

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

Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”

BEING FULLY CONSCIOUS AND ACTIVE PARTICIPANTS IN THE LITURGY A

The active and conscious participation of the faithful in liturgical celebrations is a fundamental aspect of Catholic and Christian worship, as emphasized in documents such as Sacrosanctum Concilium. To fully engage in the liturgy, individuals must be conscious of its significance and understand the prayers, symbols, and rituals.

Active participation involves responding to prayers, singing, engaging in reverent postures, and taking on roles in the liturgy when possible. Furthermore, full participation calls for engaging the whole person—mind, body, and spirit—and embracing the communal nature of the celebration. This fosters a profound sense of unity and belonging within the spiritual family, making each participant feel connected and integral to the larger community.

The goal of active and conscious participation in the liturgy is for the faithful to recognize their crucial role as the People of God and to offer praise and thanksgiving. Through this elevated level of involvement, individuals deepen their relationship with God and the Church community and contribute to the overall beauty and solemnity of the liturgy, making it a truly transformative experience.

Ultimately, fully engaging in the liturgy enriches one's spiritual life, fosters a sense of belonging, and strengthens the communal bond within the faith community, reinforcing the importance and value of everyone's role in the liturgy.

In conclusion, the call for active and conscious participation in liturgical celebrations is a continuous invitation rooted in the desire for the faithful to fully embrace their role in worshipping. Understanding the significance of the liturgy and engaging with it on all levels—mentally, physically, and spiritually—enhances the individual's connection to their faith and the larger spiritual community, enriching the worship experience for all participants.

What are some specific examples of active and conscious participation in liturgical celebrations?

Fr Joseph

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 22nd September			
Sunday 22 nd September Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Kathleen Jenkins (RIP)
Monday 23 rd September Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina			No Mass
Tuesday 24 th September Memorial of Our Lady of Washington	P/E	10 am	Oliver Corkish (Special Intention)
Wednesday 25 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	Fr. Edward Holmes (RIP)
Thursday 26 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Paul Douglas (RIP) Confession
Friday 27 th September Memorial of St Vincent de Paul	C/T	10 am	Doreen Short
Saturday 28 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 29 th September Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Heyes Family People of the Parish

Response to the Psalm

The Lord upholds my life.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the light of the world, says the Lord
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon.

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection was £298.70

Second Collection: Last Sunday for Evangelii Guadium £271.70

Readers' Training: With the introduction of a new Lectionary from the start of Advent, all current and potential new readers are requested to attend some training. This will be held on Tuesday 15th and 22nd October at 7.30 pm in St. Columba's Hall. Both evenings will be required for the whole training. If you wish to continue reading but are unable to attend those dates, please contact Deacon Graeme to arrange an alternative time. **Please note corrected time.**

Walking Treasure Hunt: On Sunday, 6th October, starting at St Mary's in Castletown at 2 pm. Time to complete is around 1 1/2 hours followed by refreshments, answers and prize giving in St Mary's Church. Format - walk around the heart of Castletown answering quiz questions from clues found. If wet, instead a quiz will be held in St Mary's Church. Cost is £3 for adults and £1 for children. Interest in attendance is requested to help organise the catering. Please come and join in this fun social event and bring along your friends.

Christmas wreath: Our annual wreath making class will be held in St Columba's Hall, Port Erin on Saturday 7th of December, from 10.00 am to 12.30pm. Cost is £18.00 which includes an oasis ring. To secure your place please email, suemagee@me.com, and she will send full details in due course.

Eucharistic Ministers: Existing Eucharistic Ministers and those interested in training, the training will take place at St. Anthony's Onchan on Saturday 5th October from 10 am to 1 pm.

Thank you: To the ladies who have painted the vestibule at St Mary's, you have done a wonderful job.

Mass Intentions: Oliver Corkish , Paul Douglas , Doreen Short, Kathleen Jenkins, Fr Edward Holmes, and Heyes Family

Parish Diary:

5th October 10 am to 1 pm	Eucharistic Ministers training at St Anthony's Onchan
6 October 2 pm	Walking Treasure Hunt.
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 & 22nd October 7 30pm	Readers Training at St Columba's Hall
7th December 10 am to 12 30 pm	Christmas Wreath making class at St Columba's Hall
15th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's Church.

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

20 th October	APF World Missions
24 th November	Animate Youth
8 th December	Christmas flowers for both churches

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