

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

Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

Archdiocesan Synodal Council 2023: Part 7

Becoming a Church that honours the vocation of all the baptised.

The original stated intention was to grow in understanding the baptised calling of all. Progress had been made in developing a postgraduate certificate in leadership in pastoral ministry, to be provided by Liverpool Hope University. It will form part of the diaconate training, but it will also be relevant to the formation for the lay ministry of catechist, and more general formation for ministry. Further collaborative work with other agencies will be required to establish the postgraduate certificate for lay ministry. The Archdiocese is also developing a plan for employing lay pastoral workers in Families of Parishes, but this is at an early stage, and it is unclear how it is to be funded. The proposals I have seen may not be easy to implement in the Isle of Man and we may need to develop other initiatives.

The reference is to all the baptised, and so includes those we do not see in the churches. A diocese in the south of England realised that their congregations had halved in 7 years. They conducted a survey. It is unlikely that those most alienated responded, but, of those who did, 70% self-identified as Catholics. Most of us have family or friends who are no longer churchgoers. Is their absence down to Sunday football or the 24/7 lifestyle? Looking around the churches, it is obvious that have a missing generation. What have we got wrong? Have our attitudes towards “unconventional” families made people feel uncomfortable? If the church is to fulfil its mission to all the baptised, we need to discover how we can meet the needs of all the baptised.

Angela Main Thompson

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 2nd June			
Sunday 2 nd June Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Margaret Cronin
Monday 3 rd June Memorial of Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs			No Mass
Tuesday 4 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 5 th June Memorial of St. Boniface, Bishop, and Martyr	C/T	10 am	Jim Blakey (RIP)
Thursday 6 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 7 th June Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	C/T	10 am	Nigel McFarlane
Saturday 8 th June Memorial of the Immaculate Heart of Mary	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration & Confession
Sunday 9 th June Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Private Intention People of the Parish

Response to the Psalm:

The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,
says the Lord: Anyone who eats the bread will live forever.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in in him, says the Lord.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £219.42.

St Brendan's Prayer which we will adopt for our Synodal Journey: "Lord, help me to journey beyond the familiar and into the unknown. Give me the faith to leave old ways and break fresh ground with You."

Announcing the coming New Lectionary

We are thrilled to announce the coming new Lectionary which brings several benefits. It includes the English Standard Version—Catholic Edition (ESV-CE) of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the Psalms. This update is not just about improving the accuracy of biblical translation to the original languages and incorporating current biblical scholarship. It also provides a text that is more suitable for liturgical use, enhancing the spiritual experience for all.

Key Points:

- Biblical Texts: English Standard Version - Catholic Edition (ESV-CE)
- Psalms: Abbey Psalter
- Implementation Date: Advent 2024 (December 1st, 2024)
- Mandatory Use: Required for all Catholic parishes and Mass centres in England, Wales, and Scotland

This new Lectionary is designed to enrich the scriptural experience during Mass, making the readings more understandable and meaningful for the faithful.

On the day of Pentecost, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ, we experienced the profound presence of the Holy Spirit among us. This experience was particularly meaningful for those who had decided to join various church groups and had committed to buying the New Lectionary for both churches. We pray that the blessings of the good Lord be upon all who have chosen to deepen their faith and commitment.

Mass Intentions:

- Jim Blakey
- Dermot O'Toole

Parish Diary:

15th June 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Hidden Treasures. Speaker Dr Janet Corlett Head of the Methodist Church on the Island
12th July 7 pm	South Family meeting in St Columba's Hall
13th July 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Heartbreak, Hope and Holy Moments. Speaker Rev Canon Katy Canty Prison Chaplain
11th September 8 pm	Concert by Manx Concert Brass in St Columba's Hall
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.

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