

## NEWSLETTER

Parishes of St Anthony of Padua, Onchan; St Mary of the Isle & St Joseph, Douglas

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15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Sea Sunday

and

16<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024

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(Year B for Sundays) (Cycle 2 for weekdays)

Dear Parishioners

Many thanks to all those who joined us on Friday evening to celebrate Fr Brian's Silver Jubilee. It was a great occasion which Fr Brian very much enjoyed. He has asked for his thanks to be conveyed to you all. Thank you to our helpers and stewards for ensuring the evening went smoothly and for clearing up the church afterwards in preparation for another wedding this weekend. Thanks too to the flower ladies who arranged the beautiful displays on Friday. We very much appreciated Bishop Tom Neylon's presence with us for the evening. He has had to hurry back to Liverpool early this Saturday morning for the ordination of four new priests in the Cathedral. Our prayers go with them.

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I wrote this piece in Fr Brian's Order of Service on Friday.....

There's a flowering cherry tree planted in the middle of the lawn in the grounds of the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary of the Isle. It was planted to mark the ordination to the priesthood of Father Brian Dougherty on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1999. Planted as a sapling, it's now a substantial mature tree and a permanent reminder of that special day twenty-five years ago.

Father Brian's roots in Saint Mary's go back much further than the roots of his cherry tree. All the priests who have served the Island have been 'come-overs'. Father Brian is the exception. He was a parishioner before he became a priest. And it is as a priest-parishioner that he holds a unique place in the hearts of the Catholic community on the Island.

Brian Dougherty was born on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1935, the only child of Mona and Bertie Dougherty. He was brought to Saint Mary's to be baptised on 11<sup>th</sup> November that same year. He attended St Mary's school and Ballakermeen High School before serving his time as a bricklayer in the construction industry. In his early twenties he applied to train for the priesthood to both the Archdiocese and to the de Montfort Fathers. They told him he was 'too old'. Initially working part time in British Telecom (later Manx Telecom), he went on to work full time for 37 years.

Heavily involved in parish activities, it was membership of the Legion of Mary that led to his first meeting with Pearl during the TT races in 1957. With other members of the Legion of Mary from Ireland, she attended a meeting of the Legion at St Mary's. Arriving late, she was reprimanded by Brian. He told her she was welcome but that courtesy required her to be on time; not an auspicious start to their relationship. The next time she met Brian, Pearl asked 'are we still friends?' Apparently so, because they became engaged a couple of months later and eventually married on the 4<sup>th</sup> April 1959. They had two sons: Eamonn and Paul. There followed almost 35 years of married life, cut short by Pearl's unexpected death in 1992. Eamonn died suddenly in December 2020. Paul and his wife Brenda are with us today.

In 1993 Brian began a three-year training programme for the permanent diaconate. Ordained deacon in 1996, he served four years as a deacon. A surprise phone call from Archbishop's House in Liverpool led to a meeting with Archbishop Kelly. Decades after being told he was 'too old' the Archbishop invited him to undergo four years further training for the priesthood. Unlike other candidates for the priesthood, whatever their age, Fr Brian was not required to attend seminary. His training was undertaken 'on the job'. The Archbishop, a former seminary rector, designed a tailor-made programme to be delivered by the then parish priest Canon Brendan Alger, himself a former seminary professor. And so came the special day. Father Brian was ordained priest by Archbishop Patrick Kelly at Saint Mary of the Isle Douglas on 12<sup>th</sup> July 1999. He celebrated his First Mass the following day at Sacred Heart, Pulrose.

Thanks be to God. *Fr John*

- Second Collection this weekend for the provision for **Priests in Retirement**. Thank you.
- **A Refresher Course** on the use of a **Defibrillator, Bleeding Control Kit** and **CPR** will take place in **St Mary's Church** on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm**. Thank you to the few parishioners who attended this course in St Anthony's.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Mary and St Joseph £1,114, St Anthony's £655. This does not include standing orders or the tap and pay machine at the back of St Mary's church. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

**Assisted Dying Bill:** Thank you to the parishioners who keep me updated on their local MHKs' response to the debate on the Bill in Tynwald. I also attended a CAIM meeting on Thursday when we discussed the recent progress. **It seems that the third and final reading of the Bill in the House of Keys will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July.**

It has been widely published that the MHKs who voted against the Assisted Dying Bill are:

Jason Moorhouse, Tim Glover, Chris Thomas, Alf Cannan, Julie Edge, Claire Christian, Kate Lord-Brennan and Andrew Smith. Some parishioners feel that they should make their voices heard. Maybe you could send a message of encouragement and support to these MHKs who voted against the Bill.

We know too that **some of the MHKs are still hesitant or unsure** on how to vote. These days are our last opportunity to make our views known to our local MHKs. They need to hear there is strong public opinion against assisted dying. Make sure that the MHKs who are uncertain hear your voice.

We think **the undecided MHKs** are: Ann Corlett [Ann.Corlett@gov.im](mailto:Ann.Corlett@gov.im); David Ashford [David.Ashford@gov.im](mailto:David.Ashford@gov.im); Rob Callister [Rob.Callister@gov.im](mailto:Rob.Callister@gov.im); John Wannenburg [John.Wannenburg@gov.im](mailto:John.Wannenburg@gov.im); Tim Crookall [tim.crookall@gov.im](mailto:tim.crookall@gov.im)

**For Onchan residents,** Julie Edge MHK voted against the Bill. Rob Callister MHK voted for the Bill. However, Rob Callister has made it clear this week that he will vote based on the majority of views of his constituents and has asked that people share their views ahead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading on 23 July. **Rob Callister will be holding a political surgery on Saturday 20 July in Onchan Community Hub from 10am - 11.30am. He wants to hear people's views on the Bill. No appointment is necessary.** For those without email, **Rob Callister's phone nos are 457511 (07624); 651513; 664475.**

### Masses and Services for the next two weeks

*All Masses and Services from St Mary's are live-streamed*

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>			
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	People of our Parishes
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	Joe Greene, anniversary
<i>Sea Sunday</i>			
15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00am	St Mary's	Walter Gilbey, 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<i>No Mass or Service</i>	St Mary's	<i>No Mass or Service today</i>
St Bonaventure			
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.00am	St Anthony's	Eucharistic Service
Our Lady of Mount Carmel	12.10pm	St Mary's	S. Thomas, recently died
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>12.00noon</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Kirsty Petza</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.00am	St Anthony's	John & Margaret Mayfield, intentions
	12.10pm	St Mary's	Noel Somers, recently died
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Fran Quayle, recently died
St John Plessington of Garstang			
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.00am to 12noon	St Mary's	Exposition and Confessions
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	People of our Parishes
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	Mark Anthony Mander, 10 <sup>th</sup> anniv
16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00am	St Mary's	Jose Gallo Santacruz, anniversary
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Intentions of the Tynan & McCarrick families
St Mary Magdalene			
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	10.00am	St Anthony's	Eucharistic Service
St Bridget Patron of Europe	12.10pm	St Mary's	Eucharistic Service
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Sheila (Mary) Mander, anniversary
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	10.00am	St Anthony's	Eucharistic Service
St James, Apostle	12.10pm	St Mary's	Mary Wickham, recently died
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Funeral Service: Eddie Joyce</b>
Saints Joachim and Anne	12.10pm	St Mary's	Vivian Garnham, anniversary
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.00am to 12noon	St Mary's	Exposition and Confessions
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	People of our Parishes
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	Fintan Gaffney, 4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary
17 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00am	St Mary's	Monica Singleton, deceased