

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

The Epiphany of the Lord

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

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise forever.

Amen.

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 5th January			
Sunday 5 th January The Epiphany of the Lord	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Lorraine and Tony (Private Intention)
Monday 6 th January Monday after Epiphany Sunday			No Mass
Tuesday 7 th January Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday	P/E	10 am	Elaine Morley and Joan Hook (RIP)
Wednesday 8 th January Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 9 th January Thursday after Epiphany Sunday	P/E	10 am	Requiem Mass for Joan Hook
Friday 10 th January Friday after Epiphany Sunday	C/T	10 am	
Saturday 11 th January Saturday after Epiphany Sunday	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 12 th January Baptism of the Lord	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Eric Faragher (RIP)

Responsorial Psalm:

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia

We saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship the Lord.

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon:

We have seen his star in the East and have come with gifts to adore the Lord.

Offering Collection: Last week's offertory collection was £205.62.

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: The choir are organising a Burns Night on Saturday 25th January. It will run from 7.00 to 10.30 pm. Tickets are £13 per person (see a choir member). BYO and please note it will be an adults only event. Final numbers are needed by 13th January. There will be a Burns Supper, music, singing and dancing – everyone welcome. Anyone wishing to help please let the choir know.

Christmas Envelopes: Father Joseph wishes to extend his heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners who participated in the Christmas envelope initiative, resulting in a generous contribution of £973 to the parish. May the Lord, who values a cheerful giver, bestow abundant blessings upon you all. Furthermore, he would like to convey his best wishes for a prosperous and fulfilling New Year 2025 to all parishioners.

Annual Mission Appeal. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon has invited The Spiritans (Holy Ghost Congregation) to make their Annual Mission Appeal in the Diocese of Liverpool. The Annual Mission Appeal will be held in both churches on Sunday 16th February.

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: Joan Hook, Elaine Morley, Eric Faragher, Special Intention and Lorraine and Tony (Private Intention)

Parish Diary

11th January 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St Johns's Mill. The theme is "Creative Thinking" with Rev Andy Fishbourne.
12th January 2025 12.30 pm	Start of First Holy Communion classes in St Columba's Hall.
25th January 7 pm to 10.30 pm	Burns Night 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.