

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

## Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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

#### **REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER – Give us this day our daily bread.**

Jesus presented the Lord's prayer to the disciples in answer to their request for him to teach them how to pray. When we look at it, we need to consider the structure as well as the content.

We are now halfway through the Lord's Prayer, and this is the first time we ask for something. Up until now we have praised God and asked that his will be done. We're now asking for what we need. And it's very important to note that we're asking for our needs, not our wants. We're asking to be fed, not given exotic, rich food. Nor are we asking for a year's supply, but please give us what we need one day at a time.

There is a clear link here to today's first reading. The Israelites had been freed from slavery but thought they were going to starve in the desert. So, Moses asks the Lord, and the Lord sends manna from Heaven. Each day, the people can collect what they need. If we read slightly further than today's passage, we see that Moses tells the people not to keep any of what they have collected until the following day, but some ignore him and save some, only to find it gets infested with maggots. The Lord gives us what we need but we shouldn't take more.

Last Sunday's Gospel was the feeding of the 5,000. Jesus took the small amount available and proceeded to feed everyone. If we are prepared to offer God the little, we have, he will look after us. Today's Gospel shows that it is not just our physical needs God looks after, but our spiritual ones as well. So, when we ask for our daily bread, we are also asking for that spiritual food; Jesus is the bread of life. He will come to us each day if we ask. We must want Him and ask for what we need (not want).

**Deacon Graeme**

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 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>			
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Margret Pilkington
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	Elaine Morley (RIP)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Memorial of St Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr</b>	C/T	10 am	Enzo Italiceon (RIP)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	P/E	10 am  7 pm	Peggy Preston(RIP)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	Del Rossano(RIP)
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am  10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration & Confession
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August <b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Frank Maher (Ann)

**Response to the Psalm.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

**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:**

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you  
your fill of finest wheat.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection was £212.73

**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:** Please welcome Sr. Asmeret Aregay Abreha who will be speaking about the work of the Comboni Sisters at Mass today. There will be a second collection for the Comboni Sisters to help them carry out their mission work.

**Adoremus Day:** On September 21<sup>st</sup>, St Mary's and St Columba's Parish has been allocated a time slot of 2 pm to 4 pm for prayers, adoration, and confession as part of the Adoremus Liverpool event. It is encouraged to mark your diaries and strive to attend during this time.

**Feast of the Assumption:** Thursday, 15 August, is the Feast of the Assumption. There will be Mass at 10 am at St Columba's and Mass at 7 pm at St Mary's.

**Mass Intentions:** Peggy Preston, Del Rossano, Enzo Italiceon, Elaine Morley, Frank Maher and Brian Molloy.

## 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>4<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Novena to Our Lady of Rushen. On Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September there will be a Celebration of the Memorial to Our Lady of Rushen.
<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
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas flowers for both churches