

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

4th June 2023 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (A)

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The Most Holy Trinity

Today is what we commonly refer to as Trinity Sunday, when we celebrate the Three Persons of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Jesus reminds us in Scripture that God the Father, *His* father is also *Our* father. He taught us how to pray using that very term. Jesus, the seen or visible face of God, speaks to his disciples about 'Abba', a much more personal term, more akin to 'Dad' or 'Daddy' than the more formal term 'father'. He shares his understanding of God as a loving, embracing father to each and all of us.

At Pentecost, Jesus breathed upon the Apostles the very *Spirit* of God, the Holy Spirit. He shared with them, and he shares with us, the very essence of godliness, that is: God's Spirit. We are, through faith, part of that Trinity. We may inhabit bodies that are subject to frailty and mortality on earth but we also have immortality through and in faith and we look forward to life everlasting in Heaven. We may be limited in what we can do in this life, on earth, but God knows no limits – His love for us is boundless, limitless – after all, *He* sent *His* only Son to show *us* the way to Him, the way to salvation and eternal life. All we have to do is to say: Yes to his invitation.

Today is a great celebration or Solemnity in the Church of The Most Holy Trinity – of God's boundless love for us. Let us celebrate it with joy and happiness. Let us also pray that those using our roads during this TT period and throughout the year may *know their limits* and enjoy the pleasures of our Island – whether as residents or visitors.

Today is also known (locally) as 'Mad Sunday', the middle Sunday in the Isle of Man TT motorcycling festival. This year's motor safety theme is: 'Know Your Limits'. These are wise words for road users where the population increases by circa 50% during this fortnight!

Let us all have a safe journey on our road to the next.

Dcn Alan

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).

Week commencing 4th June 2023			
Sunday 4 th June: <i>Sol. of the Most Holy Trinity.</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	Kenneth Saez (RIP) People of the Parish
Monday 5 th June: <i>Mem. St. Boniface.</i>			No Mass
Tuesday 6 th June: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	P/E	10am	Thomas Doyle (RIP)
Wednesday 7 th June: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty
Thursday 8 th June: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	P/E	10am	Betty McMullen (Sick)
Friday 9 th June: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	Fr. Tony Gittins (RIP)
Saturday 10 th June: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	John Kirk (Sick)
Sunday 11 th June: <i>Sol. of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.</i>	C/T P/E	9am 11am	People of the Parish Fr. Joseph's intentions

Response to the Psalm:

To you Glory and praise for evermore.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Since you are children of God, God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son, the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.

Fr Joseph wishes to extend his sincere thanks and gratitude to all the parishioners who joined in celebrating the Silver Anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood last Sunday and for the warm wishes that he received. He thanks everyone involved in preparing the food and joining in the post-Mass celebration.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £250.64

Second Collection: This week's second collection is for the Holy Ghost (Spiritan) Missions came to £222.36. Many thanks for your generosity.

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. During the weekend of 30 September the Archbishop has agreed to take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for young people from across the Island in St Mary's Church, Douglas. If you wish to enrol your child, please get in touch by emailing the parish office stmarycastletown@rcaol.org.uk. Details of the preparation courses will be sent in due course to those who have enrolled.

First Holy Communion: If your child will be 7, or over, before this September they will be eligible to make their first Holy Communion. Classes will start after this coming October half term ready to receive the Sacrament next May. Please take a form from the sacristy and return to Julie Maddrell.

Mass Intentions Received: Kenneth Saez, Thomas Doyle, Fr. Tony Gittin, Kerry Doherty, Betty McMullen.

Parish Diary:

17th June 10.00am	ISN, St.John's Mill. Fr. Nick King SJ on St.John's Gospel. Fr King will also be celebrating Mass at 11am (in St. Columba) on Sunday 18 th .
22nd July 11.00am	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.
12th Sept. (Evening)	Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen
16th Sept. 6.30 – 9.30pm	Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00
29th September - 2nd October	Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting our parish during this time and will be celebrating Mass in both our churches.
October 2023	Holy Communion Classes. If your child will be 7, or over, before this September they will be eligible to make their first Holy Communion. Classes will start after this coming October half term ready to receive the Sacrament next May. Please take a form from the sacristy and return to Julie Maddrell.
17th Dec. 3.00pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

If there are other future events of which you are aware, 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