

NEWSLETTER

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

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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 22nd September 2024

Day of Prayer in Thanksgiving for Harvest and Fruits of Human Work

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

Dear Parishioners

Today is **Civic Sunday**. We welcome **the Mayor of Douglas, Councillor Natalie Byron-Teare**, along with elected members, the Chief Executive and officials to our 11.00am Mass at the Cathedral Church of Saint Mary of the Isle. His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor and the Chief Minister will also attend along with The Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside and the Lord Mayor of Liverpool. We also welcome children and staff from Saint Mary's Primary School who will be singing. Members of uniformed groups will process from the Town Hall to the cathedral where they will present their standards.

We have been asked to reserve seats for the civic guests so regular attenders may not be able to sit in their usual places. It will assist proceedings if those attending Mass refrain from standing at the back and are seated in the pews. If you usually park in Hill Street or Myrtle Street, there will be restricted access and suspension of parking to accommodate the civic procession walking from the City Hall. After Mass light refreshments will be served at the rear of the church to which everyone is welcome.

This week we held the first of our resumed sessions **Reflections on the Word**. Some of those attending were regular readers at Mass others were parishioners who simply appreciated the opportunity to enrich their understanding of the scripture readings at Mass and to apply them to their daily lives - as well as learning more about the new '**English Standard Version, Catholic Edition**' of the Bible which is to be introduced at Masses throughout the British Isles on 1st December, the First Sunday of Advent. This new translation will replace the existing Jerusalem Bible version which has been in use since 1969. We compared the two translations of the same texts and looked specifically at both versions of the readings for this Sunday and agreed to continue meeting on a regular basis. We fixed the next such meeting for **Wednesday 2nd October at 7.00pm in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre**. All are welcome. In addition, there will be a **single one-off session on the transition to the new lectionary which all readers are encouraged to attend**. This will be held from **10.00am to 1.00pm at St Anthony's Pastoral Centre on Saturday 26th October**. The morning will include information on the structure and content of the new Lectionary and an update in training for readers.

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**, head of the Safeguarding Department are travelling to the Island from the Margaret Clitherow Centre in Liverpool to conduct a **Training and Recommissioning event** to be held on **Saturday 5th October from 10.00am to 1.00pm in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre**. Please record this date in your diaries. All Eucharistic Ministers are requested to attend.

This year's **Novena to Mary Untier of Knots** will take place from **Sunday 13th October to Monday 21st 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 13th October**. **In previous years many of you advised and arranged for sick and elderly family members and parishioners to attend**. Details of the remaining eight days of the novena will be announced when speakers are finalised.

- **T and Chat** will next meet on **1st October from 10.30am to 12 noon**. Tea/coffee and cakes will be served and everyone will be warmly welcomed. Please contact Josie on 406063 for any information. Big thanks to Brian Murphy who joined the September meeting for a very entertaining 'Name That Tune' quiz.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Mary and St Joseph £1,001, St Anthony's £375. 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

Saturday 21st September 25 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	Mary Daniels & Katrina Domingo ann
Sunday 22nd September 25 th Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Day of Thanksgiving for Harvest & Fruits of Human Work</i>	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	Joseph Brennan, recently died People of our Parishes (Civic Service)
Monday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)	12.10pm	St Mary's	Deceased clergy
Tuesday 24th September Our Lady of Walsingham	10.00am 12.10pm	St Anthony's St Mary's	Eucharistic Service Ivan del Rosario, recently died
Wednesday 25th September	12.10pm	St Mary's	Ken Brady, recently died
Thursday 26th September St Cosmas, St Damian	10.00am 12.10pm	St Anthony's St Mary's	Thanksgiving to St Anthony Harry Horner, recently died
Friday 27th September St Vincent de Paul	12.10pm	St Mary's	Eddie Joyce, recently died
Saturday 28th September 26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00am to 12 noon 5.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's	Exposition and Confessions Una Kelly, deceased
Sunday 29th September 26 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	People of our Parishes Alfie Masson, recently died

We remember our parishioner **Brian McBride** who died this week. We think of his grieving family and friends who mourn his loss. My he rest in peace.

CAFOD Prayer for a harvest shared by all

St Francis of Assisi,
your whole life sang in harmony
with God, nature and others.

With you, we praise God for Brother Sun,
full of beauty and splendour,
warming the earth, summoning shoots
from darkness into daylight.

We praise God for Sister Water,
so useful and humble,
precious and pure, greening arid ground,
growing life in desert places.

Pray for us Francis, that, like you,
we may care for all that exists,
until Brother Sun and Sister Water
produce a harvest shared by all,
in love and solidarity,
justice and peace. Amen.

