

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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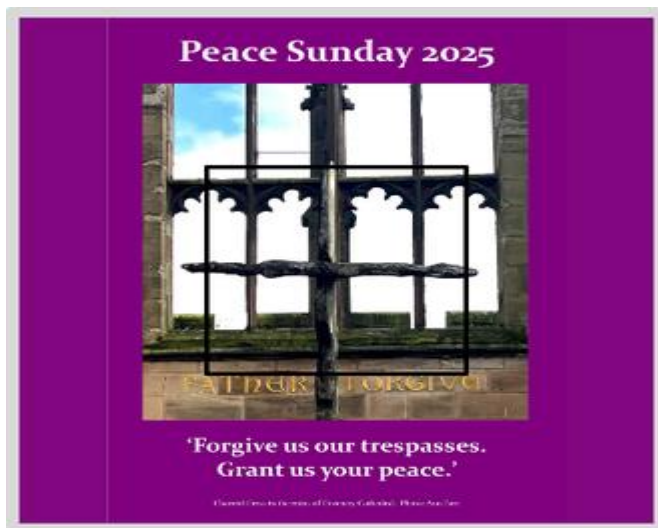
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“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer”



Pope Francis' World Peace Day Message for this year is rooted in the biblical tradition of the Jubilee. The Jubilee or 'acceptable year' was that one year in seven or one in forty-nine of forgiveness and restoration, when all debts were forgiven, prisoners freed, and a sense of community restored. However, it was often a dream rather than a reality. The Message tells us that the concepts of hope and forgiveness are at the heart of the Jubilee, a time for conversion that calls us not to condemn, but instead to bring about reconciliation and peace. We are invited to ask for forgiveness as a means of obtaining God's peace. And, God knows, we have much to be forgiven for. The Pope informs us that it is only from a genuine conversion on all levels - personal, local and international - that true peace will be able to flourish. In the Bible, the term 'conversion' appears over a thousand times and means to turn, return, bring back, restore. It is always specific, a turning away from something towards something else: from injustice to justice, from violence to peace, from darkness to light. And it is always a turning towards God. In the New Testament, it can be understood best in the context of the Kingdom proclaimed by Jesus. So let us turn now and ask for forgiveness.

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 19th January			
Sunday 19 th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Brian Gresty (RIP)
Monday 20 th January Weekday in Ordinary Time			No Mass
Tuesday 21 st January Memorial of St. Agnes Virgin, Martyr	P/E	10 am	Joan Hook (RIP)
Wednesday 22 nd January Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	James and Mary Doyle
Thursday 23 rd January Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Special Intention
Friday 24 th January Memorial of St Francis de Sales Bishop, Doctor of the Church	C/T	10 am	Christina Anglesea (RIP)
Saturday 25 th January Feast of the Conversion of St Paul the Apostle	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Margaret Mc Kenna (RIP) Adoration and Confession
Sunday 26 th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Stephen Murray (RIP)

Responsorial Psalm:

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia

God called us through the gospel,

so that we may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon:

You have prepared a table before me,

And how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.

Offering Collection: Last week's offertory collection was £178.39

Jubilee Year 2025: During the year of the Jubilee the parish motto will be "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12).

Burns Night: Unfortunately, due to low numbers the Burns Night has now been cancelled.

Fr Joseph: Fr Joseph is away until 16th February. Fr Dennis will be covering for him in his absence. As Fr. Dennis does not drive, we are looking for volunteers from 4th February to 15th February to bring him to and from Castletown. This help would be greatly appreciated.

Eucharistic Ministers Training: There will be training for the new Eucharistic Ministers on Saturday, 1st February, in St. Columba's Hall at 9.30 am. Any existing Eucharistic Ministers who may wish to attend are also welcome, though this is not a requirement.

Jubilee Year: On Saturday, 26th April, as part of the parish activities commemorating the Jubilee year, a talk titled "PILGRIMS OF HOPE" will be held. This event is scheduled to take place at St. Columba's Hall, commencing at 10 am. The agenda for the program is outlined as follows:

- 10.00 Morning Prayer
- 10.30 Talk 1
- 12.30 Lunch
- 1.30 Talk 2
- 3.30 Evening Prayer
- 4.00 Close

Mass Intentions: James and Mary Doyle, Christina Anglesea, Joan Hook, Margaret McKenna, Stephen Murray, and Gerry O'Toole,

Parish Diary

1st February 9.30 am	New Eucharistic Minister training in St. Columba's Hall.
8th February 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St Johns's Mill. The theme is "Setting Sail" with Rt Rev Patrica Hillas.
16th February	Annual Mission Appeal for The Spiritans.
26th April 10 am	Talk "Pilgrims of Hope" 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.