

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 or hand in to
the Parish Office by Thursday morning.

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

2 September 2018

22nd Sunday of the Year

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Fr John writes...

I've been on holiday in Brittany this past week. Last weekend I was able to watch some of the Pope's visit to Ireland; a visit overshadowed by abuse scandals in the Church. Time will tell if the crisis, and it is a crisis, will result in the Church reinventing itself as it has done in past ages and emerging stronger than before.

In the village near where I have been staying there was a substantial stone-built Parish Church. Mass is celebrated there, however, only once every six weeks – such is the shortage of priests. But the church, was open every day and the Blessed Sacrament was reserved. I was taking advantage of the opportunity this offered on Saturday afternoon when over the space of half an hour the church, normally quiet, began to fill with people of all ages. Altar candles were lit. 'Is it a wedding?' I thought. But there was no evidence of a priest arriving. By 3.30 the Church was completely full - apart from some reserved rows at the front.

Still no priest. I smiled to myself as I recognised that I, too, can be a last minute merchant myself. Then a long procession of people arrived, each carrying a bouquet of flowers. They were followed by sombrely dressed gentlemen wheeling a coffin up the aisle. Behind it followed family mourners, several very distressed. It was indeed a funeral; of a woman in her sixties.

And still no priest. But I was the only person expecting one. The service was beautifully led by a lay woman with participation from family members and the parish choir. It lasted 55 minutes. My O-level French served me enough to grasp that

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)

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.

the lay woman ‘officiant’ put stress on the Sacrament of Baptism that the deceased lady had received as a baby, the start of her faith journey. At one point close family members approached the coffin each with a lighted candle. Then at the end of the service the entire congregation filed up to the front where each person present, me included, sprinkled the coffin with holy water before leaving the church. Family members remained seated while this took place (some 15 minutes). They were the last to leave as the coffin was wheeled for burial to the church yard.

An alternative church? Even in our own diocese there are a growing number of parishes where up to twenty-five funerals per week are being led by specially commissioned lay men and women.

Another experience of the last week is that I have had the leisure to ‘box- set binge’ on Jimmy McGovern’s powerful TV drama ‘Broken’. There may be disillusionment with the priesthood as currently practised but the hunger for the Eucharist among the broken Body of Christ is undiminished.

I write this en route from Roscoff to Cork. On 29th August I am taking part in a reunion of priests who served in South America. It’s the 60th anniversary of the foundation of the Society of St James, founded by Cardinal Richard Cushing.

Lamp Intentions at Saint Mary of the Isle

Sacred Heart: Kelly

Marian: All those returning to Education

Saint Joseph: Holy Souls

Saint Anthony: Kerala Flood Victims

Reflections on

The Joy of Love *(Amoris Laetitia)*

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



“To be open to a genuine encounter with others, ‘a kind look’ is essential... [it] helps us to see beyond our own limitations, to be patient and to cooperate with others, despite our differences. Loving kindness builds bonds, cultivates relationships, creates new networks of integration and knits a firm social fabric... In our families, we must learn to imitate Jesus’ own gentleness in our way of speaking to one another” (Amoris Laetitia 100).

It can be very difficult to look kindly at a child who is acting out, or at our spouse when he/she tunes out to your chatter. This week, look at your family members and say to yourself, “*Jesus is looking at them right now too.*” That may help change the way that you see them.

Adoremus Youth Congress.

Liverpool Echo Arena 8th Sept 10.30-5.30pm.

Tickets £10 are now available through Eventbrite for those 18-25 who would like to take part in the Youth Congress www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/adoremus-youth-congress-tickets-. Join a thousand young adults in a lively day to celebrate faith and to deepen an understanding of Jesus, the bread of life. Those aged 13-17 can still take part in the day and need to be part of an organised group. More information on

www.adoremusyouth.co.uk and facebook Adoremus National Youth Congress.

www.catholicnews.org/
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SVP Awareness

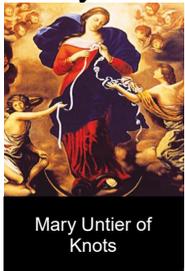
September is St Vincent de Paul Awareness month. During Awareness month there are posters about the work of the SVP at the back of Saint Anthony's Church which we hope parishioners will stop to look at. During weekend of September 22nd /23rd a member of the SVP at Saint Anthony's will give a short talk at each Mass about the SVP. There will be members of the SVP present at back of church afterwards if anyone has any questions or would like to know more about SVP work or is interested in joining the SVP.

Memory Support Group

Continues to be held in the meeting room at the back of St Mary's church on the last Thursday of the month between 2.00 and 4.00 pm. Next meeting Sept 27th and then Oct 25th and Nov 29th.

If you have memory problems or are supporting someone with memory problems please come along for a cup of tea/coffee in a friendly relaxed environment. All are welcome. Please call Elaine 616658 or Josie 406063

Mary Untier of Knots Novena



Sunday 7th October to Monday 15th October inclusive ~ 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
805.77	130.00	842.00

May the Choirs of Angels come to greet:

William Cain

Funeral service at 2.00 pm on Thursday
6th September at Douglas Crematorium

Dominic Carville

Funeral service at 10.00 am on Friday
7th September at Douglas Crematorium

Patrick Kinsella

Funeral service at 10.00 am on Thursday
6th September at Douglas Crematorium

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

Thinking ahead - diary date

Archbishop Malcolm visited the Island earlier in the year to lead us in a Holy Hour at Saint Anthony's Onchan. This event for Catholics from the whole Island was the first step in preparing for the Archdiocesan Synod to be held in 2020. Decisions will be made regarding the shape of the church in the years ahead. Obvious issues relate to the fact that there will be fewer priests and greater lay responsibility for the life and mission of the Church not merely on the Island but throughout the rest of the Liverpool Archdiocese.

Much of the work of the Synod will be undertaken in our parishes and pastoral areas for many months before the Synod itself. To initiate the process an Island-wide meeting is to take place on the morning of Saturday 3rd November at St John's Mill from 10.00am until 1.00pm. It will include coffee and a light lunch. We hope this meeting will be an encouraging get-together for those directly involved in the life of our parishes – readers, eucharistic ministers, musicians, catechists, members of Catholic organisations and our many volunteers on whom we rely for so much. More details later...

22ND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 1 st :	5.00	St Anthony's	Celine Ellis
	6.00	St Joseph's	Allan Savage
Sunday 2 nd :	9.30	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
	11.00	St Mary's	Angela Dean and Wendy Reed
Monday 3 rd : St Gregory the Great	7.00	St Mary's	Terence and Alice O'Neill
	10.00	St Anthony's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	10.00	St Joseph's	Agustus Verwey (Holland)
Tuesday 4 th :	12.10	St Mary's	Raymond Cooke (2 nd Anv)
	10.00	St Anthony's	Moira Milne (100 th Birthday)
	10.00	St Joseph's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Wednesday 5 th :	12.10	St Mary's	Queenie and Teddy King
	10.00	St Anthony's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	10.00	St Joseph's	Roy Newson
Thursday 6 th :	12.10	St Mary's	Treatment Success
	10.00	St Anthony's	Kath Griffiths
	10.00	St Joseph's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Friday 7 th :	12.10	St Mary's	Chris (With Thanks)
	10.00	St Joseph's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	12.10	St Mary's	May and Tommy O'Hare
Saturday 8 th : Birthday of Blessed Virgin Mary	7.00	St Anthony's	Jonathan Cuniskey
	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>	

23RD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Saturday 1 st :	4.30	St Anthony's	Confessions until 4.50
	5.00	St Anthony's	Jean Louise Neale
	6.00	St Joseph's	People of our Parishes
Sunday 2 nd :	9.30	St Anthony's	Mary Frost
	11.00	St Mary's	Pat and Ian Dacre Golden Wedding
	7.00	St Mary's	Elizabeth Mary Miles

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.*

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 are welcome.

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

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

On Creation Day, 1st September, the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales will be launching a film '*Global Healing*' in response to the Holy Father's encyclical, *Laudato Si* about the environment.
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