

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

## Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Tempus Fugit.....

Today, the third Sunday of 'Ordinary' time is also the last day of the week of prayer for Christian Unity, which began last Sunday. This week also sees the annual Holocaust Memorial Day as well as the upcoming Racial Justice Sunday when we pray for justice and peace in the world.

What do all these things reflect? Well, on one level they draw our minds toward the inequalities and injustices that can and do occur in the world and how we must strive to put our thoughts and prayers into action, as a means of improving the world for all humanity, reflecting the teaching of our faith and our (personal) efforts to put that faith into action.

It seems like only yesterday that we were celebrating the birth of Jesus in the stable in Bethlehem. We will be celebrating His Presentation in the Temple in just over a week's time. We will then be halfway to Easter!

I am not wishing time or my or your life away. Merely that as the saying goes – Tempus Fugit i.e. time flies. We need to seize the moment and not let time just go by and be wasted.

Jesus' experience as an infant, that of a baby needing to be taken away by his mother and guardian so as to escape the murderous behaviour of King Herod reminds us of the fragility of life and our existence, of the impact of human misbehaviour then, as now.

However, there are good people in abundance too. People of faith, many faiths and none. This last week of prayer, next week's Holocaust Memorial Day and all the occasions we remember in our daily lives and in our Church, calendar are a reminder that we need to be mindful of our human existence, our human frailty but not to forget or ignore the fact that we are loved by and important to God. Realising that should give us hope, strength and encouragement to live the life we are able, to put our faith into action – whether that is something as little as a smile or making time to listen. Whether in prayer or action.

.... **Carpe Diem**  
**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).

<b>Week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>			
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	Nigel Mc Farlane (Sick) People of the Parish
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Memorial of St Timothy and Titus</b>			No Mass
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Tuesday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas</b>	C/T	10 am	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Thursday in Ordinary Time</b>	P/E	10 am	
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> January <b>Friday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T	10 am	
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> January <b>Memorial of St John Bosco</b>	C/T	10 am 10.45 am	Intentions to Our Lady of Rushen Adoration and Confession
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> February <b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	C/T P/E	9 am 11 am	People of the Parish Kieran Collister (Get Well )

**Responsorial Psalm:**

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

**Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Jesus proclaimed the gospel of the kingdom  
and healed every affliction among the people.

**Alleluia.**

**Communion Antiphon:**

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

**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)

**Jubilee Mass:** On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2026, we will be marking the end of our Jubilee year, ‘Pilgrims of Hope.’ Father Joseph has proposed that this will be an interactive Mass in St. Columba, with both our congregations and people invited from other Catholic parishes. The idea is that individuals or groups, particularly from different nationalities, will take part in the readings, hymns, or show or tell us something from their culture, particularly, but not exclusively, with regard to work that has been done on the theme of “Hope.” This may only be a few minutes; for example, reading a letter of thanks, a poem, a song, or a prayer, etc. There are many good things happening in our parishes, such as the Foodbank, Fair Trade, Mary's Meals, SVP, and many, many other ventures. It would be nice for a representative to share the good news. After the Mass, we will be having a faith luncheon. Hopefully, people will bring food from their home countries for everyone to share and enjoy. Please help support this initiative by offering to be involved in whatever way you can. Please contact [suemagee@me.com](mailto:suemagee@me.com) as I will be sorting out a programme over the next month.

**Parish Luncheon:** This year's Parish luncheon will be held on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> February, at 2 pm at the Falcon Hotel, Port Erin. Numbers are limited to 45. Adult tickets are £24.50 and children's tickets are £13.50. The price is for two courses and includes a contribution towards Fr. Joseph and Fr. Augustine's meals and a tip. For tickets, please speak to a Social Club Committee member.

**Christian Unity.** As we come to the end of the week of prayer for Christian Unity, a short reflection: The churches and all local communities are diverse in their God-given unity, with grace given according to the gift of Christ building up God's kingdom. These spiritual gifts are granted by one Lord, in one baptism, for one purpose. Diversity in unity: this is the unique Christ-centred richness and power of the Church in the movement of the Holy Spirit.

And a prayer we can all say together after Communion:

Lord Jesus Christ, by the action of the Holy Spirit in the one baptism, you have bestowed wonderful graces and multiple gifts upon us for the sake of building up your Body, the Church. Grant us now the willingness to fully appreciate the richness of their diversity and use them fully to further the spread of the Gospel. In your name we pray. Amen.

**Mass Intentions:** Nigel Mc Farlane and Kieran Collister

### Parish Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> February 2 pm	Parish luncheon at Falcon Hotel Port Erin
1 <sup>st</sup> March 11 am	Parish Jubilee Mass at St Columba's
13 <sup>th</sup> December 3 pm	Parish Nativity Service at St. Columba's

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 from January to June

Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Nugent
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Easter flowers for the churches
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Holy Places
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	Priest Training Fund
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	World Communications
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Day for Life

**“Let us prepare the way for the Lord by making our hearts humble and ready to receive Him” St. Gregory the Great**

**“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer”**

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