

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

## Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

Reflection Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Text: Job 3:1, 8-11; Psalm 106; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41

In today's readings, we are reminded of the ever-present power and sovereignty of the Lord in our lives. In the Book of Job, we witness Job struggling with his suffering and questioning its reasons. However, he is reminded that the Lord has power over all things, including the elements, and that His sovereignty is unwavering.

Furthermore, in the gospel passage, we see Christ calming the storm and demonstrating the profound impact of faith in overcoming life's struggles. This is a powerful reminder that the Lord is always with us, providing strength and peace even in the most challenging times.

Additionally, St. Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, paints a vivid picture of the transformative power of faith in Christ. He tells us that those who believe in Him are not just changed, but made new, like a caterpillar transforming into a butterfly. This indicates that through Christ, we are given the opportunity for a fresh start and a completely transformed life. So, what does this mean for us? It means that we are not alone in our struggles. The Lord's power and presence are with us always, ready to guide us through life's storms. It also means that our faith in Christ can transform us and create new creations.

As we leave this congregation, let us take these lessons to heart. Remember that the Lord's power is more significant than any challenge we face. Let us hold fast to our faith, knowing that it can calm the storms in our lives and transform us into new creations.

May we find comfort and strength in the knowledge that the Lord is with us always, and may we allow our faith to guide us through life's challenges. God bless you all.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>			
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June <b>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Peter Chalmers (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Solemnity of the birth of St John the Baptist</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Ann Doran (RIP) Confession
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop, and Martyr</b>	C/T	10 am	Margaret Wilkinson (RIP)
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> June <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration & Confession
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

**Response to the Psalm.**

O give thanks to the Lord  
For his love endure for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

May the father of our Lord Jesus Christ  
enlighten the eyes of our mind  
so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.

**Alleluia.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

The eyes of all look to you, Lord,  
and you give them their food in due season.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £226.74

**Second Collection:** Today is for Fr Peter and his mission work.

**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."

**Protest Against the Assisted dying bill:** We will again be demonstrating against the bill as the MHK's enter the Tynwald building. As previously, the demonstration will be silent, and respectful. Our parishioners have been steadfast protestors and opponents of the bill. We need to show support for our anti assisted dying MHKs, and to ensure that the waiverers know we care. The pro assisted dying group are planning their biggest demonstration ever. We need to be equally visible to let the MHKs and wider public know that there is overwhelming opposition to bringing assisted dying to the Isle of Man. We will be using the Bin the Bill slogans again, and 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 placards. Please continue to pray for our MHKs that respect for life and protection for the vulnerable will be upper most in their minds > Any queries please contact Stella on 412740 or [stellaharris13@icloud.com](mailto:stellaharris13@icloud.com)

**Fr. Peter :** This Sunday, we come together for a special Mass to honour Father Peter's contributions and bid him a fond farewell as he leaves our parish at the end of June. During this Mass, we will also hold a second collection to support his mission work in Nigeria, reflecting our shared commitment to his cause. We express our deepest gratitude to Father Peter for his dedicated ministry in our Church and wish him God's blessings in his future endeavours. After the 11 am Mass in St. Columba Hall, we invite you to join us for tea, coffee, and home-baked cake as we come together as a close-knit community to share in this occasion and show our love and support for Father Peter. We warmly invite all of you to join us on this special occasion. Your presence and support will mean much to Father Peter as he embarks on his new journey. Let's unite as a community to show our love, support, and appreciation for Fr. Peter.

**Mass Intentions:** Ann Doran, Peter Chalmers and Margaret Wilkinson

## Parish Diary:

<b>13<sup>th</sup> July</b> <b>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</b> <b>11am</b>	Parish to Parish Walk. Come and join us in a walk starting from St. Marys'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>11th September</b> <b>8 pm</b>	Concert by Manx Concert Brass in St Columba's Hall
<b>14<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>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>15<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>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.

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