**St. Mary’s & St. Columba’s Parish Newsletter**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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

National Holocaust Memorial Day is 27th January. Let us remember all those who suffered the impact of war and hatred in World War 2 and in all conflicts and wars since.

Peace is not just an absence of war or conflict but a process, a state of mind. It acknowledges the 'other' as having the same value and rights as oneself. It is the reverse of conflict. Jesus’ gift to his followers, to all of us, is the lesson of what he preached, of his actions and his intentions. A true gift. A gift of love.

Conflict can and does exist whether in WW2, or today in war torn Sudan, Ukraine or the Holy Land or, closer to home, perhaps on our lovely Island or even within our homes. Let us pray for peace in the world, peace in our lands, peace in our hearts.

Peace doesn’t mean running away from conflict, it means running toward something – solutions. It means dialogue, understanding and empathy. It means listening, sometimes listening to things with which we might not initially agree. These things don’t just happen, they have to be worked on in order to achieve the desired outcome. They can only be achieved through an open mind and heart and effort. Let us pray for peace, healing and hope.

Blessed be the peacemakers; they shall inherit the earth.

**Peace be with you. Shalom, shalom. As-salaam 'alaykum,** (which means ‘peace be upon you’) **Deacon Alan**

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).

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| **Week commencing 26th January** | | | |
| Sunday 26th January  **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** | C/T  P/E | 9 am  11 am | People of the Parish  Stephen Murray (RIP) |
| Monday 27th January  **Weekday in Ordinary Time** |  |  | No Mass |
| Tuesday 28th January  **Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas Priest, Doctor** | P/E | 10 am | David Radcliffe (RIP) |
| Wednesday 29th January  **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | C/T | 10 am |  |
| Thursday 30th January  **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | P/E | 10 am | Brian Gresty (RIP) |
| Friday 31st January  **Memorial of St John Bosco Bishop** | C/T | 10 am |  |
| Saturday 1st February  **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | C/T | 10 am  10.45 am | Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen  Adoration and Confession |
| Sunday 2nd February  **The Presentation of The Lord** | C/T  P/E | 9 am  11 am | People of the Parish  David Radcliffe (RIP) |

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, alleluia**

The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to the captives.

**Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon**:

Look toward the Lord and be radiant,

let your faces not be abashed.

**Offering Collection**: Last week’s offertory collection was £334.05

**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).

**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.

**David Radcliffe:** We offer our sympathy and prayers to Gerry and Anna n the death of their husband and father. May he rest in peace. His funeral service will take place at 11am on 7th February at St. Columba’s

**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**: Stephen Murray, David Radcliffe, Brian Gresty, and Michael Casserly.

**Parish Diary**

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| **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. |
| **8th March**  **10 am to 1 pm** | Island Spirituality Network at St Johns’s Mill. The theme is “The Spirituality of Taize” with Rev Chis Howson. |
| **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. |
| **26th July** | Concert at St. Columba’s with Rushen Silver Band and Castleford Young Musicians. Time of concert to be announced nearer the date. |
| **14th**  **December**  **3pm** | Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba’s |

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.

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