

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



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

We hear the Greek word *Metanoia* in the three Synoptic Gospels and in the Acts of the Apostles. It means a change of heart or having a change of perspective in what and how we see things, allowing us to undergo a metamorphosis or change in our lives and faith.

Change is all around us: whether children starting in primary or secondary school last week; young adults heading off to college, work or a new start in life. 2025 has also seen change in other ways: giving us a new Pope, Leo (upon the death of Pope Francis); and, a new Archbishop, John and a new (returning) Dean, Phillip Gillespie, upon their respective retirements of their respective predecessors.

We have experienced deaths + funerals as well as births + baptisms in our community this year. Some people are back from holidays, others (myself included) are away this week on one. Life moves ever forward. The question is: do we?

It is so very easy to follow the well-trodden path. To get up today and do what we have always done or follow the same routine. However, it is good to take a little time out from time to time to think about what really matters (to us), what we might have put off in the past, to consider the benefits of '*metanoia*' or making some, possibly very little, changes to our lives that might make a big difference.

We may have had an opportunity over the summer months to do exactly that. [A small example, in our own Parish, is of individuals offering their (your) time to help in many ways that go towards building up our community and its life. Thank you to all involved in whatever way you contribute.] If not, it doesn't matter. It is always possible to have a quiet 'think' or reboot about our faith. To consider how we might do things differently, better – but now - not sometime in the future, a time that may never happen.

The great thing is that God invites each one of us to consider how we want to relate to and relate with Him. He doesn't impose Himself upon us but invites us to come into His house, interact and communicate with Him and join Him on our journey in relationship with Him. What's not to want....? Don't put it off. Make it happen.

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 7th September			
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)
Monday 8 th September Monday in Ordinary Time			No Mass
Tuesday 9 th September Tuesday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am	Isla Furlong (Sick)
Wednesday 10 th September Memorial of St Ambrose Barlow	C/T	10 am	Andy Fraser-Smith (RIP)
Thursday 11 th September Thursday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Nuala and Brian Dwyer (Ann) Confessions
Friday 12 th September Friday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	No Mass
Saturday 13 th September Memorial of St John Chrysostom	P/E	10 am	No Mass
Sunday 14 th September Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Peter Sunderland (RIP) Eileen Fidler (RIP)

Responsorial Psalm:

O Lord, you have been our refuge, from generation to generation.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Let your face shine forth on your servant and teach me your decrees.

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon:

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.

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 £265.16. 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.

Archbishop Malcolm: On Friday, 3rd October at 7 pm, a Mass will be held at the Metropolitan Cathedral to express gratitude for Archbishop Malcolm's service as the Archbishop of Liverpool. Additionally, next Sunday, 14th September a second collection will take place to gather offerings from across the Archdiocese, which will be presented to Archbishop Malcolm during this Mass. 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: Isa Furlong; Eileen Fidler; Peter Sunderland; Ross, Doyle, and Heaney families; Special Intention; Gary and Louise Heaney; and Andy Fraser-Smith.

Parish Diary

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.
3 rd October 7 pm	Mass of Thanksgiving for Archbishop Malcolm at St Mary's.
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	Archbishop Malcolm
28 th September	Catholic Education
19 th October	Evangelii Gaudium
2 nd November	APF World Missions
23 rd November	Animate Youth

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