

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



Solemnity of All Saints

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Solemnity of All Saints Day

This Sunday, we celebrate All Saints Day, a joyful reminder that holiness is not just for a few special people but for every Christian. Each of us, through baptism, is called to live a life of love, faith, and service. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that "all Christians... are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity" (CCC 2013).

The saints show us that this is possible. They were ordinary people who allowed God's grace to shine through their daily lives, families, work, and service to others. Pope John Paul II emphasized that "the way of holiness is lived out in everyday life," reminding us that each small act of love serves as a step toward holiness. Likewise, Pope Benedict XVI noted that "the saints do not belong to a different world; they show us that it is possible here and now to live according to God's will" (Spe Salvi).

The saints are part of the Communion of Saints; our brothers and sisters now live in God's presence and pray for us (CCC 956–962). They remind us that we belong to one great family of faith, joined together on earth and in heaven. As Scripture says: "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." — Hebrews 12:1.

Today, the saints encourage us to continue our faith journey. Their lives inspire us to love more deeply, forgive more readily, and completely trust God. If they could live holy lives in their time, we can too, in ours. Let us thank God for their example and pray: "Lord, make us holy, as You are holy."

Quote: "Holiness consists simply in doing God's will and being just what God wants us to be." St. Thérèse of Lisieux.

Wishing you and your families a joyful and blessed Feast of All Saints! May all the saints in heaven intercede for us and fill our hearts with peace and joy.

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 2nd November			
Sunday 2 nd November Solemnity of All Saints	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Eileen and Alwyne Fidler.
Monday 3 rd November Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed	P/E C/T	10 am 7 pm	All the faithful departed.
Tuesday 4 th November Memorial of St Charles Borromeo			No Mass
Wednesday 5 th November Wednesday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	Margret Skeffington and James A. Malloy. (RIP)
Thursday 6 th November Thursday in Ordinary Time	P/E	10 am 10.45 am	Catherine Casserly (Ann) Confessions
Friday 7 th November Friday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am	Deceased members of the Lule Family.
Saturday 8 th November Saturday in Ordinary Time	C/T	10 am 10 45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 9 th November Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Marie Burke (Ann) People of the Parish

Responsorial Psalm:

Such are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden says, the Lord and I will give you rest.

Alleluia

Communion Antiphon:

Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness for there is the Kingdom of Heaven.

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)

November Month of All Souls: November is the month of All Souls. During November, we lovingly remember our parents, brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends who have died. Put the name/s of your departed loved ones and the Mass donation in the envelope provided and put them in the box before the altar. These names will be remembered in the following Masses:

St Mary's Castletown	Wednesday 19 th Nov	7 pm
St Columba's Port Erin	Thursday 20 th Nov	7 pm

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

Offertory collection: Month of October was £1250.30. Collection for World Mission Sunday was £331.99. Thank for your generous offerings.

Second Collection: There will be a second collection next week for Evangelii Gaudium.

FAIRTRADE: This year's FAIRTRADE sale will take place on Sunday, 16th November, in St. Columba's Hall from 12 to 4 pm. Please come along and support producers in the developing world to get a fair price for their goods. There will be a wide variety of craft and food items on sale, as usual. Equally as important, we will be serving homemade soup, bread, lunches, and puddings/cakes. All the money from refreshments goes directly to the Loreto Sisters and funds their work with orphaned children and trafficked women in Albania. When I last spoke with Sr. Imelda, she told me how much they appreciate and rely on the refreshment money each year to fund their work. So please save the date, treat yourself to a Sunday lunch you don't have to cook, and support the FAIRTRADE sale and the work of the Loreto Sisters in Albania

Any soup makers, bread bakers, cake, or pudding creators who can make something for the day—please contact Stella at 412740 or stellaharris13@icloud.com to let me know. Stella Harris.

SVP: Thank you all for your support in the past. The SVP Christmas Fayre is on Saturday, 29th November, and we once again will need your support so we can continue to help those in need in the south of the Island. We are looking for new unwanted gifts, bottles, raffle prizes, and homemade cakes and savouries. A box for your donations will be in each church porch throughout November. The hall will be open from 2-4 pm on Friday, 28th, to accept items. Thank you.

A big thank you to all who led the Rosary during October. Your prayerful service helped us begin Mass in a spirit of devotion. As we move forward, I encourage others to introduce different devotions before Mass to continue nurturing our faith.

Christmas Wreath Making Class. Anyone interested in the Christmas Wreath making class please email Sue at suemagee@me.com as she is taking numbers ready for the class on Saturday 6th December.

Ashes: Angela Main Thompson's ashes will be interred following a brief prayer service at Santon church today 1.30pm.

Mass Intentions: Eileen and Alwyne Fidler, Marie Burke, and Catherine Casserly, Ann Burge (90th BD), and Elaine Morley.

Parish Diary

8 th 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 th November 12 pm to 4 pm	Fairtrade Sale at St Columba's Hall
29 th November 11 am to 1 pm	SVP Christmas Fayre at St Columba's Hall
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

23 rd November	Animate Youth
14 th December	Christmas Flowers

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