

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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

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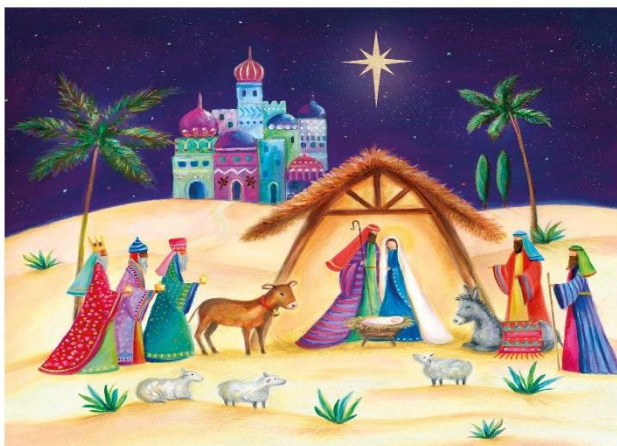
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**“The Family that Prays Together Stays Together”**

**Happy Christmas and a Happy Year 2025**



**Wishing all our parishioners and visiting family and friends a happy and holy Christmas from Fr. Joseph, Fr. Dennis , Deacon Alan, and Deacon Graeme.**

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 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>			
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Jennette Verrechia (RIP)
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December <b>Weekday in Advent</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Weekday in Advent</b>	P/E	10 am	Elaine and Sara
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	SVP List SVP List
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Feast of St. Stephen , first Martyr</b>	P/E	10 am	Lucy and Benny Gresty
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Feast of St. John Apostle and Evangelist</b>	C/T	10 am	Altar Servers of the Parish
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Feast of the Holy Innocents</b>	P/E	10 am	Betty McMillan
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Feast of the Holy Family</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Bob Preston Anna Maley

## **Fourth Sunday of Advent**

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Bring us back, O God;  
let your face shine forth , and we shall be saved

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

#### **Alleluia, Alleluia**

Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord.  
let it be to me according to your word.

#### **Alleluia**

### **Communion Antiphon:**

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son.  
And his name will be called Emmanuel.

## **Christmas Day**

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

A hallowed day has shone upon us.  
Come O nations, and adore the Lord;  
for today a great light has come down to earth.

### **Communion Antiphon:**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Offering Collection:** Last week's offertory collection was £198.35.

**Christmas Greetings:** Fr Joseph and Fr Dennis would like to thank all the parishioners for their Christmas greetings.

**Nativity Service:** Thank you for to all those who took part and helped make the parish Nativity service such a success – readers, actors, parents, helpers, those who stayed to clear everything up and the fantastic Rushen Silver Band. Thank you also for the collection of £430.92 for Isle Listen.

**First Holy Communion Class:** If your child will be 7 years of age or above by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025, please enroll them for our next First Holy Communion class. The classes will start on Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Either:

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

**Christmas Envelopes:** During the sacred season of Advent, as we prepare to celebrate the joy of Christmas, we share greetings and thoughtful gifts with our family, friends, and loved ones. In this spirit of generosity, Catholics cherish the tradition of making a special Christmas donation to their parish church.

These donations are especially important during the winter months when the costs of heating and maintaining our beautiful, yet aging, church buildings increase significantly. Your contribution helps ensure that our parish remains a warm and welcoming place for everyone, even in the coldest season.

We invite you to take an envelope, place your special Christmas donation inside, and return it by Christmas Day. Your kindness and generosity are deeply appreciated and make a lasting difference in the life of our church community. Thank you for your continued support. May God bless you abundantly during this holy season of Advent and Christmas.

**Mass Intentions:** Jennette Verrechia, Anna Maley, Elaine and Sara, Bob Preston, Joan Hook, Lucy and Benny Gresty, and Betty McMillan

## Parish Diary

12 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 12.30 pm	Start of First Holy Communion classes in St Columba's Hall.
11 <sup>th</sup> May 11 am	Crowning of Our Lady during Mass at St Columba's.
18 <sup>th</sup> 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.