

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.

23 September 2018

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

Day of Special Prayer in  
Thanksgiving for Harvest

Gloria p9 /Readings p135 /Creed p11/Psalter Week 1

*Fr John writes...*

Jesus was the friend of the sick, of lepers,  
of those who were blind and deaf and  
disabled. He was a friend of the poor. He  
was the friend of children. He was  
condemned for being a friend of sinners, of  
failures. What did all these people have in  
common? Their helplessness and need  
enabled them to connect immediately with  
what Jesus was offering. They understood  
him. They were open to his message.  
Whereas for those who were rich and  
powerful, both political leaders and  
religious leaders, their power and wealth  
were a handicap in understanding the Good  
News. Their self-sufficiency was a barrier to  
the grace of God entering their lives. To put  
it another way, they weren't desperate  
enough. St Paul puts this very well in his  
Second Letter to the Corinthians [*The  
Lord*] has said "My grace is enough for  
you: my power is at its best in weakness".  
So I shall be very happy to make my  
weaknesses my special boast so that the  
power of Christ may stay over me...For it is  
when I am weak that I am strong' (2Cor  
12:9,10).

The Twelve disciples didn't get it. They  
liked Jesus, they admired him. They  
followed him, but they spent most of their  
time trying to figure out what he was on  
about. As if to demonstrate the reality of  
their incomprehension they start arguing  
about which of them is the greatest. Maybe  
having heard of the imminent death of Jesus  
they were already looking at who might be  
his successor. This is the language of power,

of the cabinet reshuffle. who's in and who's out; who's up and who's down. It's another manifestation of the politician's obsession with opinion polls and Sunday newspaper headlines. As Shakespeare said, *'Uneasy lies the head that wears the crown'*. (Henry IV, Part II). Once you have power your energy goes into keeping it.

Yet Jesus is reconciled to surrendering his life. His crown was a crown of thorns. Intended as a mockery it is a symbol of the path he invites us to follow. The Kingdom of Heaven follows a different set of rules. The 'world' (*read 'the system'*) requires us never to let our guard down, never to show weakness. But Jesus says, *'My kingdom is not of this world'. 'If anyone wants to be first he must make himself last of all'*. To reinforce the point Jesus takes a child and puts his arm around him. The Saviour of the World comes to us at Christmas as a helpless child and remains weak and vulnerable to the point of death.

## KSC Quiz Night

Saturday 20th October at the Columba Club. Proceeds in aid of Mary's Meals. Tickets £7 including refreshments from Dave Corkill on 413631. Everybody welcome.

### Recent offerings: Thank you

St. A	St. J	St. M
787.00	305.00	860.00

### Lamp Intentions at Saint Mary of the Isle

*Sacred Heart:* Kelly

*Marian:* Farmers & Land workers

*St Joseph:* Victims of severe weather

*Saint Anthony:* Teachers & Students

Reflections on *Amoris Laetitia*

## The Joy of Love

Pope Francis provides his prayerful reflections on marriage and family.



*"Today we recognize that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves... We need to learn to pray over our past history, to accept ourselves, to learn how to live with our limitations, and even to forgive ourselves, in order to have this same attitude towards others"* (*Amoris Laetitia* 107).

## SVP Awareness

This weekend a member of the SVP at St 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 the Society's 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 and 4pm. Next meeting this Thursday Sept 27<sup>th</sup> and then Oct 25<sup>th</sup> and Nov 29<sup>th</sup>.

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

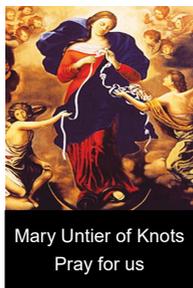
## Church Choir

New members welcome to join both the senior and junior church choirs in St Mary's. Juniors from age 4 practise on Mondays from 6 to 6.30pm and seniors from 6.30 to 7.15pm. Both

choirs sing at 11am Mass on Sunday. Members encouraged to attend as many practices as possible. Thank you.

## Mary Untier of Knots Novena

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October inclusive ~ our second Novena to *Mary Untier of Knots*. Saturday and Sunday at 3.00pm and weekdays at 7.00pm at St Mary of the Isle. Everyone welcome. Posters and flyers with daily Programme now available in our 3 Churches. People from all over the Island very welcome.



## Preparation for Sacrament of First Holy Communion

We begin our With you Always Programme in October for children in Year 4 (age 8-9) on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October at Saint Anthony's Church OR Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at Saint Mary's Church both at 6.30pm. Subsequent sessions will be at Saint Anthony's Hall on Mondays and Saint Mary's School on Wednesdays - dates will be advised in letters sent out to families.

Children NOT attending Saint Mary's School please register at Parish Office ASAP by telephone 675509 or by email: [saintmaryiom@rcaolp.co.uk](mailto:saintmaryiom@rcaolp.co.uk).

First Holy Communion will be celebrated on Friday 3 and Saturday 4 May 2019.

If any parishioners know of any friends or relatives who have children aged 8-9 please draw their attention to this notice. Many thanks.

## May the Choirs of Angels come to greet:

Leonard Neale

Requiem on Wednesday 26 September at 10 am at St Anthony's, Onchan

Sabina Lapage

Requiem on Thursday 27 September at 12 noon at St Mary's, Douglas

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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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...

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

Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> :	5.00	St Anthony's	People of our Parishes
	6.00	St Joseph's	Marie Kearney
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> :	9.30	St Anthony's	Mary Walshe
	11.00	St Mary's	James Stack
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> : Our Lady of Walsingham	7.00	St Mary's	J B (Safety)
	10.00	St Anthony's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	10.00	St Joseph's	No Mass today
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> :	12.10	St Mary's	Edward & Margaret Boyde
	10.00	St Anthony's	No Mass today
	10.00	St Joseph's	Ernest John Reilly
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> :	12.10	St Mary's	Joseph Family
	10.00	St Anthony's	Requiem: Leonard Neale
	10.00	St Joseph's	No Mass today
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> : St Vincent de Paul	12.10	St Mary's	Jayne Subachus (Get Well)
	10.00	St Anthony's	Rita Williams RIP
	10.00	St Joseph's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> :	12.00	St Mary's	Requiem: Sabina Lapage
	10.00	St Anthony's	<i>Service of Word and Communion</i>
	10.00	St Joseph's	Mary Daniels RIP
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> : Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	12.10	St Mary's	Mona Dougherty
	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>

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

Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> :	4.30	St Anthony's	Confessions until 4.50
	5.00	St Anthony's	Michael and Doris Murphy
	6.00	St Joseph's	People of our Parishes
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> :	9.30	St Anthony's	Mary Jane Cochrane 1 <sup>st</sup> Anv
	11.00	St Mary's	Paddy Hanley RIP
	7.00	St Mary's	Tom and Josie Crehan RIP

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 2.00pm: **Memory Support Group:** Meeting room at the back of St Mary's Church (until 4.00pm). All 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

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.*