

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

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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**“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”**

### Dei Verbum

After we reflect on Dei Verbum last week, I have some ideas for integrating its teachings into our parish life.

**1 Emphasize Scripture in Liturgy** – We should ensure that homilies are based on the readings and provide context and deeper understanding. It's important to encourage Lectors to proclaim the Word clearly and reverently, and to provide readers' training to everyone.

**2 Start Bible Study and Small Christian Communities** – Let's launch parish-wide Bible studies and promote small Christian communities to gather and reflect on the Scriptures. Small Christian communities can help foster a sense of community and provide a space for spiritual growth and mutual support.

**3 Integrate Scripture into Catechesis and Religious Education-** Its crucial to ensure that all catechetical programs are deeply rooted in Scripture and use the Bible as the foundation for teaching the faith.

**4 Encourage Personal Scripture Reading and Reflection-** We should encourage parishioners to read the Bible at home and provide daily Scripture readings in the parish newsletter. Additionally, offering guidance on Lectio divina, a prayerful method of engaging with Scripture, would be beneficial.

**5 Promote Opportunities of Ecumenical Dialogue-** Organising ecumenical Bible studies or discussions with other Christian communities can promote mutual understanding and unity.

By taking these steps, our parish can enrich the spiritual lives of parishioners by deepening their understanding and engagement with Sacred Scripture and Tradition, in line with the encouragement of Dei Verbum.

**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).

<b>Week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Collister Family People of the Parish
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Memorial of St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor and Virgin</b>	P/E	10 am	Margaret Jackson (Special Intention)
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	Kath and Mary (Special Intention)
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr</b>	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Peter and Jean Dolan (Thanksgiving for 60 years of marriage) Confession
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist</b>	C/T	10 am	All Souls
Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Weekday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> October <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Harry Jackson (RIP)

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Fill us with your love that we may rejoice.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,  
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children.

**Alleluia.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

The rich suffer want and go hungry,  
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's offertory collection was £169.87.

**Second Collection:** Next Sunday's second collection will be for APF World Missions.

**Walking Treasure Hunt:** Thank you to everyone who attended the successful Treasure Hunt in Castletown. It was very well attended and a big shoutout to the organisers and the helpers.

**Readers' Training:** Readers' Training will be held at 10 am on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November, in St. Columba's and 2 pm on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, in St. Mary's. The duration of the training is expected to be approximately 2½ to 3 hours. With the introduction of a new Lectionary from the start of Advent, all current and potential new readers are requested to attend **one** of these sessions. If you wish to continue reading but are unable to attend either date, please contact Deacon Graeme to arrange an alternative. **Note:** The two trainings will be identical; please do not feel you have to attend the one where you normally read.

**Children's Liturgy:** There will be a Liturgy leader meeting Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in St Columba's Hall to plan for Advent children's liturgy and the parish nativity. The meeting is for existing leaders. Anyone interested in joining the team will be warmly welcomed.

**Food Bank Collection:** On Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, the last collection of the year for the food bank will take place. There will be collection point at the back of both churches.

**Christmas Wreath:** Our annual wreath-making class will be held in St Columba's Hall on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.00 am to 12.30 pm. Cost is £18.00 which includes an oasis ring. To secure your place please email Sue at [suemagee@me.com](mailto:suemagee@me.com), and she will send full details.

**First Communion Class:** If your child will be seven or above by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, please enroll them for our next First Communion class. The classes are scheduled to commence on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2025, and will take place every Sunday at 12:30 pm, following the 11 am Mass at St. Columba's. Each session will have a duration of one hour. The actual First Communion will take place on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Please take an enrollment form from the Sacristy and return to Rachel or Julie. Alternatively, you can phone or email Rachel Parr on 07815925076 or email [rachelparr31@hotmail.com](mailto:rachelparr31@hotmail.com).

**Mass Intentions:** Collister Family, Margaret Jackson, Kath and Mary, Peter and Jean Dolan, Mary, John, and Frank Hutchinson, Harry Jackson, and Betty Lafferty.

## Parish Diary:

<b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>7.30 pm</b>	Children's Liturgy Leaders meeting at St Columba's Hall.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>10 am to 1 pm</b>	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill. The theme is "Good News for the Poor." The speaker is Chris Lane.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>10 am</b>	Reader's Training in St Columba's.
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>12 pm to 4 pm</b>	Fair Trade sale and homemade soup and bread lunches. Proceeds of lunch going to help the Loreto Sisters work in Albania.
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>2 pm</b>	Reader's training in St Mary's.
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>11 am to 1 pm</b>	Christmas Fayre at St Columba's Hall.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>10 am to 12.30 pm</b>	Christmas Wreath making class at St Columba's Hall.
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b> <b>3 pm</b>	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's Church.
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b> <b>11 am</b>	Crowning of Our Lady during Mass at St Columba's.
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>11 am</b>	First Communion Mass.

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 <sup>th</sup> October	APF World Missions
24 <sup>th</sup> November	Animate Youth
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas flowers for both churches

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