

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

## Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul , Apostles

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

As we prepare for the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee, Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a crucial year of prayer. This year, we are encouraged to strengthen our commitment to worship, support others in their prayer life, and revisit the basics of prayer.

What does the Pope encourage in terms of revisiting the basics of prayer? The Pope wants all Catholic believers to revisit the basics of prayer to deepen their spiritual life and foster a closer relationship with God. By focusing on the fundamental aspects of worship, believers can:

1. Strengthen their faith: Revisiting the basics helps to reinforce core beliefs and practices, making faith more resilient in daily life.
2. Enhance personal connection with God: Basic prayer practices encourage more personal and intimate dialogue beyond routine or formal prayers.
3. Promote inner peace and reflection: Simple, fundamental prayers can facilitate a meditative state and promote inner peace and self-reflection.
4. Build community: Emphasizing prayer basics helps to unify the Catholic community by rooting everyone in standard spiritual practices.

Before Lent, we had the chance to do the above. The Pope urged us to contemplate and meditate on the Lord's Prayer – Our Father. Before we delve into the prayer, let us ponder the introductory clause in the new Roman Missal.

In the third part of the Eucharistic Celebration - the Communion Rite, the sentence "At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say" introduces the Communion Rite:

1. "At the Saviour's command": Refers to Jesus Christ's directive to pray the Lord's Prayer, as he taught it to his disciples (found in the Gospels of Matthew 6:9-13 and Luke 11:2-4).
2. "Formed by divine teaching": Emphasizes that the prayer is based on Jesus' divine instruction.
3. "We dare to say": This phrase is not just a mere statement but a profound expression of reverence and humility. It acknowledges the privilege and boldness required to address God directly as "Our Father." It is a humble recognition of the sacredness of this prayer. This introduction emphasises the sacred and instructional nature of the Lord's Prayer in Christian liturgy.

Next Sunday, we will reflect on the first two words of the prayer – Our Father.

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).

<b>Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>			
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Private Intention People of the Parish
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	Kelly and Morley Families
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July <b>Feast of St Thomas, Apostle</b>	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Confession
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	Nigel McFarlane
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration & Confession
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Bernard Arrowsmith

**Response to the Psalm.**

From all my terrors the Lord set me free.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

You are Peter and on this rock I will build my church  
And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

**Alleluia.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Peter said to Jesus: You are the Christ, the son of the living God.  
And Jesus replied You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £255.16

**St Brendan's Prayer:** We will adopt this prayer 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."

**Update:** An update on the progress of Nigel Mc Farlane from family and friends who have recently visited him. Despite it being a slow process, Nigel continues to make very good progress. To support his recovery, he will remain at Walton for the time being, where he is receiving rehabilitation under the best possible care. He is very grateful for the well wishes he has received from everyone and has asked us to pass on his thanks. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

**Dear Parishioners:** I want to express my deep gratitude for your generous contribution of £610.16 towards Fr. Peter's start-up fund for any mission appointment he will receive when he returns to Nigeria. Your support is invaluable and greatly appreciated. Thank you especially to Lydia for baking a delicious cake for the occasion. Your effort added a special touch to the event. I would also like to thank the ladies and gentlemen who served tea and coffee, ensuring everyone felt welcomed and cared for. Thank you all for your presence and your unwavering support. Your commitment to our community is truly inspiring. May God bless you abundantly.

**From Fr Peter:** To the entire parishioners of St Mary's and St Columba's I sincerely appreciate and thank you for the warm reception, encouragement, and support I have had from you during my stay here. Thank you for your love, care, concern and generosity in kind and in cash. You have made my stay here not only interesting and exciting but also loving and memorable. Keep praying for me as I will always pray for you. God bless the Isle of Man and God bless the Manx people.

**Congratulations:** It's a joyous occasion to welcome Lily Anne Piotronska, who will be baptised today at St. Columba Church. Remember to pray for her parents, relatives, and friends.

**Announcement:** Those who received the Sacrament of Initiation at Easter are called to see Fr Joseph to arrange the times for Mystagogy.

**Mass Intentions:** Bernard Arrowsmith, the Kelly and Morley Families.

**Parish Diary:**

<b>13<sup>th</sup> July 10 am to 1 pm</b>	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Heartbreak, Hope and Holy Moments. Speaker Rev Canon Katy Canty Prison Chaplain.
<b>28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> August 11 am</b>	Parish to Parish Walk. Come and join us in a walk starting from St. Mary's, in Castletown, to St. Columba's via Scarlett. £5.00 for adults £3.00 for Children to include refreshments afterwards. Please speak to a member of the social club for tickets.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> September 8 pm</b>	Concert by Manx Concert Brass in St Columba's Hall.
<b>14<sup>th</sup> September 10 am to 1 pm</b>	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Imagination, Discernment and Spiritual Direction. Speaker Fr. Phil Harrison SJ.
<b>21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	Adoremus Liverpool. A day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage at St. Mary of the Isle, Douglas.
<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.

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**Second Collections for 2024**

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Peter Pence
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Priest Retirement Fund
11 <sup>th</sup> August	Day for Life
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Catholic Education
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Evangelii Gadium
20 <sup>th</sup> October	APF World Missions
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Animate Youth