

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



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

We may be in what we call Ordinary Time in the Church calendar, but that 'ordinary' time is peppered with extraordinary memorial and feast days, extraordinary events and people but, for the most part, people like you and me, just ordinary people – but doing extraordinary things or following their hearts in extraordinary ways.

Yesterday, we had the feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, otherwise known as Edith Stein. Next Thursday we will have the Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe.

Edith Stein was an academic and had a distinguished career as a philosopher before converting from Judaism to Christianity and becoming a Carmelite nun, ultimately being killed in Auschwitz in August 1942.

Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan priest prodigious religious communicator via newspapers, periodicals and radio, travelling as far as Japan, Moscow and Malabar. He too was imprisoned by the Nazis in Auschwitz where he died of starvation, having volunteered to take the place of another inmate, who had a family, who had been chosen by the guards to die that way.

St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross and St Maximilian Kolbe their stories and their faith journeys have much to teach us. We are continually faced with the need to make decisions – decisions about our daily lives, moral judgements, choosing one path over another. Constant choices. Perhaps, if there is a lesson to be gained from the lives of extraordinary people like Edith Stein or Maximilian Kolbe, it might be to pray and to try to take the right path, when we have to make these small decisions every day. Making the right choice, taking the right path, doing the right thing in small ways can become a natural, easy decision for us. It doesn't require heroism or any special gifts, but practice and prayer will strengthen our moral compass and can lead to extraordinary things.

Deacon 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 10th August			
Sunday 10 th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Marie Hampson (Sick)
Monday 11 th August Memorial of St Clare			No Mass
Tuesday 12 th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Louise Heaney (RIP)
Wednesday 13 th August Weekday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	Anne Marie and Dominic (RIP)
Thursday 14 th August Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Special Intention Confessions
Friday 15 th August Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	C/T P/E	10 am 7 pm	Theresa Henry (Birthday)
Saturday 16 th August Weekday in Ordinary Time		3 pm	Mass at Rushen Abbey
Sunday 17 th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Caroline McGuinness (RIP)

Responsorial Psalm:

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen as his heritage

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Stay awake and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon:

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord, who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

Jubilee Year 2025: During the year of the Jubilee the parish motto will be, "Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer." (Rom 12:12)

Offertory Collection: Last Sunday the offertory collection was £193.53
Thank you for your generous offerings both by direct debt and in Mass.

Donation: Thank for the generous donation of £500 to the parish.

New Parish Banking details: Here are the details for the new Parish bank account for those wishing to donate or pay their offerings by direct debt.

Account Details	
Bank	HSBC
Account name	St Mary and St Columba
Account number	94255178
Sort Code	40-19-38

Rushen Abbey Open Air Mass: As one of the activities of the Jubilee year an Open-air Mass will be held on Saturday 16th August at 3 pm. The main celebrant will be Rev. Msgr. John Devine. There have been invitations sent to other parishes and other denominations to join our parish in this open-air Mass.

Eucharistic Ministers: On Sunday 31st August at 11am Mass Fr Joseph will be commissioning and recommissioning the Eucharistic Ministers. Fr Joseph will be giving out the certificates for all who are yet to receive them.

Holy Day of Obligation: On Friday will be a Holy Day of Obligation, please see times of Masses.

Mass Intentions: Special Intention, Paul Douglas, Caroline McGuinness, Theresa Henry, Marie Hampson, and Louise Heaney.

Parish Diary

16 th August 3 pm	Open-air Mass at Rushen Abbey.
13 th September 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill with Steven Hoyland. The theme is "Who do you say that I am?"
13 th September 7 pm to 9.30 pm	Parish Barn Dance at St Columba's Hall.
11 th October 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill with Rev Richard Littledale. The theme is "To heaven on foot."
6 th December 10 am to 12 pm	Christmas wreath making class at St Columba's Hall.
14 th December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's.

If you have any thoughts on how we can celebrate the Jubilee Year as a parish, please talk to Deacon Alan or Deacon Graeme. If you are aware of future events, please let us know so we may add them to the diary. Social Club Committee contact details: Susan 460514, Nick 431606, Dee 437487, or Lynn 472867.

Second collections until the end of the year

14 th September	Catholic Education
28 th September	Evangelii Gaudium
19 th October	APF World Missions
23 rd November	Animate Youth

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