

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



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## St. Cyprian of Carthage

On Tuesday, September 16th, we remembered St. Cornelius, Pope, and St. Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs. Let us not forget St. Cyprian. Cyprian was a 3rd-century bishop of Carthage in North Africa, one of the most important Church leaders of his time. A former lawyer who converted to Christianity, he was elected bishop in 249 AD.

His leadership came during severe Roman persecutions under the emperors Decius and Valerian. Cyprian courageously guided his flock, defending the faith and teaching unity in the Church. In 258 AD, he was arrested for refusing to renounce Christ and was martyred by the sword, giving the ultimate witness of faith.

Cyprian is remembered above all for his teaching on the unity of the Church. He wrote: "He cannot have God for his Father who does not have the Church for his mother." For him, the Church is the one body of Christ, held together in communion with the bishop and rooted in charity. Division, pride, and schism were grave dangers, tearing Christ's body apart.

In his work *On the Lord's Prayer*, Cyprian explained the Our Father as the model of all prayer. He taught that this prayer unites us as God's children, directs us to do His will, and reminds us to seek our daily needs and forgiveness. Cyprian also spoke powerfully about repentance and forgiveness. When many Christians fell away during persecution, he insisted that those who sincerely repented could be reconciled through the Church's mercy. Forgiveness, however, needed genuine conversion, prayer, fasting, and works of penance.

The life and death of St. Cyprian remind us that Christian discipleship calls for unity, prayer, and mercy. He teaches us that the Church is our family, the Our Father our guide in prayer, and repentance our path back to God's embrace.

Let us pray, Heavenly Father, thank You for St. Cyprian's example. Help us embrace unity, seek Your will in prayer, and extend mercy to one another. 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).

<b>Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>			
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September <b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Sick person in hospital
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September <b>Monday in Ordinary Time</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September <b>Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina</b>	P/E	10 am	Eileen Fidler (RIP)
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Feast of Our Lady of Walsingham</b>	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Thursday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Gary and Louise Heaney Confessions
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Friday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	Care of creation
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Memorial of St Vincent De Paul</b>	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> September <b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Doyle, Ross, and Heaney families

### **Responsorial Psalm:**

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

**Alleluia**

### **Communion Antiphon:**

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

**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 £222.75 and Archbishop Malcolm £179.64. Thank you for your generous offerings both by direct debit and in Mass.

**Next Sunday:** There will be a second collection next Sunday for Catholic Education.

**Thank you:** A donation has been received of £70. With great thanks to the donor.

**Barn Dance:** The Social Club would like to thank everyone who joined us for the Barn Dance and hope everyone enjoyed it as much as we did. A huge THANK YOU to Brendan and Alan, our incredible musicians, and to Carol for very patiently calling the dances. We raised an incredible £227 towards the parish projectors. This is in addition to the monies raised from the parish-to-parish walk (£51), Craft Club (£24), BBQ (£29), and Quiz Night (£33). We are almost halfway to our target of £750, and we could not have done it without you! Thank you.

**Welcome:** We all welcome Elliot Andrew Cain, who was baptized on Saturday. Ryan Vishva Perera is to receive first Holy Communion on Sunday at St Mary's Church. Please pray for Elliot, Ryan, and their families. We welcome Rev Canon Philip Gillespie, Dean of the Isle of Man Deanery, Parish priest of St. Mary of the Isle (Co-Cathedral) and St. Anthony, Onchan. We wish him all God's blessings.

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

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

**Mass Intentions:** James and June Cunningham and family; Eileen Fidler; Ross, Doyle, and Heaney families; Gary and Louise Heaney.

## Parish Diary

3 <sup>rd</sup> October 7 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Malcolm at St Mary's.
5 <sup>th</sup> October 2 pm to 4 pm	Flower arranging classes at St Columba's Hall. These classes will be held on 12 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> October and 2 <sup>nd</sup> November.
11 <sup>th</sup> October 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill with Revd David Smith. The theme is "God and Mammon."
8 <sup>th</sup> November 10 am to 1 pm	Island Spirituality Network at St John's Mill with Darren Prince theme is "Community and Mission on the Margins."
16 <sup>th</sup> November 12 pm to 4 pm	Fairtrade Sale at St Columba's Hall.
29 <sup>th</sup> November 11 am to 1 pm	SVP Christmas Fayre at St Columba's Hall.
6 <sup>th</sup> December 10 am to 12 pm	Christmas wreath making class at St Columba's Hall.
14 <sup>th</sup> 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

28 <sup>th</sup> September	Catholic Education
19 <sup>th</sup> October	Evangelii Gaudium
2 <sup>nd</sup> November	APF World Missions
23 <sup>rd</sup> November	Animate Youth

### **"Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer"**

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