

NEWSLETTER

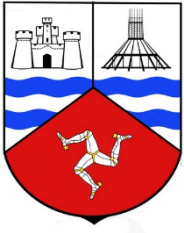
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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, 31st May 2026

(Year A for Sundays; Cycle 2 for weekdays)

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From the Presbytery desk.....

On Monday of last week, Pope Leo issued his first ENCYCLICAL LETTER, which takes its name from the first two words in Latin, ***Magnifica Humanitas***: in English it begins

Humanity, created by God in all its ***grandeur***, is today facing a pivotal choice.....

In it he reflects upon the challenges facing today's world and our societies, particularly in the area of Artificial Intelligence and the challenge to keep the dignity of the human person at the heart of whatever progress is made in other areas of science and technology.

It is a timely reminder and a challenge to us all: the beauty of the human person and our relationships and interactions can never be replaced or substituted by the machinery of algorithms or impersonal decisions made by computers. It is the wisdom of what generations before us might have said about the beginning of computers and the Internet.... A good servant but a poor Master!

Why does the Pope write such letters? Well they are, as the name suggests, to 'encircle' the world – that is they are written to all of us as members of the Church universal and also to all 'people of goodwill', those of Christian faith, other faiths and no faith who seek to honour the uniqueness of each person and the dignity of human life. They speak of significant area of growth, concern or development in the world and in the Church – enabling us to better engage with the '*joys and hopes, the fears and anxieties*' (Vatican II, Gaudium et spes) of the church of our age.

Over the coming weeks we can examine certain of the themes which the Holy Father places before us. Firstly it is good to remember that Pope Leo's 'numerical' predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, wrote an Encyclical in 1891 entitled 'Rerum Novarum' (*about new things*...) in which he spoke about the social and economic issues springing from the then current Industrial Revolution and the Christian response to it: embracing that which is positive while safeguarding always the dignity of human life, human labour and the needs of families and of the poor.

It appears that Pope Leo, the 14th of that name, feels that there is need to revisit the topic.....

Canon Philip

Pope to lead worldwide Rosary for peace in Vatican Gardens on Saturday 30 May at 6pm UK time

Accompanying his repeated calls for an end to war, Pope Leo will preside over the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6pm (UK time) on this Saturday 30 May at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes in the Vatican Gardens, at the conclusion of the Marian month.

Pope Leo has appealed for peace in the world throughout his pontificate. His appeals have been accompanied with consistent calls for prayer.

All people and all Shrines around the world are invited to join him in praying the Rosary. Some of the major Shrines who have confirmed their participation include: the Shrine of the Mother of God (Zarvanytsia, Ukraine); the International Shrine of Our Lady of Peace and Good Voyage (Antipolo, Philippines); the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary (Fatima, Portugal); the Shrine of Our Lady Queen of Peace (Medjugorje, Bosnia and

Herzegovina); the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes (Lourdes, France); the Shrine of Saint Charbel Annaya (Byblos, Lebanon); Knock Shrine (Mayo, Ireland) and the Pontifical Shrine of the Holy House of Loreto (Loreto, Italy).

Pope Leo will pray the Joyful Mysteries, with each decade being dedicated specifically for those affected by war and violence and entrusting them to the intercession of Mary, Queen of Peace.

The first mystery prays for the victims of war, especially the most vulnerable, while the second is for those who bring words of hope and the comfort of faith to populations affected by war. The third recalls the medical and paramedical personnel and volunteers who bring humanitarian aid every day.

The fourth mystery prays for those who suffer the violence of war, for prisoners and for all who endure humiliations that violate human dignity. The fifth and final Joyful Mystery is dedicated to praying for an end to war and the establishment of lasting peace in the world.

- **T & Chat** will meet on **Tuesday 2 June** from 10.30am – 12noon at St. Anthony’s Pastoral Centre. Refreshments will be served and everyone will be warmly welcomed. Please contact Josie on 406063 for any information.
- **Lourdes Youth Group:** A ‘Round the World Evening’ event will take place on **Thursday 9 July** to raise funds for the Isle of Man Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage this summer. Our Youth Group, alongside other young people from the Archdiocese, will help care for the sick pilgrims in Lourdes. The event will take place from 7pm until 11pm in the Manx Legion Club on the Quayside in Douglas. Admission £15. Children under 12 free. Under 18s attending must be accompanied by an adult and supervised at all times. Tickets available from Sheila Signorio or from St Mary’s Parish Office.
- Welcome to those joining us for the TT Festival. We wish you a happy and safe break on the island.

Masses and Services for the coming week

All Masses and Services from St Mary’s are live-streamed.

Saturday 30th May 2026			
Solemnity of Most Holy Trinity	5.00pm	St Mary’s	Tricia Fargher, deceased
Sunday 31st May 2026	9.30am	St Anthony’s	People of our Parishes
Solemnity of Most Holy Trinity	11.00am	St Mary’s	Tayag family intentions
Monday 1st June 2026 St Justin	<i>No Mass today</i>	<i>St Mary’s</i>	<i>No Mass or service today</i>
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	10.00am 12.10pm	St Anthony’s St Mary’s	Eucharistic Service Catherine Deleonio, recently died
Wednesday 3rd June 2026 St Charles Lwanga & Companions	12.10pm	St Mary’s	Peter Newton, recently died
Thursday 4th June 2026	10.00am 12.10pm	St Anthony’s St Mary’s	Health problems, intention Joseph Vadakkemury, anniversary
Friday 5th June 2026 St Boniface	12.10pm	St Mary’s	John Diffley, deceased
Saturday 6th June 2026	11.00am 5.00pm	St Mary’s St Mary’s	Exposition and Confessions Caroline Coleman, sick
Sunday 7th June 2026	9.30am 11.00am	St Anthony’s St Mary’s	People of our Parishes Deceased members of the Murray family