

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

Archdiocesan Synodal Council 2023: Part 3

Becoming a church where synodality is embedded

Synodality requires different Archdiocesan structures, and constitutions have needed revision. For instance, that of the Council of Priests has been revised following the creation of new Deaneries. A steering committee has been established to support the Archdiocesan Synodal Council (ASC), and a governance manual is being prepared and the Archbishop's Council has been replaced by the Archbishop's Advisory Group, which includes female religious and members of the laity. Administrative appointments have been made to support the new structures. In November 2023, the governance manual had yet to be completed. Work was being undertaken to establish adequate communication from the grassroots upwards, so that the Pastoral Plan could be suitably adjusted in the light of any implementation difficulties and the practical experience of living with the changes. Considerable emphasis was placed on engaging with the laity and feeding views up the chain through the Diocesan Synodal Councils (DSC) to the ASC. Synod is a means of communication. It is not a new concept. There are many historic references to synods, the most memorable in England being the Synod of Whitby which was chaired by a woman – Saint Hild, the Abbess of Whitby. It concluded that the Roman practices for determining the date of Easter and style of dress, rather than those of the Celtic church, should prevail in Northumbria.

On our synodal journey, there is no deadline or timeframe. We know that the aim is for the Archdiocese to achieve each of the six identified objectives, but it is for the Holy Spirit to determine how this is done. We all need to journey together, not leaving people behind but listening carefully to each other and to the voice of the Spirit. This process has the potential, if we allow it, to become the greatest renewal in the Church since the Second Vatican Council

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 5th May			
Sunday 5 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Yvette Moreno (Sick) People of the Parish
Monday 6 th May Weekday of Easter			No Mass
Tuesday 7 th May Weekday of Easter	P/E	10 am	Elaine Morley (RIP)
Wednesday 8 th May Weekday of Easter	C/T	10 am	Rosemary Rennie (RIP)
Thursday 9 th May Solemnity of The Ascension of the Lord	P/E C/T	10 am 7 pm	Elizabeth Kelly Private Intention
Friday 10 th May Weekday of Easter	C/T	10 am	Msgr. Tom Millar
Saturday 11 th May Weekday of Easter	C/T	10 am	Gina Fappiano (RIP)
Sunday 12 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Clifford Hampson (RIP)

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord has shown his salvation to the nations.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my father will love him, and we shall come to him."

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another paraclete, to abide with you for ever, Alleluia.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £238.86.

Priest Training Fund: Last week's collection was £269.97.

Thursday 9th May: Is the feast of The Ascension and a holy day of obligation. There will be a 7 pm Mass at St Mary's.

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

Congratulations to Noah Harding: a much-loved young parishioner who made his First Communion quietly last Sunday afternoon. Please remember him in your prayers.

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

Assisted Dying: The MHKs will start going through the assisted dying bill clause by clause at the beginning of May, followed by a third reading of the bill. A number of MHKs voiced concerns but still voted for the bill at the second reading. We need five MHKs to vote no at third reading to vote the bill down. If you haven't already emailed or tried to speak to an MHK, particularly one of the potential waverers, please do so now. Those MHKs are:

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Please also consider writing to the papers and contacting the Mannin Line. We need to keep the voices opposing assisted dying in the public arena. The MHKs take note of this. If we do nothing, the powerful pro-assisted dying lobby will be the only voice heard. If you need any assistance, contact Stella stellaharris13@icloud.com.

Mass Intentions:

- Elaine Morley
- Clifford Hampson
- Rosemary Rennie
- Yvette Moreno
- Gina Fappiano

Parish Diary:

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 Keeills week
19th May	First Communion Mass
12th July 7 pm	South Family meeting in St Columba's Hall
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.