

## NEWSLETTER

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

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**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Home Mission Day**

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

Dear Parishioners

I have already spoken of the introduction of a **New Translation of the Scripture Readings at Mass**. All Catholic Churches in the British Isles are required to commence using the new Lectionary on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024** and are obliged by the Archbishop to help parishioners prepare for this change. Prior to Covid we had a series of regular evenings '**Reflections on the Word**'. These were well supported. In these sessions we considered how our everyday lives are enriched by the scripture readings on successive Sundays. Fidelity to the original versions of the Word of God in Hebrew and Greek present particular challenges. At every Mass we ask ourselves what God is saying to us in the readings. The readings are a mirror that the Holy Spirit holds before us to help us recognise his voice in the circumstances of our lives. Revival of these evenings of reflection will provide an opportunity to tell the story of the new '**English Standard Version Catholic Edition**' and to experience first-hand how it differs from the existing '**Jerusalem Bible**' version. These sessions will be of interest to our Readers at Mass as well as to those who wish to deepen their understanding of the scriptures. The first of these sessions will take place next week **at 7.00pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September at St Anthony's Pastoral Centre, Onchan**. In addition to the resumption of these regular meetings there will be **A SINGLE ONE-OFF SESSION FOR PARISHIONERS ON THE TRANSITION TO THE NEW LECTIONARY WHICH ALL READERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND**. This will be held at **10.00am in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**.

**Adoremus Eucharistic Pilgrimages** are taking place **next Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at both the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King and the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary of the Isle Douglas. **Our day of Eucharistic Adoration starts at 10.00am at St Mary's and finishes with the usual 5.00pm Saturday evening Mass**. The pilgrimage is for parishioners from all our Catholic churches on the Island. St Anthony's Onchan and St Mary of the Isle parishes will take care of the period from 10.00am to 12noon. Saint Mary's choir have kindly agreed to accompany us. St Patrick's Peel and Our Lady Star of the Sea & St Maughold Ramsey will take care of the period from 12.00 to 2.00pm with St Mary's Castletown and St Columba's Port Erin leading from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. St Mary of the Isle and St Anthony's will also take care of the final hour until Mass at 5.00pm. Please note that the usual Saturday morning Confessions will still take place from 11am - 12 noon during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

Once again, **the Mayor of Douglas, Councillor Natalie Byron-Teare** is joining us for Mass at 11.00am on **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September** at the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary of the Isle for their **Annual Civic Service**. In addition to elected members and officers the Mass will also be attended by The Lieutenant Governor **Sir John Lorimer and Lady Lorimer, Mr Mark Blundell, Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside** and **Councillor Richard Kemp CBE, Lord Mayor of Liverpool**. Children from Saint Mary's school will also be joining us. There will be refreshments after Mass.

This year's **Novena to Mary Untier of Knots** will take place from **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October**. **Bishop Tom Williams** has kindly agreed to begin our novena with a celebration of **the Sacrament of the Sick, at 3.00pm on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October**. **In previous years many of you arranged for sick and elderly parishioners to attend**. Details of the remaining eight days of the novena will be announced when available.

**Eucharistic Ministers** are required to have their ministry periodically renewed. This involves a formal training session and recommissioning ceremony with the presentation to each minister of a *pagella* or certificate signed by the Archbishop authorising their ministry. This is required if they wish to continue in their role. A day of renewal was last held in November 2019. **Elizabeth Parsons**, Director of the Pastoral Development Department and **Mark Robson** are travelling to the Island to conduct a **Training and Recommissioning event to be held from 10.00am to 1.00pm in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October**. Please record this date in your diaries. All Eucharistic Ministers are requested to attend.

This coming week we welcome Fr Dennis Ortese Yiye CSSp to the Island. A Nigerian priest, he will be living in community with fellow Spiritan priest Fr Joseph Kiganda in Castletown and assisting us in St Anthony's and St Mary's.

On Sunday evening and Monday I attended the Vigil and Requiem Mass for my friend Monsignor Michael McKenna. Cardinal Vincent Nichols travelled to St Gregory's, Chorley in Lancashire to lead the service. I was also able to visit my sister Michele in Birmingham. Having been in hospital since April her health is deteriorating after several unsuccessful attempts to replace her hip. *Fr John*

**We welcome into our church community children and babies baptised in our parishes in recent months:**

Poppy Andrews, Sebastian Scott, Kathleen Copparelli, Fynlo Royle, Kean Banlawi, Kathryn Earwaker, Elijah Lapa, Harriet Creasey, Niamh Turpin, Antonina Wrzosek, Leira Geneza, Theodore Waterhouse, Aurora Young, Ronnie Lace, Eleanor O'Hanlon, Cobh Dooley, Cillian Wilson, Aurelia Baker, Henry Baker, Rupert Baker, Sienna Maia, Lily Borucki, Willow Joyce, Ellie M'Cauley, Aziel Bocala, Sophia Hardacre, Olive Preece, Remi Hills, Elliot Lowery, Anastazja Colley, Jude McLarney, Tiago Figueira, Elliot Zamora.

The appetite for young parents to have their children baptised has not lessened over the years.

**And Congratulations to our couples who were married in our church during the summer months:**

Michael Holt & Lauren Moffitt; Igor Vitovic & Agnieszka Szpara; William Brown & Laura Feely; Eric Kelly & Kiera Cooper; Stefan Moffatt & Zoe McCann. We wish them every blessing and happiness.

- We have received a notice from IOM Constabulary Roads Unit to advise there will be **an escorted lap of the TT course next Sunday 22 September departing from the Grandstand at 10am**. The event will result in some disruption to the road network which may impact bus and church services. The full notice can be read at the back of church.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Mary and St Joseph £1,116, St Anthony's £497. 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.

**Masses and Services for the coming week**

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

<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5.00pm	St Mary's	James Stack, anniversary
24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time			
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9.30am	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00am	St Mary's	Dave & Anne Corkill, 60 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary
<i>Home Mission Day</i>			
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Michele Scott, sick
St Cornelius & St Cyprian			
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Funeral Service: Paul Douglas</b>
St Robert Bellarmine	10.00am	St Anthony's	Eucharistic Service
St Hildegard of Bingen	12.10pm	St Mary's	Ben M'Carrick, recently died
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Vera Doherty, recently died
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>St Anthony's Pastoral Centre</b>	<b>Reflections on the Word</b>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	10.00am	St Anthony's	David Martin, recently died
	12.10pm	St Mary's	Billy Cashman, recently died
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Paul Turton, recently died
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>10.00am to 5.00pm</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Adoremus Eucharistic Pilgrimage</b> <i>(Confessions from 11am to 12noon)</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	Mary Daniels & Katrina Domingo ann
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<i>Day of Thanksgiving for Harvest &amp; Fruits of Human Work</i>			