

St Mary's & St Columba's Parish Newsletter

13th August 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

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Do you remember scenes in cartoons such as Bugs Bunny where the character runs off the side of a cliff and happily keeps running in mid air until he realises that is what he's doing, and as soon as he realises, he drops to the ground.

I must admit that every time I read today's Gospel passage I picture such a scene. Peter has enough faith in Jesus to get out of the boat and start walking across the water. But as soon as he realises what is happening, he starts to sink.

This passage is a bit like a summary of Peter's Ministry. He starts out boldly with great confidence –for instance when Jesus asks who they say he is, Peter says: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Then things get tough and Peter is afraid of the forces against him – for instance when as Jesus said Peter would, he denies Jesus three times after he was arrested. But ultimately Peter is pulled through by the helping grace of God in whom he trusts – and Jesus, post resurrection, confirms Peter as the head of His church on earth when three times he asks Peter whether he loves Him and when Peter says yes, he is asked to look after the flock and feed them the Good News.

Our lives can be a bit like that. It is easy to start out with good intentions trusting God. But then, when things get tough, we forget God and try to go it alone leading to us sinking. But God will always hold out his hand to us and, provided we take it, he will see that all is right.

So instead of cartoon characters going over cliffs, let us try to picture the wonderful window in St. Anthony's in Onchan with Christ walking across the water towards us. In response, we hold out our hands and say "Yes, Lord, I trust you."

Deacon 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).

Week commencing 13th August			
Sunday 13 th August: <i>Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	9am	Special Intention Heaney Family.
	P/E	11am	Roger Morley (RIP)
Monday 14 th August: <i>Mem. St Maximillian Klobe.</i>			No Mass.
Tuesday 15 th August: <i>Holy Day of Obligation. Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>	P/E	10am	Charlotte & Nick (Wedding Anniversary)
	C/T	7pm	Lily Gribben (Ann)
Wednesday 16 th August: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	Kerry Doherty (Sick)
Thursday 17 th August: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	P/E	10am	The funeral of Mary Tierney
Friday 18 th August: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	Sacred Heart of Jesus (Special Intention)
Saturday 19 th August: <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	10am	Intentions for our Lady
Sunday 20 th August: <i>20th Sunday of Ordinary Time.</i>	C/T	9am	People of the Parish.
	P/E	11am	Brian Molloy (RIP)

Assistance Wanted

We are looking for someone to assist with preparation of the Newsletter and other parish administration. If you are able to help, please see Fr. Joseph, Deacon Alan or Deacon Graeme

Response to the Psalm:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy
and give us your saving help.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,

Who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Offertory Collection: Last week's collection came to £228.49.

This week's Second Collection is for Survive Miva.

First Holy Communion Classes: If your child will be 7 years or over before September please take a form from Sacristy for First Communion classes to start in November. Otherwise speak with Julie Maddrell on 438462.

Confirmation Preparation: In preparation for the children being confirmed we require copies of their Baptism Certificates. Please drop these in at the Sacristy or email them to us at your earliest convenience. The sessions are from 7-8pm in St. Mary's Church Castletown on the following Wednesdays: 23rd August, 6th September, 13th September. There will be a rehearsal at 4.45pm on Tuesday 19th September in St. Mary's **Douglas**. The Confirmation Celebration will be at 11am on Saturday 30th September in St. Mary's **Douglas**.

Funeral: The funeral of Mary Tierney will take place on the 17th August at St. Columba's Church at 10am.

Parish to Parish Walk: We have a new date for the Parish to Parish walk. Saturday 26th August. The walk will commence from St. Mary's at 11am, walking to St. Columba's, via Scarlett. Tickets £3.00 to include sausage baps and refreshments. If the weather is against us we will meet at St. Columba's at 11am for brunch.

Bible Alive: You will find at the back of both Churches sample copies of Bible Alive. This is a monthly booklet, that includes, daily reflections, inspiring stories of faith in action, profiles of saints and much more. There is a flyer in each booklet if you wish to subscribe.

Mass Intentions Received: Kerry Doherty, Mary Tierney, Roger Morley, Iris Tracey, John Williams, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lily Gribben, Special Intention Heaney Family & Brian Molloy

Parish Diary:

Wednesdays as listed, 7pm	Confirmation Preparation at St. Mary's Castletown. 23rd August, 6th and 13th Sept.
26th August 11am	Parish to Parish Walk. Starting at 11am St. Mary's walking to St. Columba's via Scarlett. Tickets £3.00 to include a sausage baps and refreshments. If the weather is against us, we will meet at St. Columba's Church Hall at 11am for Brunch.
12th Sept. (Evening)	Mass at Rushen Abbey in honour of Our Lady of Rushen
16th Sept. St. John's Mill 10am – 1pm	Island Spirituality Network – A Morning with the Northumbria Community. A covenanted, dispersed network of Christians, exploring new ways for living in our changing world.
16th Sept. 6.30 – 9.30pm	Games Night at St Columba's Hall. Adults £3.00 Children £1.00
29th Sept. - 2nd October	Archbishop Malcolm will be visiting our parish during this time and will be celebrating Mass in both our churches.
30th September 11am	Confirmation Service, St. Mary's Douglas.
4th October 2pm-4pm	The Parish Craft club - This is a lovely social gathering where we bring along a craft we are working on or use this opportunity to learn a new skill.
4th November 3pm	First Communion Classes commence.
9th Dec. 10am – 12.30pm	Wreath making class. St Columba hall 10am -12.30pm.
17th Dec. 3.00pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.
20th April 2024	Sacrament of Reconciliation.
18th May 2024	First Communion Mass.

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

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