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

**Solemnity of Pentecost**

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**PENTECOST**

On Pentecost Sunday, the Church celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles, which marks the birth of the Church and the beginning of her mission to the world. The Holy Spirit is central to the Catholic faith and life—He is the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, co-equal and co-eternal with the Father and the Son.

Catholic teaching emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is not merely a force or symbol but a divine Person who acts in the world and the hearts of believers. The Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son (Filioque) and serves as the bond of love between them. He is the "Lord, the Giver of Life," who speaks through the prophets, sanctifies the Church, and dwells in the faithful.

The Holy Spirit is the source of inspiration, unity, and renewal within the Church. Through Baptism and Confirmation, Catholics receive the Spirit, who bestows gifts such as wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These gifts empower Christians to lead holy lives and bear witness to Christ in the world.

Pope Benedict XVI, in his 2006 Pentecost homily (which is often referenced in theological reflections), spoke powerfully about the Spirit’s role:

“The Holy Spirit, in coming down upon the Apostles, makes them witnesses and prophets… The Spirit gives birth to the Church and sends her on her mission through history.”

This teaching reminds us that the Spirit is the soul of the Church, guiding her in truth and renewing the face of the earth. In every sacrament, prayer, and act of love, the Holy Spirit is present, leading us into deeper communion with God.

This Pentecost, let us open our hearts anew to the Holy Spirit, the divine fire who transforms, enlightens, and unites us as the Body of Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful!

Happy Pentecost to you all.

**Fr Joseph**

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 8th June** | | | |
| Sunday 8th June  **Solemnity of Pentecost** | C/T  P/E | 9 am  11 am | Barry Smith (RIP)  People of the Parish |
| Monday 9th June  **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary , Mother of the Church** |  |  | No Mass |
| **Tuesday 10th June**  **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | P/E | 10 am | Elaine Morley (RIP) |
| **Wednesday 11th June**  **Memorial of St. Barnabas** | C/T | 10 am | Ann Dolan (RIP) |
| Thursday 12t June  **Feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest** | P/E | 10 am  10.45 am | Pat Manning (RIP)  Confessions |
| Friday 13th June  **Memorial of St Anthony of Padua** | P/E | 10 am | Requiem Mass for Angela Main Thompson |
| Saturday 14th June  **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | C/T | 10 am    10.45 am | Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen  Adoration and Confession |
| Sunday 15th June  **Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity** | C/T  P/E | 9 am  11 am | Robert Preston( RIP)  Sheila Preston (Birthday)  People of the Parish |

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:**

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke of the marvels of God Alleluia

**Invocation of the Seven Gifts:**

**All:** Holy Spirit, we ask You to pour out Your sevenfold gifts upon us: • Wisdom: To value heavenly things above the things of the world. • Understanding: To comprehend the mysteries of faith more deeply. • Counsel: To choose the right path when faced with difficult decisions. • Fortitude: To stand firm in the face of trials and to persevere in faith. • Knowledge: To see our lives and the world through Your divine truth. • Piety: To grow in reverence and love for You and all that is holy. • Fear of the Lord: To stand in awe before Your majesty and never take Your grace for granted.

**Leader:** Come, Holy Spirit, dwell within us. Transform our hearts and lead us in holiness.

**All**: Make us instruments of Your love and witnesses of Your grace. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**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 £193.10 and second collection for World Communications was £239.06  Thank you for your generous offerings both by direct debt and in Mass.

**Second Collection:** Next Sunday there is a second collection 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,

**Open Gardens:** Once more our church garden at St Columba’s is looking magnificent. The gates will both be open today if you would like to take a stroll around and enjoy.

**Friday 13th June:** Please note that there is no Mass at St Mary’s on Friday 13th June as there is a Requiem Mass at St Columbia’s.

**Eucharistic Ministers:** All Eucharistic Ministers are requested to attend a meeting on Tuesday 10th June at 7pm at St Columba’s Hall**.**

**Mass Intentions:** Robert and Sheila Preston, Barry Smith, Angela Main Thompson,and Pat Manning

**Parish Diary**

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| 10th June  2 pm | Installation of Archbishop John Sherrington to his seat at Co-Cathedral Church of St. Mary Douglas |
| 10th June  7 pm | Eucharistic Ministers meeting at St Columba Hall |
| 14th June  10 am | Island Spirituality Network at St John’s Mill. The theme is “The Psalms” with Kiran Wimberley |
| 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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| 15th June | Day for Life |
| 29th June | Peter’s Pence |
| 20th July | Priests in Retirement |
| 14th September | Catholic Education |
| 21st September | Evangelii Gaudium |

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