

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



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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St Monica and St Augustine: Hope in God's Timing.

This week we celebrated the memorial of St. Monica and St Augustine, her son, who became a bishop of Hippo and Doctor of the Church. He was one of the most outstanding teachers of the faith. His journey to holiness was not simple; he spent years chasing after worldly pleasures and false ideas. He became Manichean and followed the Manichean religion for nearly a decade.

Yet through the tireless prayers and tears of his mother, St. Monica, he finally opened his heart to God. Their story is not just history but a message of hope for us today. From Augustine, we learn the truth of his famous words: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord." In our modern world, many people still live with restlessness—chasing after success, technology, money, or approval on social media. Augustine reminds us that only God can give lasting peace. His conversion proves that no one is beyond God's mercy and that even a life far from God can be transformed into a powerful witness of faith.

We learn the value of faith, patience in suffering, perseverance in prayer, and hope in God's timing from Monica. She never gave up on her son, even when his life seemed hopeless. In a time when families struggle with brokenness, addiction, or children drifting away from faith, Monica gives parents and loved ones the courage to trust God's timing. Her prayers bore fruit not only in Augustine's conversion, but also in the blessings his life brought to the whole Church. Together, Augustine and Monica remind us that holiness often begins at home—with family's love, prayers, and witness. Their story teaches us to keep faith alive in difficult times, to trust in God's mercy, and never to stop praying for one another.

May their example inspire us to rest our hearts in God and to accompany each other on the path to holiness.

Fr Joseph

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 31st August			
Sunday 31 st August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Katie Laisney (Ann)
Monday 1 st September Monday in Ordinary Time			No Mass
Tuesday 2 nd September Tuesday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Elaine Morley, Carmel and Bernie Kiernan (RIP)
Wednesday 3 rd September Feast of St Gregory the Great	C/T	10 am	Care of Creation
Thursday 4 th September Thursday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Rob Allen Confessions
Friday 5 th September Friday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen
Saturday 6 th September Weekday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Funeral Mass of Eileen Fiddler
Sunday 7 th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Graeme and Heather Easton (40 th Wedding Ann) Paul Douglas (Ann)

Responsorial Psalm:

In your goodness, O God, you provided a home for the poor.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Take my yoke upon you, says the Lord, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon:

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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 £224.52. Thank you for your generous offerings both by direct debit and in Mass.

Mass Intentions: New Mass Intention forms have been introduced, which now require consent for the publication of the individual’s name in both print and digital newsletters. The new forms are at the back of both churches. In future only those Mass Intentions for which consent has been granted will feature in the newsletter.

Barn Dance: On Saturday 13th September at St. Columba’s Hall. 7-9.30 pm. This is a shared Supper event, so we ask that you bring a plate of food to share and your own drinks. Brendan McLaughlin is very kindly supplying the music. Carol Hayes will call thee dances. There will be a prize for the best fancy dress. Tickets are priced at £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for Children. There are still a few tickets left, please see any social committee member. Proceeds from this event will be put towards the purchase of a projector, for the Parish.

Flower arranging course A flower arranging course for beginners will be held in October at St Columba’s Hall. This is not a church event and is open to anyone. If interested, please email suemagee@me.com for details. A poster will be on the notice board.

Season of Creation: From 1st September to 4th October, we are requested to pray for care of creation.

Thank you. A donation has been received of £2,000. With great thanks to the donor.

No Mass: There will be no Mass at St Mary’s on Saturday 6th September due to the Funeral Mass at St Columba’s.

Mass Intentions: Elaine Morley, Eileen Fiddler, Carmel and Bernie Kiernan, Mary Woodward, Katie Laisney, Rob Allen, and Isa Furlong.

Parish Diary

13th 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?"
13th September 7 pm to 9.30 pm	Parish Barn Dance at St Columba's Hall.
11th 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."
6th December 10 am to 12 pm	Christmas wreath making class at St Columba's Hall.
14th 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

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

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