



Masses and services over the Christmas Period 2019



*All of our priests wish you, and those dear to you,
a Blessed and Happy Christmas*

Nollick Ghennal

Castletown and Port Erin

Saint Columba, Castletown Road, Port Erin IM9 6BD

Saint Mary, Bowling Green Road, Castletown IM9 1RB

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

6.30 pm Saint Columba, Port Erin
Children's Mass

Midnight Saint Mary, Castletown
Carols from 11.30 pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.00 am Saint Mary, Castletown

11.00 am Saint Columba, Port Erin

Ramsey and Peel

Our Lady Star of the Sea and Saint Maughold, Queens Promenade, Ramsey IM8 1BH

Saint Patrick, Patrick Street, Peel IM5 1BR

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

6.00 pm Our Lady Star of the Sea and Saint
Maughold, Ramsey *with children*

8.30 pm Saint Patrick, Peel
Carols from 8.00pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

Midnight Our Lady Star of the Sea and Saint
Maughold, Ramsey
Carols from 11.30 pm

8.00 am Our Lady Star of the Sea and Saint
Maughold, Ramsey

9.30 am Saint Patrick, Peel

11.00 am Our Lady Star of the Sea and Saint
Maughold, Ramsey

Douglas, Onchan and Willaston

Saint Anthony of Padua, Ridgeway Road, Onchan IM3 1HT

Saint Joseph, Fenella Avenue, Willaston IM2 6PD

Saint Mary of the Isle, Hill Street, Douglas IM1 1EG

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve

2.00 pm *Come to the Manger*: A short service for children and families to visit crib and sing Carols at Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas

5.30 pm Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas

6.30 pm Saint Joseph, Willaston

9.00 pm Saint Anthony of Padua, Onchan
Carols from 8.15 pm

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day

Midnight Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas
Carols from 11.30 pm

9.30 am Saint Anthony of Padua, Onchan

11.00 am Saint Mary of the Isle, Douglas

Thursday 26th December

Saint Stephen's Day

12.10 pm Mass at Saint Mary of the Isle

'May those who live far from their parents return home; may brothers and sisters strive to be together again. At Christmas it is beautiful and important to be together as a family.

To all those who are far from their family and from their land: our heavenly Father does not forget you and does not abandon you. If you are Christians, I wish that you may find in the Church a true family where you can experience the warmth of fraternal love.

The doors of the Christian community are open. Jesus is born for all and brings the love of God to all'. Pope Francis 2018

Message from our Area Dean

We all dream of a perfect Christmas but the 'perfect Christmas' is make believe. The first Christmas was anything but perfect. Being out on the street with nowhere to stay was hardly an appropriate setting for the miraculous birth promised to Mary by the angel.

But isn't a 'spoiled Christmas' the norm? We long for a dreamland of Christmas glitter that is never going to happen. We live in a broken world. Each of us has broken lives. Things don't go to plan. We mess up. We upset people. We take offence. The 'family Christmas' can bring out the worst in us. It's a snapshot of the less than perfect reality of everyday living.

The new-born Christ child identifies with our flawed world in the very manner of his birth. The message of the Crib is at one with the message of the Cross. The birth and death of Jesus turns our darkness into light.

Wishing you, your families and friends every blessing and happiness this Christmas.

Fr John

Live Streaming

You can watch and listen to Masses from Saint Mary of the Isle church live on your phone, iPad, laptop or computer at home. This will be especially appreciated by housebound parishioners and those in hospital and care homes, not just in the Isle of Man but anywhere in the world with an internet connection.

To access visit www.manxcatholic.org and click *Live Stream*.

Prayer in preparation for our Archdiocesan Synod 2020



Father, we thank you for the love you have shown us in the gift of Jesus, your Son.

We thank you for the gift of the Church, through which you show us that you are always with us and are always at work in our lives.

As we journey together to Synod 2020 help us to become the Church that you are calling us to be. May your Holy Spirit be powerfully at work among us. Strengthen each of us and guide Francis, our Pope and Malcolm, our Archbishop.

Help us to respond to the challenges of our times in new ways to bring your love to all our sisters and brothers.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen. St John Henry Newman, pray for us.

