

# NEWSLETTER

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**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

(Year A for Sundays; Cycle 2 for weekdays; Psalter Week 3)

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From the Presbytery desk.....

Each year, the Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month. You are invited to answer the Holy Father's request and to join with many people worldwide in praying for this intention each month. From time to time, the Holy Father may add a second prayer intention related to current events or urgent needs, like disaster relief. The second prayer request will help mobilize prayer and action related to the urgent situation.

The Holy Father has entrusted these intentions in a particular way to the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, an organization that works to encourage Christians to respond to the Pope's appeal and to deepen their daily prayer. You can find more information about the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on their website. (The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network will also publish any urgent prayer intentions of the Holy Father as soon as they are received from the Holy See.)

## **August 2026: For evangelization in the city**

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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Canon Philip will be leading the Service at the ancient chapel of Saint Adamnan (just outside Baldrine) on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

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Welcome to our guests and visitors – and safe journey and happy holiday to those who may be travelling off Island in these coming days.

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Following repurposing of one of the rooms in the Pastoral Centre at Saint Anthony in Onchan we have an 800mm square shower tray and enclosure which are available free of charge to any member of our Parishes. These are little used and in very good condition. Collection will need to be arranged and items can be viewed on request. Please contact Canon Philip or the Parish Office if interested.

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On Monday (10<sup>th</sup> August) the Liturgy keeps the Feast of an early Roman martyr named Lawrence. Lawrence was a Deacon in the church of Rome.

Fearing that the Christian church was becoming too popular and a threat to his position, in AD 258 The Roman Emperor Valerian issued an edict: all bishops, priests and deacons must be put to death. Saint Lawrence, other deacons, and Pope Sixtus II were apprehended. The Pope was killed on 6 August. At first, the emperor offered to spare Lawrence's life, in exchange for his handing over of "the treasures of the Church." Continuing the regular charitable and caring work which was part of his Ministry, he speedily distributed any gold or silver in their reserves to the poor of the city and then – three days later - Lawrence is said to have presented the emperor with the sick, the needy, and the marginalized; these, he said, were the true treasures of the Church. This infuriated the Emperor who decreed that Lawrence should also be killed and four days later, on August 10, Lawrence would be publicly put to death, burned alive on a gridiron.

As a Deacon, Lawrence was recognised as a person in the church who was entrusted with the ministry of service and care of others. The danger of course is that if a person is given a particular title or role, the rest of us think that we can safely leave that particular function to them! If we have a Deacon - then we don't need to worry about looking after others: that's his job.

The task and privilege of looking to the good of others – extending to each person the gentle and caring love of Christ – is for each one of us and is rooted in the mission given to us through the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation. The Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, Holy Communion, is food for the journey, strengthening us for this task.

One (latin) word which we sometimes use to describe this is CARITAS - love for others and seeking their good. If we think of this using our English word CHARITY then it is not merely the giving of money and material resources, but firstly the giving of our time and abilities and care for others.

At the conclusion of our Mass we are sent out to share with others the CARITAS of Christ himself – ‘Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life ‘

*Canon Philip*

- St Anthony’s Charity Bingo will be held on Thursday 13 August at 7.30pm in St Anthony’s Pastoral Centre, Onchan. Everyone welcome to come along and join in the fun with tea, coffee and a raffle.
- Our Liverpool Cathedral of Christ the King is currently hosting *A Mother’s Warmth*, an Icon Exhibition by Bulgarian artist and iconographer Dian Kostov up until 30 August 2026. Admission is free.

#### **Masses and Services for the coming week**

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

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|----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>         |                      |                  |                                            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time           | 5.00pm               | St Mary’s        | People of our Parishes                     |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>           |                      |                  |                                            |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time           | 9.30am               | St Anthony’s     | Michael McHale, deceased                   |
|                                                    | 11.00am              | St Mary’s        | Brian Keenan, 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>          |                      |                  |                                            |
| St Lawrence                                        | <i>No Mass today</i> | <i>St Mary’s</i> | <i>No Mass or Service today</i>            |
| <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>         |                      |                  |                                            |
| St Clare                                           | 10.00am              | St Anthony’s     | <i>Eucharistic Service</i>                 |
|                                                    | 12.10pm              | St Mary’s        | Matt Walsh-Hinds, sick                     |
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>       |                      |                  |                                            |
|                                                    | 12.10pm              | St Mary’s        | Dave Corkill, recently died                |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>        |                      |                  |                                            |
|                                                    | 10.00am              | St Anthony’s     | Bryan Stott, anniversary                   |
|                                                    | 12.10pm              | St Mary’s        | Joseph Alakkakunnel, anniversary           |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>          |                      |                  |                                            |
| St Maximilian Kolbe                                | 12.10pm              | St Mary’s        | Mary Hardinge, birthday anniversary        |
| <b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>        |                      |                  |                                            |
|                                                    | 11am - 12 noon       | St Mary’s        | Exposition and Confessions                 |
| Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary | 5.00pm               | St Mary’s        | Alan Lynch, anniversary                    |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>          |                      |                  |                                            |
|                                                    | 9.30am               | St Anthony’s     | People of our Parishes                     |
| Solemnity of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary | 11.00am              | St Mary’s        | Sheila Hennessy, anniversary               |