

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

## Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

**REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER –Thy Kingdom Come and Thy Will Be Done on Earth as in Heaven are the second and third petitions of this prayer.**

The first part (Thy Kingdom Come) may be thought of as one which acknowledges the parallel between our Father who reigns over the universe, and our request or petition that He reign in our hearts. It acknowledges our limitations and faults. It asks the Father to purify us by our acknowledgment of Him as God and our desire to trust in God and in His desire for us rather than in worldly things, including our ego. We often fall into the trap of focussing our prayers on ourselves and what we think are our interests or (worldly needs). The Lord's Prayer focusses upon what God desires for us, over all else.

The second part (Thy Will Be Done on Earth as in Heaven) is praying that the perfection of Heaven might be experienced here on Earth. While we can look back at history and our own lives and experiences, or look forward toward the future, we live in the 'now'. This petition is not about us, it is that God's Will might become reality in this world and that we - each of us individually and all of us collectively - might play some small part in that reality, in the here and now.

In order to be part of the second petition (Thy Will Be Done on Earth), we need to understand what that means. It is not enough that we merely conform to whatever rules or regulations we believe exist or should be followed, passively, as a 'box-ticking' exercise to ensure ourselves of everlasting life. This petition requires us to be actively involved in understanding what it is that God asks of us, as part of His living church, on Earth. What God is asking of us may sometimes be simple or clear. Sometimes it may be perplexing. Do we speak up or stay silent? Do we intervene or stand aside? Do we block or encourage? Whatever the issue or conundrum, if we are truly of goodwill and God centric, we ought not be too far from the right path. We may not be perfect but as Jesus told us: All the Law and Prophets may be summarised by Love of God and love of neighbour.

**Deacon Alan**

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 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>			
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Lily Bradley People of the Parish
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Mem. Of SS Mary, Martha and Lazarus</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> July <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	Kathleen and Charmaine Doyle
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> July <b>Mem. Of St. Ignatius Loyola, Priest</b>	C/T	10 am	Kieran Collister (Sick)
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> August <b>Mem. St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor</b>	P/E	10.am	No Mass
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	Bernard Seed (RIP)
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Margaret Skeffington (RIP) Adoration and Confession
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Bob Preston (Ann) Tom Keating (RIP)

**Response to the Psalm:**

You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:  
you have the message of eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Bless the Lord O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £291.87

**Priest Training Fund.** collection was £138.90

**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."

**Mission Appeal:** During the weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August there will be an appeal for support of their mission work by the Comboni Sisters who will be visiting the parish over the weekend.

**Grandparents:** Today is the fourth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly.

**Foodbank:** There will be a collection for the foodbank today Sunday The collection point will be at the back of both churches.

**Baptism:** Chigozie Matthew Nwobi will be baptised in the 11am Mass next Sunday 4th August. There will be Nigerian food and baptism cake in the hall after Mass. Clare and Ebuka welcome you to join them for this. Please pray for his parents, relatives, and friends.

**Please note:** There will be no 10 am Mass on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

**Mass Intentions:** Bernard Seed, Kathleen and Charmaine Doyle, Kieran Collister, Margaret Skeffington, Tom Keating and Enzo Italiceno.

## Parish Diary

<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. We will hold a Pilgrimage on the Isle of Man to mirror that being held in the Cathedral in Liverpool. There will be an Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Co-Cathedral Douglas from 10 am to 5 pm. Please save the date; more information to follow.
<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

24 <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

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