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

**The Most Holy and Blood of Christ**

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. **The Solemnity of The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Today’s feast can be looked at as three feasts in one:· The feast of the Eucharistic sacrifice;· The feast of the Sacrament of the Eucharist; and· The feast of the Real Presence of Jesus in this Sacrament. Although we celebrate the institution of the Holy Eucharist on Holy (or Maundy) Thursday, the Church wants to emphasise the importance of the Eucharist by having this special feast, away from the other important celebrations in the Easter Triduum. The feast of Corpus Christi was established for the Universal Church in 1264 by Pope Urban IV. He then commissioned St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the liturgical texts for the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours for the new feast.

Following the Second Vatican Council, in 1970, the feast was renamed The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. This new name emphasises the full symbolism of receiving both the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

The feast was established for three purposes:

1. to give God collective thanks for Christ’s abiding presence with us in the Eucharist and to honour Him there;
2. to instruct the faithful in the mystery, faith and devotion surrounding the Eucharist, and
3. to teach us to appreciate and make use of the great gift of the Holy Eucharist, both as a Sacrament and as a sacrifice.

Let us make time this week to really appreciate this Feast and all that it means.

“O Sacrament most holy! O Sacrament Divine! All praise and all thanksgiving be every moment Thine!” (St. Thomas Aquinas)

 **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).

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| **Week commencing 22nd June**  |
| Sunday 22nd June**The Most Holy and Blood of Christ** | C/T P/E  | 9 am 11 am  | People of the Parish  Angela Main Thompson (RIP) |
| Monday 23rd June  **Weekday in Ordinary Time** |   |   | No Mass  |
| Tuesday 24th June**Solemnity of the Nativity of St John****the Baptist** | P/E  | 10 am   | Judy Harding (RIP) |
| Wednesday 25th June**Weekday in Ordinary Time** | C/T  | 10 am   |  |
| Thursday 26th June **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | P/E |  10 am10.45 am | Confessions  |
| Friday 27th June **Solemnity of Most Sacred Heart of****Jesus** | C/T |  10 am  |  |
| Saturday 28th June**Memorial of the Immaculate Heart****of the Blessed Virgin Mary** | C/T   | 10 am  10.45 am | Intentions to Our Lady of RushenAdoration and Confession |
| Sunday 29th June**Solemnity of St Peter and Paul** | C/T P/E  | 9 am 11 am  | People of the Parish  Judith Watkins (RIP) |

**Responsorial Psalm:**

You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

If anyone eats of this bread, he will live for ever.

 **Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him

says the Lord

**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)

**Offertory Collection:**Last week the offertory collection was £168.44 Thank you for your generous offerings both by direct debt and in Mass

**Second Collection:** The second collection today is for Day of Life

**Parish Walk:** On Saturday 19th July we will be holding our annual Parish Walk. We will leave from St Mary’s Castletown at 11am and walk to St Columba’s via Scarlett. On arrival at St Columba’s there will be Sausage Baps and refreshments. Cost adults £4 and children £2. Please let any members of the Social Club know if you can make it. Thank you,

**Getting Involved :** Many hands make light work. The more parishioners that are involved in each area, the less the time commitment is for any one individual. There are forms this weekend at the back of each church for those who would like to get involved within the parish. If wish to help, please fill in the form and leave it in the box at the back of each church.

**Mass Intentions:** Angela Main Thompson, Judy Harding, and Judith Wakins.

**Parish Diary**

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| 19th July 11 am   | Parish Walk from St Mary’s to St Columba’s via Scarlett |
| 26th July  Time to be announced  | Concert at St. Columba’s with Rushen Silver Band and Castleford Young Musicians.  |
| 16th August  Afternoon  | Procession and open-air Mass at Rushen Abbey.   |
| 13th September 7 pm to 9.30 pm  | Parish Barn Dance at St Columba’s Hall.   |
| 14th December 3 pm   | Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba’s.  |

If you have any thoughts on how we can celebrate the Jubilee Year as a parish, please talk to Deacon Alan or Graeme.  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 until the end of September

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| 22nd June  | Day for Life  |
| 6th  July | Peter’s Pence |
| 20th July  | Priests in Retirement  |
| 14th September  | Catholic Education  |
| 21st September  | Evangelii Gaudium  |
| 19th October  | APF World Missions |
| 23rd November | Animate Youth |

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