



**Our Lady of Rushen and Saint Columba**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**The Lord is Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!**  
**Vocations Sunday**



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**Mass Intentions**

	Saint Mary's, Castletown		Saint Columba's, Port Erin	
Sunday: <i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 a.m.	Thanksgiving	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Monday:	10.00 a.m.	Alice Bowen		
Tuesday:			10.00 a.m.	Mary Ormsby
Wednesday: <i>Saint Peter Chanel</i>	10.00 a.m.	Joe Boyd (SVP)		
Thursday: <i>Saint Catherine of Siena</i>			10.00 a.m.	Major G. A. Sykes OBE
Friday: <i>Saint Pius V</i>	10.00 a.m.	Garry Heaney		
Saturday: <i>Saint Joseph the Worker – see below</i>	10.00 a.m.	Petitions to Our Lady of Rushen		
Sunday: <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	9.00 a.m.	People of the Parish	11.00 a.m.	Barbara and Brendan O'Friel

**A message of welcome from Father Joseph**

Father Joseph would like to welcome everyone back following the latest lockdown. He would very much like you to see him as part of the ongoing tradition of priestly shepherds and his ministry will include working on your behalf. Please come and say hello outside after Mass.

**Please note that there will be a public Mass celebrated at Saint Mary's this Monday at 10.00 a.m.**

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**Welcome back to public celebrations of the Mass:** Although will be good to have parishioners back in church again but we will need to continue to observe some precautions and show kindness and respect to those who may still be feeling a little anxious. Those wearing masks should be respected. Hand sanitising and reasonable social distancing will be in place and parishioners will be encouraged to socialise after Mass outside the church building rather than within. Holy Communion will be given under one kind and in the hand only, avoiding skin contact with the minister. The sign of peace will also be exchanged without close contact.

**At this time, there will be no gatherings for tea and coffee after Mass.**

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**Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker:** As this year is dedicated to Saint Joseph, the Mass on Saturday, there will also be the Litany of Saint Joseph and a special blessing for all workers.

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**Letter from the Archbishop for Vocations Sunday:** In his letter, the Archbishop asks us all to reflect upon the vocation we have all received – not just priests, religious and deacons. *“There are as many ways of hearing God's call and answering it as there are people on this earth. Our responsibility as Christians is to listen to God's word and hear how he is calling us individually....Be in no doubt that if we accept that the Spirit is at work, every one of us is called to a particular Vocation.”*

The Archbishop reflects upon how the Archdiocese is facing changing circumstances in a number of ways, including the Synod which is due to take place later this year. He asks for your prayers for the Synod and for vocations to the ordained ministry and religious life.