

Archdiocese of Liverpool  
Pastoral Area of  
Saint Maughold



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Parishes of: Saint Anthony of Padua,  
Onchan, Saint Joseph, Willaston and  
Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas

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**Parish office is open:**

Monday and Tuesday 1.00 to 4.00 pm.

Thursday and Friday: 1.00 to 5.00 pm.

**Funerals and Marriages:** By arrangement.

**Visits to sick and housebound:** Please  
inform any of our clergy or the parish office  
if you know of sick or housebound  
parishioners who would like Holy  
Communion.

**Repository:** Open at the back of church  
after each weekend Mass.

**Newsletter Notices:** E-mail to  
[saintmaryiom@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:saintmaryiom@rcaolp.co.uk) or hand in to  
the Parish Office by Thursday morning.

New to the Parish? You're very  
welcome. Come and say hello!

Important Notice:

### **Nobles Hospital Chaplaincy**

Changes in Data Protection legislation  
have led the authorities at Nobles  
Hospital to no longer allow chaplains  
access to information regarding the  
religion of patients. Until this issue is  
resolved, Catholic patients can no longer  
expect routine visits from the priest or  
our team of Eucharistic Ministers.

**It is therefore essential that you let  
the parish know if you are going  
into hospital.** (Telephone: 01624  
675509 or email  
[saintmaryiom@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:saintmaryiom@rcaolp.co.uk))

If Catholic patients wish to receive  
Holy Communion or the Sacrament of  
the Sick, they (or their relatives) must  
either let the priest know directly or  
make a specific request to the ward staff.  
Please pass on this information to your  
family and friends.

5 August 2018

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Gloria p9 /Readings p115 /Creed p11/Psalter Week 2

## *Fr John writes...*

A group of thirty six parishioners from the  
Island, including me, are to be delegates at  
the *Eucharistic Congress* to be held in  
Liverpool this September. Some of you may  
be wondering what a Eucharistic Congress  
is all about. This last week we celebrated  
the feast of Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, the  
founder of the Redemptorists. The  
following light-hearted account by  
Redemptorist priest Fr Tim Buckley may  
enlighten you!

*Fr Tim decided to have a quiz with Year  
5 about the forthcoming Eucharistic  
Congress. Because they had just made  
their First Holy Communion Fr Tim  
thought they were the ideal group to have  
a quiz. He asked the children if they  
could think of any other words for 'Holy  
Communion'. Sarah immediately put up  
her hand and said, 'The bread of life'.  
'Brilliant Sarah' said Fr Tim, 'that is the  
key phrase for the Congress.' Freddie put  
up his hand and said, 'The Eucharist',  
and again Fr Tim was delighted. But then  
he asked Freddie if he was good at Greek  
because the word was originally a Greek  
word. Freddie's head dropped because, if  
he had been told, he couldn't remember.  
But, wonder of wonders, Freddie's best  
friend Peter somehow had the idea that  
the word meant "Thanksgiving" and he  
was right.*

*Fr Tim was even more pleased when  
they came up with a couple of other  
suggestions: "The Mass", "the Lord's  
Supper" and "the Blessed Sacrament".  
'But what about the word "Congress"?'  
Fr Tim asked. Immediately loads of*

hands went up and Caroline was able to tell him it meant a gathering of people. 'Perfect!' said Fr Tim. 'It is indeed, and the Bishops of England and Wales want people all over the country (and the Isle of Man) to gather and celebrate God's great gift to us of Jesus as the Bread of Life'.

Fr Tim went on to explain that the Mass is so called because the old Latin words to send us forth at the end of Mass were 'Ite missa est' – which just tells us to go because the gathering is finished. And he reminded children that the Mass is our great way of offering thanks to God the Father with Jesus, which is why it is also called the Eucharist.

## Congratulations to...

Natalie Westhead and Leigh Robinson who were married in Saint Mary's on Saturday. We wish them every happiness and blessing.

## Services/Masses this week.

No Mass in Willaston on Monday 6 August. No Mass in Onchan on Tuesday 7 August.

## Bingo Session

Saint Anthony's bingo this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm at Grotto Hall. All welcome.

## Songs of Praise

Canon Philip will be hosting the *Songs of Praise* at Lonan Old Church on Wednesday 29 August 2018. Everyone welcome.



## Reflections on The Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia)

Pope Francis provides his prayerful reflections on marriage and the family.

*“We encounter problems whenever we think that relationships or people ought to be perfect, or when we put ourselves at the center and expect things to turn out our way. Then everything makes us impatient, everything makes us react aggressively. Unless we cultivate patience, we will always find excuses for responding angrily. We will end up incapable of living together, antisocial, unable to control our impulses, and our families will become battlegrounds”* (Amoris Laetitia 92).

How many times do you find yourself frustrated at the imperfections of others in your family? This week, when something doesn't go your way (and there will always be something!) tell yourself to be patient and put it in perspective. Will it matter tomorrow?

## Food Bank

Parishioners have been very generous in ongoing food donations for our local Food Bank. If you can spare one or two items of tinned or packet food or items of a seasonal nature, please leave them at the back of Church. Thank you.

## Mary Untier of Knots Novena

Please keep free Sunday 7 October to Monday 15 October inclusive for our second Novena to *Mary Untier of Knots*. Saturday and Sunday at 3.00pm and weekdays at 7.00pm at Saint Mary of the Isle. Everyone welcome.

### Recent offerings: Thank you

St. A	St. J	St. M
985.00	150.00	1,006.00

## Adoremus Liverpool 7 - 9 September

All official Isle of Man delegates who volunteered to attend the *Adoremus Eucharistic Congress* will receive their event tickets directly from the Bishops' Conference before the end of August so there is nothing further for you to arrange.

We have been advised by our Archdiocesan co-ordinator that there are still some tickets available for the Saturday Echo Arena official event with Bishop Barron and other speakers. If there are any other parishioners not registered as official delegates who would like to attend this then please book yourselves directly online at [www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018/](http://www.jumpdp.com/adoremus2018/)

You would need to book your own travel and accommodation if required.

There is also an Adoremus Parallel Programme running over the three days, organised by the Archdiocese of Liverpool and supporting the official event, to which official delegates and other parishioners are welcome to attend. Many of these are interesting, some would say, more appealing than the official programme. Almost all these events are free but some require advance booking. There are some Parallel Programme brochures available at the back of Church for anyone who is interested. Again you would arrange your own travel and accommodation.

Lastly for young people aged between 13 - 20 there is an Adoremus Youth Event at the Liverpool Arena auditorium on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 11.00am to 5.30pm costing £10 and arranged by Animate Youth which our youth are encouraged to attend. Please see further details on our church notice boards.

## Catholic Pic

Available free at the back of church.

May the Choirs of Angels come to greet:

**Gladys Benson**

Service on Monday 6 August at 11.00am  
at Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas.

**Shaun Montgomery**

Service on Wednesday 8 August at  
10.45am at Saint Mary of the Isle,  
Douglas.

May the Lord grant them eternal rest and  
to their families and loved ones the  
consolation of his Holy Spirit.

Lamp Intentions at Saint Mary of the Isle

*Sacred Heart: Kelly*

*Marian: Thanksgiving*

*Saint Joseph: People of Yemen*

*Saint Anthony: People with Dementia  
and their carers*

Prayer for the coming of the  
Holy Spirit in preparation for  
the Eucharistic Congress and  
Synod 2020



*Come Holy Spirit, fill our  
hearts with wisdom, love  
and courage.*

*Make us more like Christ in our words  
and actions.*

*Bless the work of your Church.*

*Renew us all in the desire to make  
Christ known and loved in the world  
today.*

*Bless the work of our parish. Guide all  
that we do so that our church is a place  
of mercy and service for all who are  
seeking you.*

*Deepen our love for the Presence of  
Christ in the Eucharist and guide us in  
prayer and action as we journey  
towards Synod 2020 to become the  
Church you are calling us to be.*

*We ask this through Jesus Christ, our  
Lord. Amen.*

## 18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	5.00	St Anthony's	Paul Murphy (12 <sup>th</sup> Anv)
	6.00	St Joseph's	John Wakes
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30	St Anthony's	Cesare Leonetti (Birthday Anv)
	11.00	St Mary's	Ella Caine
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> : The Transfigu- ration of the Lord	7.00	St Mary's	People of our Parishes
	10.00	St Anthony's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	10.00	St Joseph's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> :	11.00	St Mary's	<i>Service: Gladys Benson RIP</i>
	12.10	St Mary's	Joan McBride
	10.00	St Anthony's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> : Saint Dominic	10.00	St Joseph's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	10.45	St Mary's	<i>Service: Shaun Montgomery RIP</i>
	12.10	St Mary's	Furber Family
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> : Saint Teresa Benedicta	10.00	St Anthony's	Sean Holland
	10.00	St Joseph's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	12.10	St Mary's	Mary Hardinge
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> : Saint Lawrence	10.00	St Anthony's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	10.00	St Joseph's	Peter Simpson (Birthday Anv)
	12.10	St Mary's	Brian Keenan (Anv)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> : Saint Clare	11.00	St Mary's	Confessions until 11.50 am
	11.00	St Mary's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	12.00	St Mary's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>

## 19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> :	4.30	St Anthony's	Confessions until 4.50
	5.00	St Anthony's	Doris and Michael Murphy
	6.00	St Joseph's	Bernard O'Neill
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> :	9.30	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
	11.00	St Mary's	Sheila Hennessy
	7.00	St Mary's	Memmina Scappaticca

Sunday: **Tea and coffee** available after morning Masses.

**Prayer of the Church:** Each weekday (Monday to Friday) we gather in Saint Mary's Church at 8.30am for Morning Prayer. All

Wednesday at 2.30pm: **Legion of Mary** in the Grotto Hall at Saint Anthony's. New members always welcome.

Thursday at 6.30pm: **Saint Anthony's Church choir:** Practice at St Anthony's Church, Onchan (until 7.30pm). All welcome

Thursday at 7.30pm: **Saint Anthony's Bingo:** at Grotto Hall at St Anthony's Church, Onchan. All welcome

Friday at 7.30 pm: **CaFE group** (Catholic Faith Exploration) meet at Grotto Hall, Onchan (until 9.30pm). Everyone Welcome

Before Mass please be mindful of those who have arrived early for Mass in order to pray privately by keeping conversations to a minimum and maintaining, as best possible, a respectful silence. *Thank you.*