

CATHOLIC WIGHT

THE CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN THE ST. BONIFACE DEANERY ISLE OF WIGHT

WEALTH, PRISONERS, AND THE EYE OF A NEEDLE



This week, on Prisoners' Sunday, a national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families – at a time of crisis in the prisons of our land – we reflect, too, on how easily we may be imprisoned by the things of the world.

The Gospel tells of the rich young man who “lacked one thing” – a readiness to forego his great wealth, give to the poor, and find treasure in heaven. “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God,” says the Lord. While many think that the “eye of the needle” referred to a very narrow gate in Jerusalem’s walls, through which a camel – if unburdened of baggage – might be coaxed to pass, it may also be a literal and striking image of apparent impossibility.

Wealth need not of itself be an obstacle. As St Paul wrote to the young pastor Timothy, “the *love* of money is the root of all evils” (1 Tim 6:10). Our Lord, who received, in infancy and adulthood, costly treasures and extravagant ointments, was supported financially, with the Twelve, by women of means (Luke 8:3), and without the wealthy Joseph of Arimathea (Matt 27:57) would there have been the Empty Tomb?

Yet, says the Lord, “all things are possible for God” – even squeezing through the needle’s eye. This Sunday’s first reading speaks of the surpassing value of Wisdom – “compared with her, I held riches as nothing” – and the Psalm similarly yearns for the “wisdom of heart” in the face of the shortness of life, looking for God’s mercy and an experience of his love, to balance times of affliction and misfortune.

May we be freed from disordered attachment to temporal things and set our hearts and minds on treasure in heaven.

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Wis 7:7-11; Hb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Is 53:10-11; Hb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jer 31:7-9; Hb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) The RCIA is a process for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. For non-baptised men and women, it consists of a number of sessions of learning about the Catholic Church's teaching on matters of doctrinal faith, prayer, liturgy and sacraments. Those already *baptised in another Christian church*, are also invited to join the RCIA programme for instruction, guidance, and support. Both adult baptisms and receptions into the Church will normally take place at the Easter Vigil. For further information email: iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or tel: 01983 522027 First session will be on Thursday 17 October 1830 in the McAuley Centre in Newport.

SECOND COLLECTION There is a Second Collection next weekend 19/20 October to support Foreign Missions (Missio).

THANK YOU FROM CAFOD Thank you for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal this Harvest season. Your donation in our parish collection or online and your prayers are helping young people like Daniel in the Democratic Republic of the Congo with support like training, so they can carve their way to a better future. We are standing in solidarity with those facing incredible hardships, as part of one global family. Learn more at cafod.org.uk/harvest

ALL ISLAND SVP The first joint meeting of Ryde SVP and South Wight SVP will be held on Saturday 19th October at 1030 in the McAuley Centre Newport. Enter via St.Thomas of Canterbury garden from Pyle Street or through the gate in High Street. Interested visitors welcome.

VOCATIONS "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Ask the Lord this question in prayer and this may lead you to consider following Christ more closely as a priest, deacon or in consecrated life. For further information, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

PARISH MASS BOOKS With the new Lectionary introduced from Advent, the Parish Mass books currently used in some of our churches will be the old translation of the Lectionary and while they may still be used, they are not being replaced or updated.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL If you wish to purchase a new Sunday Missal with the new lectionary translation, orders placed through the Ryde Office are on a special offer of £13 per copy as opposed to £18.99. Please use the attached link to reserve your copy <https://forms.gle/Xu4GPrd6VJXh4wnEg> or contact Linda 01983 812127 before 28 October 2024.

PARISH LADIES will meet in Holyrood Hall, Newport at 1400 on Wednesday 23 October. Speaker is Tim Warder, IOW Author and Historian. Greasepaint and sausages, ENSA WW2 on the Isle of Wight. Please come along and bring your friends, the cost is £3 including tea/coffee and cake for more info ring/text Eileen 523901 or 07738300981

YEAR OF PRAYER - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - ON THE ISLE OF WIGHT An invitation to all to participate in a Novena as a response to Pope Francis call to dedicate this year to grow in different aspects of prayer and to our love for God. On the Isle of Wight, we've prepared a Novena, 9 days spaced over 9 weeks, one day per week, and in a different church, which started on 16 September. We hope this will also allow and encourage everyone to be exposed to the different churches on the IoW, on our journey towards becoming a single Parish of several Communities. Please, see the church board for more details in a poster, or speak to your priest.

The fifth station of the Novena is at Quarr Abbey, Ryde, on Wednesday 16 October 1630, prayer with the Liturgy of the Hours.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – OCTOBER Pope Francis invites us to pray **For a Shared Mission.** We pray that that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

CATHOLICS GOING INTO HOSPITAL It is always an issue, but **it is crucially important** that when a Catholic is admitted to hospital, the family ensure that the Catholic Chaplaincy is contacted so that appropriate support can be given. As access to the hospital may be restricted, one suggestion is that the patient carries a note to give to hospital staff on admission notifying staff that they are Catholic and that they would really appreciate the Catholic chaplaincy service (Bishop Philip).

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY *On 7 October, we celebrated a well-loved memorial in honour of the Rosary, and according to a long-standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 2002, "The Rosary . . . is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of the third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness . . . With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depth of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive an abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 1).*

PLEASE PRAY for everyone who is sick, for the protection of the elderly and the vulnerable, for all who are suffering anxiety and worry, for the NHS medical staff and all who care for the sick. Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish communities. For those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. Please remember to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

NEW STANDING ORDER & GIFT-AID FORMS As of 1 September 2024, the parishes of Ryde, South Wight and Totland/Newport have been using a single bank account. To assist in the changeover process all those who contribute to offertory giving by standing order are invited to complete a new form. Those who Gift-Aid their contribution are also invited to complete a new declaration. Standing Order forms and Gift-Aid forms are available for collection

KEEP IN TOUCH To receive the Island newsletter by email please send a blank email to iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk putting 'email newsletter' in the subject line.

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CONFESSION TIMES

Ryde: Saturday 1730-1800 Quarr Abbey: Saturdays 1000-1030 Newport: Sunday 0900-0930 & 1600-1630 Totland & Cowes: during Eucharistic Adoration.

Any by request

KEY TO CHURCHES ACROSS THE ISLAND FOR MASS TIMES

P: Perpetual **F:** Foundation

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| OLR St Mary's, Ryde PO33 2RE | OLW Our Lady & St Wilfrid, Ventnor PO38 1NL |
| SDE St David's, East Cowes PO32 6DP | SMB St Michael's, Bembridge PO35 5RA |
| SHS Sacred Heart, Shanklin PO37 7AT | SPS St Patrick's, Sandown PO36 8NE |
| SST St Saviour's, Totland PO39 0HE | STC St Thomas of Canterbury, Cowes PO31 7TJ |
| STN St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport PO30 1UH | |

(*) Eucharistic Adoration starting one hour before Mass and opportunity for Confessions followed by the Holy Rosary at SHS & OLW, and for half and hour or so, without the Rosary, at SDE and STC.

Saturday 12 October *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW Gloria Minghella RIP & blessings on Edward Minghella
1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 13 October *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Fr Kevin Delaney RIP
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Mary May Moss RIP
0945 STN Leo & Luigia Pecile
1100 OLR St Mary's Primary School
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Michael O'Driscoll RIP
1200 SST
1700 STN No Mass
1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)

Monday 14 October *feria*

1000 STC No Mass Today
1100 SST Funeral Mass
Esther Mary Connaughton RIP
1200 OLR Edmund Randolph (P)
1200 STN No Mass Today

Tuesday 15 October *St Teresa of Avila, Foundress, Doctor of the Church, memorial*

1000 SMB Teresa Countess de Spaur (P)
1200 STC
1200(*)STN
1200 SPS No Mass Today

Wednesday 16 October *feria*

0945(*) SDE
1100(*) OLW No Mass Today
1200 OLR Fr John Baptist Cahill (P)
1800(*)STC

Thursday 17 October *St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr, memorial*

1100(*) SST
1200(*) STC (Latin) Vocations for FSSP

Friday 18 October *St Luke, Evangelist, feast*

1200(*)STC
1200(*)STN
1200 OLR Mary Schofield RIP
1200(*)SHS No Mass Today

Saturday 19 October *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 20 October *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Annie & William Cashin RIP
0900 SPS Gloria Minghella RIP
Anthony Minghella and Edana Minghella
0900 STC Wang Yue RIP
0945 STN Benefactors of the Missions of Newport and Ventnor
1100 OLR Mark & Cristina
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS June Loughlin RIP
1200 SST Melody Seymour RIP (F)
1700 STN
1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)