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

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

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Not so Ordinary Time

Today we have our first Green Sunday for over 4 months. The last one was on 2nd March, the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time. But today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary time. So where did the missing Sundays go?

Ordinary Time is the 33 or 34 weeks not in the seasons of Advent, Christmas, Lent or Easter; weeks start on Sunday. Because Christmas ends on a Sunday with the Baptism of Our Lord, week 1 starts on a Monday and there is no 1st Sunday of Ordinary time The weeks then count forward until Lent. Lent starts with Ash Wednesday which is anywhere from 4th February to 10th March (depending on Easter) and which so the last Sunday before Lent can be anything from the 4th to the 9th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time restarts the day after Pentecost Sunday. The last week of Ordinary Time before Advent is always Week 34. But there isn’t a 34th Sunday of Ordinary Time as it is the Feast of Christ the King. In years when there are 34 weeks of Ordinary Time, the first week after Pentecost will be numbered ne more than the week before Lent; if there are only 33 weeks, then a week is omitted at this stage.

This year there are 33 weeks of Ordinary Time and, with Easter being very late, the week before Lent was week 8. Thus, the week after Pentecost was week 10 with week 9 being omitted. But when we look at the Sundays, week 10 starts with Pentecost Sunday, week 11 with Trinity Sunday and week 12 with Corpus Christi. And this year the feast of Saints Peter and Paul was also on a Sunday meaning no 13th Sunday and leaving us with today being the 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time.

Ordinary Time is anything but ordinary. It is a time to allow the Lord to stir up our faith, to allow our spirits to rise and to grow in our spiritual life. The colour green evokes life and growth and brings this meaning to the fore. So why is it called Ordinary? Well, the weeks are named after the Ordinal Numbers (first, second, thirty-fourth etc.) and it is actually “Ordinal Time” which became Ordinary Time.    **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 6th July**  |
| Sunday 6th July **Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | C/T P/E  | 9 am 11 am  | People of the Parish Bob Stabler (RIP |
| Monday 7th July **Weekday in Ordinary Time** |   |   | No Mass  |
| Tuesday 8th July **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | P/E  | 10 am   | Louise Heaney (RIP) |
| Wednesday 9th July **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | C/T  | 10 am   | Ann and Adam Mc Laughlin (RIP)  |
| Thursday 10th July **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | P/E |  10 am |  No Mass |
| Friday 11th July **Feast of St Benedict**  | C/T |  10 am  | Special Intention  |
| Saturday 12th July **Weekday in Ordinary Time** | C/T   | 10 am  10.45 am | Fr. Maucel Fangou (RIP)Adoration and Confession |
| Sunday 13th July **Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | C/T P/E  | 9 am11 am  | People of the Parish Mary O’Friel  |

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

 **Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

**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 £ 227.28 Thank you for your generous offerings both by direct debt and in Mass.

**Second Collection:** This Sunday there is a second collection for Peter’s Pence.

**Parish Social Events:** This month, there is the parish walk, and then in September, there is going to be a barn dance. All the profits from these events will go towards a parish projector. If you want to attend these events and want more information, please contact a member of the social committee.

**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:** Bob Stabler, Louise Heaney, Gary Heaney, Special Intention, and Mary O’Friel.

**Parish Diary**

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| 12th July 10am to 1pm | Island Spirituality Network at St John’s Mill. The theme is Church of Sanctuary with Rev. Inderjit Bhogal |
| 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 10 am to 1pm  | Island Spirituality Network at St John’s Mill. The theme is Who do you say that I am? With Steven Hoyland.  |
| 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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| 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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