

NEWSLETTER

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

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27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 6th October 2024

Rosary Sunday

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

Dear Parishioners

This week we welcome **Father Dennis Terongu CSSp** to all our weekend Masses. He has been assigned to live in community in Castletown with fellow Spiritan Father Joseph Kiganda and to assist here at St Anthony's Onchan and the cathedral church of Saint Mary of the Isle. Born in Nigeria, before coming to the Island Fr Dennis has spent the last year in a parish in the Galloway Diocese, Scotland. I know you will make him welcome.

Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace on **Monday, October 7**, the first anniversary of the start of the catastrophic conflict in the Holy Land. He said: "In this dramatic hour of our history, while the winds of war and the fires of violence continue to devastate entire peoples and nations," the Christian community is reminded of its call to "put itself at the service of humanity."

The Pope said "Let us walk together. Let us listen to the Lord. And let us be led by the breeze of the Spirit."

Echoing the Pope's call, **Cardinal Vincent Nichols** asks everyone to participate in a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the world on Monday.

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, the Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, has also invited us to mark next Monday as a day of prayer, penance and fasting for peace in the Holy Land.

- On **Monday 7 October, the 12.10pm Mass at St Mary's** will be offered for Peace. As Monday is the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary**, the Mass will be followed by a decade of the Rosary.

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. The full programme is available on a separate sheet at the back of church.

Another date for your diaries: Inauguration Anniversary. It's almost a year since Saint Mary of the Isle was elevated to the status of a Co-Cathedral. The inauguration and installation took place on 3rd November 2023. It is customary for cathedrals to celebrate their anniversaries. **Archbishop Malcolm** will visit the Island to mark the occasion. He has agreed to preside at a **special Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday 7th November**. Everyone welcome.

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. 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. 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.

- A **Candlelight Vigil for Gaza** including music, poetry and readings will take place this **Sunday 6th 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.
- **St Anthony's Bingo** will take place on Thursday 10 October at 7.30pm. Everyone welcome.
- **Island Spirituality Network:** on **Saturday 12th October** from 10am to 1pm at St. John's Mill. Revd Sharon Grenham-Thompson will lead the morning on Franciscan spirituality and its beautiful charisms. "A Single Sunbeam – one single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows."
- **Quiz Night in aid of Lourdes Youth Fund** on **Saturday 19 October** at 7pm in the Columba Club. Tickets costing £6 are available from Brian Murphy or Richard Coase. Raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Mary and St Joseph £1,168, St Anthony's £435. 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 5th October 27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	People of our Parishes
Sunday 6th October <i>Rosary Sunday</i> 27 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	Madge & Mathew O'Brien, anniv Siobhan M ^c Carrick intentions
Monday 7th October Our Lady of the Rosary	12.10pm	St Mary's	Peace in our world
Tuesday 8th October	10.00am 12.10pm	<i>St Anthony's</i> St Mary's	<i>Eucharistic Service</i> Katrina Domingo & Mary Daniels, ann
Wednesday 9th October St John Henry Newman	12.10pm	St Mary's	Carlo Signorio, recently died
Thursday 10th October St Paulinus of York, St Denis & Companions, St John Leonardi	10.00am 12.10pm 1.15pm	St Anthony's St Mary's Crematorium	Albert Gubay, deceased Luzviminda Veragara, deceased Funeral Service: Lionel Collister
Friday 11th October St John XXIII, Pope	12.10pm	St Mary's	Sean Metcalfe, anniversary
Saturday 12th October 28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	<i>No Exposition or Confessions</i> Mary Gallagher, recently died
Sunday 13th October <i>Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their families</i> 28 th Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	St Anthony's St Mary's St Mary's	Joan Corran, anniversary People of our Parishes Novena to Mary Untier of Knots Day 1: Sacrament of the Sick

We remember in our prayers our parishioner **Lionel Collister** who died last week. We think of his grieving family and friends who mourn his loss. May he rest in peace.

On **Thursday 10 October**, the Consecration of the new Bishop of Sodor and Man, the Venerable Tricia Hillas, will take place in York Minster Cathedral. Fr John will be attending on behalf of the Roman Catholic community on the Island.