

# St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

14th May 2023 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (A)

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I'm writing these thoughts on the feast of Saint Pancras. I don't know about you, but when I think of St. Pancras, the first thing that comes to mind is the railway station in London. The station was named after the local area which takes its name from the church dedicated to St. Pancras; St. Pancras Old Church is one of the oldest sites of Christian worship in England. Pancras was a Roman citizen who converted to Christianity and was beheaded for his faith at the age of fourteen, around the year 304. A few years ago, we were given a statue of St. Pancras by a priest who was a fellow railway enthusiast.

Thinking about St. Pancras made me realise how many other Saints give their name to places and I certainly don't always stop and think about the Saint behind the place name. When you think of Kirk Michael, do you think of the Church of St. Michael? Or in our own parish, that Port St. Mary is dedicated to Our Lady? Then we have the parish of Maughold with its lighthouse, named after the Patron Saint of our Island.

Other places aren't quite as obvious – Andreas from St. Andrew, Bride from St. Bridget and Onchan from St. Conchan.

In the Middle Ages, the saints were seen as intercessors between people and God and also as our guardians in heaven, much as we might now think about guardian angels. Patron Saints were important for communities or different groups to give a focus. Perhaps some of that was folk religion, but I think we have lost some of that understanding of Saints, learning from their lives and asking for their help.

My resolution is that as I travel round the Island (or further afield) I think about the Saints who have given their names to places, find out a bit about them, and ask for their prayers. I invite you to do the same.

Dcn. Graeme

Please find below details of this week's Mass Intentions and other services in our Parish of St Mary's, Castletown (C/T) and St Columba's, Port Erin (P/E).

<b>Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023</b>			
Sunday 14th May: <b><i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i></b>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Moira Clarke (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 15th May: <b><i>Mem. Our Lady of Fatima.</i></b>			No Mass
Tuesday 16th May: <b><i>Weekday of Easter</i></b>	P/E	10am	Paul George Taylor (RIP)
Wednesday 17th May: <b><i>Weekday of Easter</i></b>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 18th May: <b><i>Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord.</i></b>	P/E	10am	Deirdre Waller (RIP)
Friday 19th May: <b><i>Mem. St. Dunstan, Bishop</i></b>	C/T	10am	Matthew Smethurst (RIP)
Saturday 20th May: <b><i>Mem. St Bernadine of Siena</i></b>	C/T	10am	Lily Kelly (Sick)
Sunday 21st May: <b><i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i></b> <b><i>World Communication Day</i></b>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Claire O'Friel (RIP)

**Our response to the Psalm:**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: "If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him"

Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon**

If you love me, keep my commandments, says the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will send you another Paraclete, to abide with you forever, alleluia.

The **Baptism of Livia Joan Molnar** will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup> May during the 11am Mass.

**Offertory Collection:** Last week's collection came to £250.23

**Second Collection:** Next week's second collection is for World Communications Day.

**Assisted Dying Meetings:** Dr Claud Regnard, a preeminent palliative care consultant and one of the leaders in this field for many years is delivering two talks at public meetings on island entitled "Assisted dying: the facts, the evidence". Tuesday 16th May 7.30pm at Keyll Darree medical education centre, in Nobles Hospital grounds & Wednesday 17th May 7.30pm at Mountain View Innovation Centre, Jurby Rd, Ramsey.

**Confirmation:** Young people currently in Year 7 (who will be in Year 8 in September 2023) are eligible to receive the Sacrament. Older children under 18, who have missed out on Confirmation in previous years can also be included. If you wish to enrol your child, please get in touch by emailing the parish office [stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk). Details of the preparation courses will be sent in due course to those who have enrolled.

**Month of May Rosary:** Pray for Peace to Our Lady Queen of Peace:

*"A Marian title inserted into the Litany of Loreto by Pope Benedict XV during World War I as a plea for peace among people and among nations. Mary brought Jesus who is the King of Peace, who spoke the words: "Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you." In consequence, Mary is the Queen of Peace, and she appeared as such at Fatima, where she promised to bring peace to the world if the faithful would do penance and say the rosary. In the Mass commemorating the feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Peace, the faithful ask God that through her intercession he will grant to us the spirit of love, the gifts of unity and peace, and tranquillity in our times."*

**World Communications Day 2023:** The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has designated Sunday 21st May as World Communications Day. The Holy Father's message for the day is available and will be circulated by email. If you are not on the current email list, to ensure you receive a copy please contact the parish office [stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk](mailto:stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk). Alternatively, you can read or download the full message using the following link: [cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/](http://cbcew.org.uk/wcd23-papal-message/)

**Please Pray for:** Lily Kelly who is in hospital at this time.

**Mass Intentions Received:** Moira Clarke, Paul George Taylor, Kerry Doherty, Deirdre Waller, Matthew Smethurst, Lily Kelly & Claire O'Friel.

**Parish Diary:**

<b>14<sup>th</sup> May 11.00am</b>	Procession & Crowning of our Lady's Statue will be at the beginning of the 11am mass at St Columba's.
<b>16th May 7.30pm</b>	Dr Claud Regnard, will be giving a talk entitled "Assisted dying: the facts, the evidence" <b>at Keyll Darree medical education centre, in Nobles Hospital grounds.</b>
<b>17th May 7.30pm</b>	Dr Claud Regnard, will be giving a talk entitled "Assisted dying: the facts, the evidence" <b>at Mountain View Innovation Centre, Jurby Rd, Ramsey.</b>
<b>19th May 7.30pm</b>	Leprosy Mission Inter Church quiz, Loch Promenade Methodist Church. Free entry. Hot Pot or Vegetarian Equivalent Supper. Contact Graeme @ gme@manx.net for further details or to enter. Closing date for entries 15 <sup>th</sup> May.
<b>22nd July 11.00am</b>	Parish to Parish Walk £5 a ticket to include refreshments and afternoon tea. Starts at St Mary's, ending at St Columba's via Scarlett. Bring family and Friends.
<b>12th Sept. (Evening)</b>	Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen
<b>16th Sept. 6.30 – 9.30pm</b>	Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00
<b>23rd – 25th September</b>	Archbishop Malcolm's visitation to the parish.
<b>17th Dec. 3.00pm</b>	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

If there are other future events that you are aware of, please let us know so we can add them to the diary.

Contact details for the Social Club are as follows: Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487 or Lynn 472867