

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

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King

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“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together” Jubilee 2025

In response to the Holy Father's desire to embrace this historic tradition of pilgrimage during the coming year, and using the provisions given by the Apostolic Penitentiary, we hereby designate the following ecclesial buildings within the Archdiocese of Liverpool as Jubilee Churches of pilgrimage for the Holy Year to take place from 29 December 2024 until 28 December 2025.

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King at Liverpool, The Co-cathedral of Saint Mary of the Isle at Douglas, The Church and Shrine of Saint Anne and Blessed Dominic at Saint Helens, Saint Oswald and St Edmund Arrowsmith church at Ashton-in-Makerfield, Saint Mary church at Chorley, Shrine Church of Saint Mary at Warrington (which is part of the parish of Blessed James Bell).

Additionally, I have designated the prison chapels of HMP Altcourse, HMP Garth, HMP Hindley, HMP Liverpool, HMP Risley, HMP Wymott and Isle of Man prison, as places of pilgrimage.

This will enable prisoners and staff to join with the Jubilee Year celebrations as “pilgrims of hope”. We entrust our efforts in the year of jubilee to the intercession of Our Lady Immaculate, Saint Joseph and Saint Kentigern, our archdiocesan patrons.

Given at Liverpool this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four.

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 24th November			
Sunday 24 th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish
Monday 25 th November Weekday in Ordinary Time			No Mass
Tuesday 26 th November Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Stephen Hall (RIP)
Wednesday 27 th November Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 28 th November Memorial Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	
Friday 29 th November Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	
Saturday 30 th November Feast of St Andrew, Apostle	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 1 st December First Sunday of Advent	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish

Responsorial Psalm:

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord sits as King for ever

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Offering Collection: Last week's offertory collection was £175.92

Second Collection: This Sunday's second collection will be for Animate Youth

Catholic Herald: This month's Catholic Herald is on sale now for £4.50

Quiz Night: The Social Club will be holding a Quiz Night on Tuesday, 26th November, at 7 pm in St Columba's Hall. Entry is £1 per person to cover tea and coffee. You can enter as a team up to six people or be allocated a team on the night. Please bring a faith supper, BYO tipples, and a friend. Please speak to a Social Club member to book your place.

Christmas Fayre: Please support the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Fayre as they need your help. Come along have a coffee and bring a friend or try and provide a raffle prize or bottles, chocolate, homemade cakes. This coming Friday, 29th November, there will be a box at the back of both churches to receive goods or the hall will be open to accept donations from 2 to 4 pm. Further details email Pauline at holdenfamly@manx.net or phone 834514.

Nativity Service This year's Parish Nativity Service will take place on Sunday, 15th December, at 3 pm at St. Columba's. As usual we are delighted to have the fantastic Rushen Silver band providing the music for the carols. For anyone who would like to take part in this year's nativity there will be a meeting in the hall after 11 am Mass this Sunday 24th November. If you can't come to the meeting, please can you email Graeme on g.easton@rcaol.org.uk or text him on 435056 instead. The important thing is that we know who would like to take part as soon as possible so that we can allocate the parts and organise the script. There will then be practices on the following two Sundays after 11 am mass on 1st and 8th December and a final dress rehearsal on Saturday, 14th December, before the nativity itself the following day. As usual, we'd like to be as inclusive and welcoming as we can and invite anyone who may enjoy taking part to join us - the more the merrier. Please invite any family and friends who may be interested to get involved; all are welcome.

First Holy Communion Class: If your child will be 7 years of age or above by 1st January 2025, please enroll them for our next First Holy Communion class. The classes will start on Sunday, 12th January 2025, and be held each Sunday at 12.30 pm, after 11 o'clock Mass at St Columba's and last for one hour.

The actual First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday, 18th May 2025
Either:

- 1) Take an enrollment form from the sacristy and return to Rachel or Julie.
- 2) Phone Rachel Parr on 07815 925076 or Julie Maddrell on 07624 438462.

Ecumenical Alternativity Service: The service will be at 7:30pm on Thursday 5 December, at St Thomas Church, Finch Road, Douglas. It is planned to last an hour, and refreshments (including mulled wine) will be served after

Mass Intentions: Stephen Hall

Parish Diary:

26th November 7 pm	Quiz Night at St Columba's Hall.
30th November 11 am to 1 pm	Christmas Fayre at St Columba's Hall.
5th December 7.30 pm	Ecumenical Alternativity Service at St Thomas Church Douglas.
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.
12th January 2025 12.30 pm	Start of First Holy Communion classes in St Columba's Hall.
11th May 11 am	Crowning of Our Lady during Mass at St Columba's.
18th May 11 am	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

24 th November	Animate Youth
8 th December	Christmas flowers for both churches