

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

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

REFLECTION ON THE LORD'S PRAYER The Concluding Doxology

Catholics do not usually say the Concluding Doxology ("For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever") at the end of the Lord's Prayer although most Protestants do.

A short, hymn-like verse that exalts the glory of God such as the Doxology is often used to conclude formal prayers. It is included in the very earliest Christian liturgies: The Didache (The Lord's Teaching Through the Twelve Apostles to the Nations) from the 1st Century and the Apostolic Constitutions (around the year 380). English translations of Matthew's Gospel based on late Byzantine Greek manuscripts included the Doxology, but it is absent in the oldest manuscripts and is now not considered to be part of the original text.

William Tyndale's New Testament translation in 1526 (the year before Henry VIII asked for his marriage to be annulled leading to the English Reformation) included the Doxology. This translation influenced the First Prayer Book of Edward VI in 1549 and cemented the Doxology in Protestant services.

Whilst we do not usually include the Doxology in our private prayers, since 1970 it has been included at Mass. After the Lord's Prayer the Priest says the Embolism, a prayer that expands on the last petition in the Lord's Prayer: "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ." We then respond with the Doxology.

The Doxology takes up, by inclusion, the first three petitions to our Father: the glorification of his name, the coming of his reign, and the power of his saving will. But these prayers are now proclaimed as adoration and thanksgiving, as in the liturgy of heaven. Christ gives the three titles of kingship, power, and glory to His Father and Our Father, until the end of time when the mystery of salvation will be brought to its completion and God will be all in all.

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).

Week commencing 1st September			
Sunday 1 st September Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Mary Harrington (Operation) and Marie Hampson (Special Intention)
Monday 2 nd September Weekday in Ordinary Time			No Mass
Tuesday 3 rd September Feast of St Gregory the Great, Pope, and Doctor	P/E	10 am	Elaine Morley (RIP)
Wednesday 4 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 5 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Mrs G Corke (RIP)
Friday 6 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	
Saturday 7 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 8 th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Linda Stabler (Ann)

Response to the Psalm

The just will live in the presence of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:

You have the message of eternal life

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £221.37

Second Collection: was £222.77

Adoremus Day: On September 21st, 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

South Parish Meeting: The South Parish meeting will take place on Thursday 19th September at 7 pm in St Columba's Hall. The topics to be discussed will be distributed to everyone on Sunday 8th September. All are welcome to attend this meeting.

Novena: A Novena is a traditional Catholic prayer practice lasting nine consecutive days. It involves specific prayers with a particular intention, often seeking divine intercession, help, or the intervention of a saint. Novenas can be private, with family, or in group settings such as church. They are associated with petitions for healing, guidance, or divine assistance but can also be prayers of thanksgiving. This practice is rooted in the early Christian tradition, modelled after the nine days the Apostles and Mary spent in prayer between Jesus' ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. You're all invited to the Novena of our Lady of Rushen in St. Mary's Church Castletown starting on Wednesday 4th, at 7.PM and concludes on Thursday, the 12th, with the Memorial Mass of Our Lady of Rushen.

Reflections.

Day 1: Mary in the O.T and NT

Day 2: The Church Fathers: What do they say about Mary

Day 3: St. Bernard of Clairvaux

Day 4: Islam, Mary (known as Maryam in Arabic)

Day 5: The Church teaching about Mary

Day 6: Mary, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother

Day 7: The Second Vatican Council (Lumen Gentium Chapter 8)

Day 8: The Rosary

Day 9: Memorial of Our Lady of Rushen

Eucharistic Ministers: All existing Eucharistic Ministers and those interested in training as Eucharistic Ministers are invited to a meeting at St. Columba's Hall on Friday 6th September at 7 pm.

Mass Intentions: Elaine Morley, Mrs G Corke, Linda Stabler, Mary Harrington, and Marie Hampson

Parish Diary:

4th to 11th September	Novena to Our Lady of Rushen. On Thursday 12 th September there will be a Celebration of the Memorial to Our Lady of Rushen.
14th September 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is Imagination, Discernment and Spiritual Direction. The speaker is Fr. Phil Harrison SJ.
19th September 7 pm	South Parish Meeting in St Columba's Hall.
21st September	Adoremus Liverpool. A day of Eucharistic Pilgrimage. We will hold a Pilgrimage to the Co-Cathedral St Mary's Douglas to mirror that being held in the Cathedral in Liverpool. 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.
9th October 8 pm	Concert by Manx Concert Brass in St Columba's Church.
12th October 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is "A Single Sunbeam." The speaker is Reverend Sharon Grenham-Thompson.
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.

Second Collections for 2024

8 th September	Catholic Education
15 th September	Evangelii Gadium
20 th October	APF World Missions
24 th November	Animate Youth
8 th December	Christmas flowers for both churches