brothers and sisters, Jesus Christ is risen!” Pope Francis

<https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/urbi/documents/20240331-urbi-et-orbipasqua.html>

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 7th April			
Sunday 7 th April Second Sunday of Easter. Divine Mercy Sunday	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Dorothy Brooker People of the Parish
Monday 8 th April Sol. of the Annunciation of the Lord.			No Mass
Tuesday 9 th April Weekday of Easter.	P/E	10 am	Margaret Burns
Wednesday 10 th April Weekday of Easter.	C/T	10 am	Cathie Doherty
Thursday 11 th April Mem. of St. Stanislaus, Bishop, and Martyr.	P/E	10 am	Nora McDonald
Friday 12 th April Weekday of Easter.	C/T	10 am	To the Scared Heart of Jesus for a special intention
Saturday 13 th April Weekday of Easter.	C/T	10 am	Nigel McFarlane
Sunday 14 ^h April Third Sunday of Easter.	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish James Mooney

Response to the Psalm:

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said: "You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing Alleluia

Offertory Collection: Last week came to £406.20.

Other Collections: CAFOD £444.72
Holy Place £198.29
Lenten Alms for the Poor £171.20

Mass Intentions: There are now Mass Intention request slips at the back of each church. When requesting a Mass, please fill in the request form. This will make the process simpler. On the form, please specify the Intention for the Mass.

- Died recently
- Death Anniversary
- Marriage Anniversary
- Illness
- Safe Journey
- Expectant mother
- Special Intention
- Mass to Our Lady
- Mass to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Congratulations: To Archibald Elliott and Hannah Luckman on receiving the Sacrament of Initiation at the Easter Vigil Mass.

Christian Aid: There will be a Malawian Supper on 12th April at 6.30 pm taking place at St. Andrew's URC in Douglas. During the supper there will be brief highlights of the last five years of the Burundi and Isle of Man partnership and the official launch of the Isle of Man Post Office range of Bee stamps with guest speaker Harry Owens. A musical interlude with Cat Mills and the launch of Pigeon Peas Christian Aid Week 2024 project. The event is free, donations at the door are welcome. To reserve your place please contact Louise 474275, e-mail lwhitelegg@christian-aid.org.

Praying The Keeils week will take place this year from Saturday 18th to Saturday 25th May. For more details, please see www.prayingthekeeills.org

Mass Intentions:

- Cathie Doherty
- Nora McDonald
- Nigel McFarlane
- To the Sacred Heart of Jesus for Special Intention
- Dorothy Brooker
- James Mooney
- Margaret Burns

Parish Diary:

12th April 6.30 pm	Christian Aid Malawian Supper at St Andrew's URC in Douglas.
20th April	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
11th May 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Happiness in the Psalms.
18th - 25th May	Praying The Keeils week
19th May	First Communion Mass.
15th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

If you are aware of future events, please let us know so we may add them to the diary. **Social Club Committee contact details:** Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487, or Lynn 472867.