

## NEWSLETTER

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

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**29<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2024**

**World Mission Day**

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

Dear Parishioners

On 10<sup>th</sup> October a group from the Isle of Man travelled to **York Minster** for the consecration of the **Venerable Patricia Hillas as the new Bishop of Sodor and Man**. The ceremony took place on the feast of St Paulinus, the first Archbishop of York, and was led by Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, his 98<sup>th</sup> successor. **Bishop Tricia is to be installed as bishop in the Cathedral Church of St German in Peel, Isle of Man, on 16<sup>th</sup> November.**

Two other bishops were consecrated in the same ceremony: new Bishops of Selby, and of Whitby. In the sermon Canon Paula Gooder spoke of how Paulinus was sent by Pope St Gregory the Great along with Saints Justus and Mellitus to convert England. I felt part of a chain of faith with those who have gathered in this same spot since 627 AD. My previous visits to the Minster had been accompanied by dark skies and rain. This time the sun shone, the building looked its best and when we sang, we raised the roof.

Born in Malaysia but growing up in London, Bishop Tricia has served in various roles since ordination as an Anglican priest. In 2010 she became Archdeacon and Canon of Westminster and Chaplain to the Speaker of the House of Commons. Sodor and Man is the smallest diocese in the Church of England, with 45 churches and 27 parishes. Life on the Island couldn't be more of a contrast but she has family connections on the Island and has been a regular visitor over the years. Bishop Tricia also brings with her experience of an earlier career as a social worker accompanying people with HIV and adults with disabilities. We look forward to welcoming her.

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On Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October I was in the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool. The Apostolic Nuncio **Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía** conferred a papal Knighthood on **Professor Gerald Pillay**, the former Vice Chancellor of Liverpool Hope University. The event was attended by Archbishop Malcolm, the Rt Revd John Perumbalath, Anglican Bishop of Liverpool, the chapters of Canons of both the Catholic and Anglican Cathedrals, the current Vice Chancellor of the University Professor Claire Ozanne along with civic and ecumenical guests. As the former Pro Chancellor and Chair of Governing Council, I was invited to give the address.

**Liverpool Hope University** was a fruit of the friendship between **Bishop David Sheppard and Archbishop Derek Worlock**. It began as a rescue package. The government of the day had determined that teaching should become an all-graduate profession. It signalled the end of teacher training colleges. St Katherine's, Mount Pleasant and Christ's College were earmarked for closure. Archbishop Derek and Bishop David realised that the faith-based roots and traditions of St Katherine's and Mount Pleasant, reaching back to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century, would be lost. Professor Gerald Pillay transformed an amalgamation of former teacher training colleges into a fully-fledged University, Liverpool Hope. **Liverpool Hope shares the name of the street that links Liverpool's two cathedrals**; the same street down which Pope John Paul II processed with Bishop David and Archbishop Derek on his visit to the city in 1982. Having grown up in South Africa and enduring the exclusion and indignities of apartheid first hand, Gerald came to Liverpool as a champion of higher education for all. He went on to become Hope's first Vice Chancellor; the first ethnic minority VC in the UK, a role in which he served with distinction for 22 years. It took an outsider to point out that the UK's ancient universities all have their roots in the church. Gerald challenged the assumption that the pursuit of knowledge is compromised by association with religion; that a church-based university exists to protect the fragile faith of the student from contamination by a secular perspective. Internationally many of the universities of the highest calibre are also church based. And having taught on three continents himself, Gerald brought an international dimension to the university, appointing staff from over 35 nations. For Professor Pillay the added value of faith, informed and motivated every aspect of the university's life. He puts it best in his own words:

*A Christian university is in the first instance a place of learning and enquiry for the world. Its moorings are Christian but its purpose is to serve the whole society in which it moves and has its being... Perhaps the Incarnation is the best illustration of this relationship between faith and the academic institution.... Like the Incarnation, God's presence is not blatant or obvious.... Faith cannot be confined to the chaplaincy or the religious life of the campus. It has to be found everywhere where scholars and their students seek Truth. (Gerald J Pillay, 'Keeping Faith in Higher Education', CONTACT 2013).*

**Novena to Mary Untier of Knots:** Thank you to everyone who has attended so far this week. Many of you commented on the moving and powerful sharings by the guest speakers on difficult topics. This Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> at the 3pm Novena session the theme is '**Praying for Peace and Untying the Knots of War**' with **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction**. If you have been unable to attend the evening sessions this is a good opportunity to come and pray for peace in solidarity with all those who are suffering in war-torn countries. Monday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm will be the final day of the novena.

Our **Readers' Training Morning** will be held in **St Anthony's Pastoral Centre** from **10am to 1pm next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October**. As well as an update in training for all existing and new readers in our churches, we will look at the transition to the new lectionary which will begin at all Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> December. All readers are required to attend. The next session of our **Reflections on the Word** will be **Wednesday 13 November at 7pm** in St Anthony's Pastoral Centre. Everyone is welcome.

**Cathedral Inauguration Anniversary.** Everyone welcome to a **special Mass at 7.00pm on Thursday 7 November** in **St Mary's** at which **Archbishop Malcolm** will preside to celebrate the first anniversary of the Inauguration.

**Archdiocese of Liverpool Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage 2025:** For those young people who have been successful in obtaining a place on next year's Lourdes pilgrimage please email directly St Mary's parish office at [saintmaryiom@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:saintmaryiom@rcaol.org.uk). 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 '**Warm and Cosy Hub**' will resume on **Monday 28 October** and will run each week on Monday and Friday from 10am until 2pm throughout the winter months in the Columba Club, Circular Road, Douglas. Hot soup with bread and butter will be served - tea, coffee and biscuits with a warm welcome. Thank you to the Knights of St Columba and volunteers who provide the Warm and Cosy Hub.
- **T and Chat** will next meet on **5 November 2024** from **10.30am to 12noon**. Sue Magee has kindly offered to do a floral arrangement presentation. Everyone will be warmly welcomed. Tea/coffee and cake will be served. Please contact Josie on 406063 for any information.
- The annual **Fair-Trade** event at the **Cooill** is taking place from **Thursday 31 October to Saturday 2 November** from **10am to 6.30pm each day**. See poster for full details at the back of church.
- **Offertory Collections:** St Mary and St Joseph £946, St Anthony's £476. 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 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	Mike Joe Hennessy, anniversary <b>Novena to Mary Untier of Knots Day 7</b>
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>World Mission Day</i> 29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am <b>3.00pm</b>	St Anthony's St Mary's <b>St Mary's</b>	People of our Parishes Michael & Sarah Garrity, anniversary <b>Novena to Mary Untier of Knots Day 8</b>
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	12.10pm <b>7.00pm</b>	St Mary's <b>St Mary's</b>	Brendan Lavery, recently died <b>Novena to Mary Untier of Knots Day 9</b>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b> St John Paul II, Pope	10.00am 12.10pm	<i>St Anthony's</i> St Mary's	<i>Eucharistic Service</i> Jamie Boncompte, recently died
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>St Mary's</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Brian Leneghan</b>
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.00am 12.10pm	<b>St Anthony's</b> St Mary's	<b>Requiem Mass: James Almond</b> M <sup>c</sup> Nally, O'Hanlon & Kelly families decd
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12.10pm	St Mary's	Sharon McCarrick & family intentions
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	5.00pm	St Mary's	<i>No Exposition or Confessions</i> John Coyle, anniversary
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October</b> 30 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony's St Mary's	People of our Parishes Tony Gillespie, 1 <sup>st</sup> anniversary