

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

Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

Archdiocesan Synodal Council 2023: Part 8

Becoming a Church where young people and young adults' flourish This topic has been the main focus of the DSC, and it will continue to exercise the DSC. At the Synod in 2021, the Archdiocese confirmed its commitment to walk alongside the young people and young adults and to appoint a full-time youth adviser to create a networked youth ministry. They would develop a Youth Synodal Council to bring concrete proposals to the ASC. Additional support would be provided to Catholic schools and the idea of a central chaplaincy structure would be examined. By November 2023, the youth post had been advertised but no suitable candidate had been identified. The job description was being amended and the post re-advertised. A new Deputy Director of Education was being appointed, whose role will be to focus on the “Catholic life” in the Archdiocese's schools. Further work was being done on chaplains for schools and more support was being considered for school governors . It was clear that no engagement with young people was being undertaken outside the setting of the Catholic schools, so the Isle of Man needs to devise a workable plan for this issue here. The only current youth initiative is participating in the annual Lourdes pilgrimage. Thoughts or suggestions of how we can involve those in secondary schools would be greatly appreciated.

This concludes the review of the ASC proceedings. It will meet again in November, and the DSC in September. Before that, on 12 July in St Columba's, we will be holding a meeting of the parish family to discuss progress and ideas on how to move forward. The synodal approach means involvement of the laity. We have been irritated by decisions being imposed: this is our chance to influence decisions.

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 9th June			
Sunday 9 th June Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Private Intention People of the Parish
Monday 10 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time			No Mass
Tuesday 11 th June Memorial of St Barnabas	P/E	10 am	Elaine Morley (RIP)
Wednesday 12 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	Joe Boyd (RIP)
Thursday 13 th June Memorial of St Anthony, Priest, and Doctor	P/E	10 am 10.45am	Confession
Friday 14 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	Nigel McFarlane
Saturday 15 th June Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration & Confession
Sunday 16 th June Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish

Response to the Psalm:

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

If anyone loves me, he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my saving strength.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £186.80

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."

Foodbank: Following the recent opening of Port Erin's supermarket the Foodbank donation placed in the trolley at the exit door have decreased. There is a great need for all supplies. Please remember to continue with your very generous support. Many thanks.

Funeral: There will be a Requiem Mass for Joe Boyd on Monday 17th June at 10 am.

Catholic Pic: The June edition of the Catholic Pic is available to download here: <https://tinyurl.com/5n7hs8u8>

Assisted Dying bill: Demonstration against assisted dying bill - Tuesday June 11th, 2024, 8.30 am to 10 am outside Tynwald Building, Douglas. Please join us if you can. The assisted dying bill continues its passage through the house of keys on Tuesday 11th June and Tuesday 25th June. Those of us trying to stop the bill becoming law will be protesting outside the Tynwald legislative building on both mornings. The demonstration will be silent, respectful and take place as the MHKs are entering the Tynwald Building in Douglas. Our parishioners have been stalwart campaigners, and many of you stood with us at the previous demonstrations. I am aware it is asking a lot, but may I ask you to join us again on Tuesday 11th June and Tuesday 25th June. We need to show support for our anti-assisted dying MHKs, and to ensure that the waverers know we care. The pro-assisted dying group will be demonstrating in force. We need to be an equally visible presence to let the MHKs and wider public know that there is overwhelming opposition to bringing assisted suicide and euthanasia to the Isle of Man. We will be using the "Bin the Bill" slogans again such as "Protect the Vulnerable," "Save our Health Service," "No Intentional Killing," etc so please bring bins with a "Bin the Bill" slogan clearly visible and/or make a placard as large as you can. Any queries please contact Stella at 412740 or stellaharris13@icloud.com.

Mass Intentions:

- Joe Boyd
- Elaine Morley

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
10th 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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