

# ST MATTHEW'S CHURCH, NORTH QUAY, DOUGLAS

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Church Wardens: Mr John Riley MBE and Mr John Rimmer

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

### THIS WEEK

DAY	MASSES & SERVICES	YEAR'S MIND
<b>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Low Mass, 9am High Mass, 10:30am	Ethel Skillington
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> Weekday of Easter	Low Mass, 12pm	May Marsh
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> Weekday of Easter		Stephen Freshwater (Priest)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Weekday of Easter		Helen Callow
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> Weekday of Easter		William Corrin & Elizabeth Gore
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> Weekday of Easter	Low Mass, 12pm	Arthur Kelly & Margaret Clague
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Weekday of Easter		
<b>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>	Low Mass, 9am High Mass, 10:30am	

devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary on the Isle of Man.

### ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This is fixed for Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April, after the 10:30am High Mass, for midday. We will need to elect two wardens at the Meeting of the Parishioners. There will be nine vacancies on the Parochial Church Council and two people to elect to the Diocesan Synod. All the nomination forms are at the back of church. The Parochial Church Council is a body corporate which looks after the general running of the church and oversees the finances. It also looks after the halls. Collectively the P.C.C. are committed to seeing our church flourish on all levels in the faith of Jesus Christ; a willingness to play an active part in the P.C.C.'s business, vision and decision-making assists this. Everyone brings something different to the P.C.C. but we all seek to play an enthusiastic and committed part in the life of St Matthew's. Those elected to the Diocesan Synod are also members of the Parochial Church Council. The Diocesan Synod normally has three evening meetings a year. The Synod has to approve the diocesan budget, new church legislation and to debate issues of interest to the diocese.

### EASTER OFFERING

I was deeply humbled to receive the very generous collection made on Easter Sunday. I always wish that I was able to do more for St Matthew's, so I appreciate the encouragement that what I do manage is appreciated. I am very grateful to my priestly colleagues. Fr Duncan Whitworth, Fr Roger Harper, Fr Andrew Coleman and Canon Hinton Bird all continue to do so much for St Matthew's. We are also blessed to have a wonderful congregation with people who quietly undertake all sorts of tasks. If you feel that you are more of a Mary than a Martha then don't underestimate the good a word of encouragement or appreciation continues to achieve. Fr Michael

### USPG LENT BOXES

If you took a USPG collection box during Lent would you now please return it and leave at the back of the church. We would like to forward St Matthew's Lenten contribution to the mission. Many thanks.

### FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

It was a bit of a family reunion in the sanctuary with Fr Roger presiding and his brother-in-law, Fr Ian Faulds, acting as sub deacon and preaching. We all appreciated a fascinating sermon on the history of

**EASTER GARDEN:** I am reliably informed that we are still two figures down for the Easter Garden. In the past we did have one showing the risen Christ and one of St Peter. If anyone has any bright ideas where we are safely storing them, please do speak up! If we are going to restore the figures it would be ideal to do them all at the same time. Fr Michael

**GIVE SOME DAYS FOR EARTH:** Gaia, the touring iconic giant globe is being displayed in St Thomas' from 20<sup>th</sup> April to 12<sup>th</sup> May. The full details of this amazing installation are on a separate sheet. St Thomas' would like some dedicated individuals to help steward the opening. If this is for you the full details of how to signal your interest are also on the separate sheet.

**We pray for the sick and those in need:** H.M. The King, The Princess of Wales, Chris Dougherty, Kay Denne, Gordon Fletcher, Fiona Haywood, Anna Horsnell, Sheila Rolfe, Denis Blyth, Patrick Bregazzi, Kathleen Sorby, Ann Reynolds, Fr Duncan Whitworth and Ella Griffin.