

## NEWSLETTER

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

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**26<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 29<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

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

Dear Parishioners

We are well and truly into the Autumn season. This coming Friday 4 October is the feast of St Francis of Assisi. It is also CAFOD Family Fast Day. CAFOD's supporting prayer this year is:

*Praise be to you, O God, source of life and goodness.*

*You fill the earth with abundance and love all that you have made.*

*As we join creation in singing your glory, teach us to care for our common home.*

*Praise be to you, O God, revealed in Jesus, God with us.*

*We hear the call of the Carpenter, to carve a path to a better future.*

*Guide our hands to repair what's broken, to build a just and peaceful world.*

*Praise be to you, O God, who enfolds us with the Spirit,*

*to call us deeper into the heart of love, to comfort and disturb.*

*Give us strength and courage to work with you to make all things new. Amen.*

**Eucharistic Ministers:** As reported in the newsletter of 26<sup>th</sup> May our Parish Council discussed Archdiocesan requirements regarding **Safeguarding, Data Protection** and **Health and Safety** on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Each of these has a bearing on a range of parish activities such as Eucharistic Ministers, parish meetings and the Lourdes Pilgrimage. In the newsletter of 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> August I spoke about the requirement for Eucharistic Ministers to have their ministry renewed at a formal **training session on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** followed at a later date by the **presentation to each minister of a pagella or certificate signed by the Archbishop authorising them to exercise this ministry for a period of five years.** A day of renewal for Eucharistic ministers was last held in November 2019 – this means that all current Eucharistic Ministers require their training to be updated and their authorisation renewed. Also announced in the newsletter of 4<sup>th</sup> August, **Elizabeth Parsons**, Director of the Pastoral Development Department and **Mark Robson** are travelling to the Island to conduct this **Training Event from 10.00am to 1.00pm on next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre. All Eucharistic Ministers are required to attend if they wish to continue in their role.

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This week we continue our sessions of **Reflections on the Word** at St Anthony's Pastoral Centre on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 7.00pm.** We look specifically at both versions of the readings for the following Sunday to apply them to our daily lives. All are welcome. We are also 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 1<sup>st</sup> December, the First Sunday of Advent. This new translation will replace the existing Jerusalem Bible version which has been in use since 1969. 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 26<sup>th</sup> October.** The morning will include information on the structure and content of the new Lectionary and an update in training for readers.

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**Archdiocese of Liverpool Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025** will take place from 23 July to 1 August 2025. Application forms will go online on **Monday 7 October 2024** when young people aged 15-22 can apply at [www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk](http://www.liverpool Lourdes youth.co.uk). If you are interested in being part of the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage and require more information, please email St Mary's parish office [saintmaryiom@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:saintmaryiom@rcaol.org.uk). You can also see posters and flyers at the back of church. There are some changes to leaders and safeguarding procedures with the Archdiocesan Youth Pilgrimage for next year. We are liaising with them about this. The cost for each young person travelling from Liverpool is £710. Deposit of £100 to be paid on application.

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- **T and Chat** will next meet on **1<sup>st</sup> 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.
- A **Candlelight Vigil for Gaza** including music, poetry and readings will take place on **Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October from 6pm to 7.30pm** at the Amphitheatre outside the Sefton Hotel, Douglas. You are asked to bring a candle (in a jar or battery/solar charged) and something to sit on. Please see poster at the back of church.

### Masses and Services for the coming week

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

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	Una Kelly, deceased
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	People of our Parishes Alfie Masson, recently died
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b> St Jerome	<i>No Mass today</i>		<i>No Mass or Service today</i>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October</b> St Teresa of the Child Jesus	10.00am 12.10pm	St Anthony's St Mary's	<i>Eucharistic Service</i> Enzo Italiano, recently died
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b> The Guardian Angels	12.10pm 7.00pm	St Mary's <i>St Anthony's P C</i>	Rose & William Keenan, anniversary <i>Reflections on the Word</i>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	10.00am 12.10pm	St Anthony's St Mary's	Ernest John Reilly Mike Shimmin, anniversary
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b> St Francis Of Assisi	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b><i>Requiem Mass: Brian McBride</i></b>
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	11.00am to 12 noon 5.00pm	St Mary's St Mary's	<i>No Exposition or Confessions</i> People of our Parishes
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>Rosary Sunday</i> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	Madge & Mathew O'Brien, anniv Siobhan M <sup>c</sup> Carrick intentions

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 advised and arranged for sick and elderly family members and parishioners to attend. The full programme is below.

### 2024 Dates for Novena to Mary Untier of Knots in Cathedral Church of St Mary of the Isle

Day 1	Sunday 13 October 3pm	<b>Untying the Knots of Ill Health: Sacrament of the Sick</b> <i>with Bishop Tom Williams</i>
Day 2	Monday 14 October 7pm	<b>Untying the Knots of Mental Illness, Depression and Suicide:</b> <i>Karl Staniford</i>
Day 3	Tuesday 15 October 7pm	<b>Untying the Knots of Bereavement, Loss and Loneliness</b>
Day 4	Wednesday 16 October 7pm	<b>Untying the Knots of Domestic Abuse and Coercive Control:</b> <i>Samuel Cannell</i>
Day 5	Thursday 17 October 7pm	<b>Untying Knots and Bringing Healing to our Relationships</b> <i>Sister Margaret Walsh SND</i>
Day 6	Friday 18 October 7pm	<b>Untying the Knots of Discrimination:</b> <i>Rev Dr Janet Corlett</i>
Day 7	Saturday 19 October 5pm (Mass)	<b>Identifying the Knots in our own lives and in the lives of those we love</b>
Day 8	Sunday 20 October 3pm	<b>Praying for Peace and Untying the Knots of War</b> <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction</i>
Day 9	Monday 21 October 7pm	<b>Giving Thanks to God for Blessings Received</b>