 **St. Mary’s & St. Columba’s Parish Newsletter**

**Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

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**Gospel: John 3:13-17.**

‘The Son of Man must be lifted up.’

13 At that time, Jesus said to Nicodemus, ‘No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Prayer:**

O God, Our Father, we come before You in humility, inspired by the example of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who, though He was in the form of God, took on the nature of a servant and humbled Himself even to death on a cross. Teach us to follow His example of selflessness and love, that we may live in a way that honours You.

We thank You for the gift of Your only Begotten Son, who was lifted up for our salvation. As we reflect on Your Word, remind us that we are offered eternal life through His sacrifice. Help us to believe firmly in Him and to share this love with others, knowing that Your desire is for all to be saved.

Let us be humble in our hearts and bold in our faith, proclaiming the good news of Your grace. May every knee bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

**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).

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| **Week commencing 14th September** | | | |
| Sunday 14th September  **Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross** | C/T  P/E | 9 am  11 am | Peter Sunderland (RIP)  Eileen Fidler (RIP) |
| Monday 15th September  **Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows** |  |  | No Mass |
| Tuesday 16th September  **Memorial of Ss Cornelius and Cyprian** | P/E | 10 am | Mary Woodward (Get Well) |
| Wednesday 17th September  **Wednesday in Ordinary Time** | C/T | 10 am |  |
| Thursday 18th September  **Thursday in Ordinary Time** | P/E | 10 am  10.45 am | Eileen Fidler (RIP)  Confessions |
| Friday 19th September  **Friday in Ordinary Time** | C/T | 10 am | Care of creation |
| Saturday 20th September  **Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae.gon** | P/E | 10 am | Baptism of Elliot Andrew Cain |
| Sunday 21st September  **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time** | C/T  P/E | 9 am  11 am | People of the Parish  Sick person in hospital |

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your Cross you have redeemed the world.

**Alleluia**

**Communion Antiphon:**

When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.

**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 £378.95. Thank you for your generous offerings both by direct debt 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.

**Archbishop Malcolm**: Today there will be a second collection for Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm. In our prayers private and communal, we pray for the Archbishop Emeritus Malcolm who will continue to share ministry within the Archdiocese.

**175th Anniversary:** On 29th September, we will commemorate the 175th anniversary of the restoration of the Catholic Hierarchy in England and Wales, which also signifies the 175th anniversary of the Archdiocese of Liverpool. To celebrate this significant occasion, a Mass will be held at St Columba’s on Tuesday, 30th September at 10 am, dedicated to expressing gratitude for the gift and mission of our Catholic faith.

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

**Mass Intentions:** Eileen Fidler; Peter Sunderland; Ross, Doyle, and Heaney families; Mary Woodward; Special Intention; Gary and Louise Heaney.

**Parish Diary**

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| 3rd October  7 pm | Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Malcolm at St Mary’s. |
| 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**

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| 14th September | Archbishop Malcolm |
| 28th September | Catholic Education |
| 19th October | Evangelii Gaudium |
| 2nd November | APF World Missions |
| 23rd November | Animate Youth |

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