

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

## Pentecost Sunday

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**“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”.**

### **Archdiocesan Synodal Council 2023: Part 5**

#### **Becoming a Church that cares for its priests.**

The inaugural synod identified this issue. The Pastoral Plan published in 2020 stated that the Archdiocese would take steps to enable its priests to flourish in changing situations. An externally facilitated process was set up to explore with the priests how to provide effective support for their flourishing in the various aspects of their lives. The facilitator listened to the priests and their experiences and produced a document that has been shared with them and with the Archdiocese. A group of priests, nominated by their peers, continued to meet, and reflect on the document and are looking at offering retreats and days of reflection. The Archdiocese intends to introduce mentoring and supervision as a right and duty of care for its priests and to set up structures to sustain the work of supporting priests and enabling them to flourish.

Although his topic was not discussed as part of the ASC, it was noted that priests are an essential resource and must be supported in terms of good employment practice. The lack of support provided previously was surprising and it was suggested that a safe space should be provided in which to discuss matters of mutual concern. The implementation of fundamental changes will affect everyone, not just the priests. We must all be aware of this, and support those who may find this unsettling.

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).

<b>Week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Pentecost Sunday</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Spiritan Missionaries Bob Stabler (Ann)
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Mem. Of Our Lady, Mother of the Church</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	Lucy and Benny Greasty (Ann)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	Nigel McFarlane (Sick)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May <b>Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest</b>	P/E	10 am	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Mem. of St Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor</b>	C/T	10 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> May <b>Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Special Intention

**Response to the Psalm:**

Send forth your spirit, O Lord  
and renew the face of the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and spoke of the marvels of God, Alleluia

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £256.73.

**Today:** There will be a second collection for the Holy Ghost Fathers known as Spiritans.

**Catholic Pic:** There are free copies of this month's Catholic Pic at the back of both churches.

**Praying The Keeills week** Takes place this week as it start on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. For more details, please see [www.prayingthekeeills.org](http://www.prayingthekeeills.org)

**Assisted Dying Bill:** There was a fantastic turnout this week from both sides of our parish at the demonstration to show our opposition to assisted dying outside Tynwald. Thank you so much to everyone who came and protested outside for an hour and a half on what was a very rainy Tuesday morning. This is faith in action . Two more MHKs John Wannenburg and Ann Corlett are now against assisted dying . We need 3 more waverers to change their minds to succeed in stopping the bill at the third reading . Potential MHKs to concentrate efforts on would be Rob Callister , David Ashford , also Tim Johnston , Sarah Maltby , Tim Crookall . Please pray for this and take whatever action you can between now and June 11th when the clauses will continue to be debated and the third reading is likely to take place to influence the waverer's - e mails to the MHKs , letters to the paper , contact the Mannin line etc. There are information sheets available to help you with this at both churches and please contact Stella on 412740 stellaharris13@icloud.com with any queries.

**Let us all join:** In congratulating and welcoming Hannah Luckman, who was received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. We are grateful to everyone who assisted with her Catholic faith instruction.



We wholeheartedly congratulate and warmly welcome the First Holy Communicants to participate in the Eucharistic celebrations: Aubrey McDowell, Caleb Harding, Daffodil Carmen, Emily Lever, Lucy Parr, Olivia Seymour, Olivia Zaleczny, Sabastian Clark. Your children's

participation fills us with immense joy and pride, a testament to their growing faith and our community's strength.

It is with great joy that we encourage children after their First Communion to participate actively in the Mass. Their active involvement fosters a more profound sense of belonging and connection to our faith community, and their presence significantly enriches our worship. We eagerly look forward to seeing children after First Communion continue their journey with us in the Mass rather than the children's Liturgy.

**Mass Intentions:**

- Lucy and Barry Gresty
- Bob Stabler

**Parish Diary:**

<b>18th - 25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Praying The Keeills week
<b>12<sup>th</sup> July 7 pm</b>	South Family meeting in St Columba's Hall
<b>11th September 8 pm</b>	Concert by Manx Concert Brass in St Columba's Hall
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December 3 pm</b>	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.