

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

Listen, Repent, and Surrender



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, the Word of God invites us to reflect on self-realisation, repentance, and surrender.

During the Mass, we proclaim: "*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory.*" This comes from the First Reading and the Book of Revelation. It reminds us that we are truly in the presence of the Holy One. Our prayer unites with the host of angels as we praise Him, declaring

that Heaven and earth are full of His glory. But do we truly feel God's presence within us during the Mass?

The prophet Isaiah says: "*I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' Then I said, 'Here I am, send me.'*" The Lord is calling us too, but how many of us truly listen to His voice in our hearts and are ready to respond, "*Here I am, Lord, send me*"? He calls us in the midst of our daily lives—we only need to tune in and recognise His voice, just as we search for a radio station.

In the Gospel reading, we see how Christ's disciples left everything to follow Him. What moved them to do so? They listened and obeyed His words. As a result, they caught an abundance of fish. The Church has always seen this as a sign of the need for obedience to Christ. When St Peter obeyed the Lord's word and cast out the nets, he was overwhelmed and said, "*Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.*" Here, we witness his self-realisation, repentance, and surrender to God. But Jesus reassured him, saying: "*Do not fear; I will make you fishers of men.*" They listened—and they followed.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, how many of us are willing to listen to Christ, surrender ourselves, and say, "*Here I am, Lord, send me*"? Are we ready to live as true Christians, embracing love, peace, and mercy?

Fr Nishan

Response to the Psalm: *In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.*

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN YEAR C

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Is 6:1-2, 3-8; 1Cor 15:1-11; Lk 5:1-11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jer 17:5-8; 1Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1Sam 26:2, 7-9, 11-13, 22-23; 1Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

VOCATIONS "They left everything and followed him." As we celebrate World Marriage Day, we honour the beauty and commitment of married couples who follow Christ together. Just as the apostles left behind their former lives to follow Jesus, couples are called to embrace their vocation of marriage with faith and trust, journeying together toward holiness. Take this opportunity to renew your marriage vows in your heart.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY Pope Francis invites us to pray **For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.** Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life

FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD *For Catholics, the month of February is especially dedicated to the Passion of Our Lord, probably because Lent usually begins in this month. Throughout the centuries, many devotions have developed to help us focus on the Passion of Christ. These help to lead us from sorrow to wonder; sorrow for our sins, wonder at the unbounded love of Christ for us.*

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.

CHANGES TO ISLE OF WIGHT PASTORAL AREA Thank you to those who responded to the invitation and submitted suggestions for the name of the new single Island parish. Following the Island Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday 21 January seven options were presented to Bishop Philip. He has accepted one of those offered and the name of the new parish will be **Holy Spirit, Isle of Wight.**

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.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS (and other used greetings cards throughout the year) are very gratefully received by St. Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde. Thank you.

SUNDAY ORGANIST St Mary's is looking for a volunteer to play the organ for Masses at St Mary's on a Sunday and a few other times in the year. If you can help or offer assistance, please contact Fr Steven or St Mary's Office.

YOUTH CLUB Next gathering Friday 14 February 2025, at 1730, McAuley Centre in Newport

WISE OWLS Next gathering Wednesday 12 February 2025, 1200-1400 in the Holyrood Hall in Newport. Everyone is most welcome to join us for a light lunch and a chat. Ann Neale & Cathy Green Tel. 531458

PARISH LADIES GROUP First meeting of the year will be on Wednesday 26 February 2025 in Holyrood Hall and will be a hotpot meal, we will eat about 1600. I would like numbers for catering purposes, please ring Eileen on 523901 or text/ring 0773830098.

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Do you enjoy working with children and young people? Could you help to inspire and empower children and young people in your local Catholic schools by delivering an assembly or a workshop? Supported by CAFOD with training and all resources provided please consider the role of CAFOD school volunteer. For more information contact Jo Lewry jlewy@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447

LENT RETREAT DAY "Jesus loved them to the end" 15 March 1030 – 1630 at Verbum Dei Retreat Centre, Nunnery Lane, Carisbrooke, Newport PO30 1YR A light lunch is provided. The cost for the day is a suggested donation of £20. For more information contact Patricia Yandell on 07835948435 or email patriciam-c@hotmail.co.uk

CAFOD meeting on Saturday 15 February from 1030 to 1330 at St Margaret Mary Church Hall Middle Road Park Gate SO31 7GH Please join us to find out how your donations to CAFOD are making a difference to communities in Kenya. Everyone is welcome and please book your place so that we have an idea of numbers as a simple lunch will be provided by emailing Jo on jlewy@cafod.org.uk

THE TEA AND CHAT CLUB will be meeting again in St Saviour's Holy Family Centre, Totland every Monday 1400-1600. Please come and join us, bring a friend if possible and enjoy a lovely cuppa with a biscuit, friendly chat and a game of bingo or HOY!, all for the bargain price of £1. For more information, please contact Ita Malia 756017. We're looking forward to seeing you.

ALL ISLAND SVP The next joint meeting of South Wight SVP and Ryde SVP will be on Saturday 15 February 2025 at 1030 in the McAuley Centre, 75 High Street, Newport.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 3 March 2025 1400-1600, St Therese Hall, Presentation House, High Street, Ryde. Come for tea and a chat. Car parking available at the back of the church. If any homebound parishioner needs transport, contact the Parish Office 01983 812127

QUARR ABBEY Lots of activities / events will be taking place in the coming weeks. You will see a very comprehensive list in their website. More info: [Events - Quarr Abbey](#)

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).

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CONFESSION TIMES

Ventnor: Wednesday 100-1030 Shanklin: Friday 1100-1130 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

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
TCN St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport PO30 1UH

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

Saturday 8 February *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

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

Sunday 9 February *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

0900 SMB Mark Robiolie **P**
 0900 SPS Robert & Beryl McConkey RIP
 0900 STC Stephen Clare Physick RIP
 0945 TCN
 1100 OLR Canon Nicholas France RIP
 1100 SDE David Cover RIP
 1100 SHS Zdzislawa Twardus RIP
 1200 SST John Blamire RIP
 1700 TCN well-being of Maire Flack
 1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy) Pro Populo

Monday 10 February *St Scholastica, Virgin, memorial*

1000 STC Diana Mary Lansdell Harris RIP
 1200 OLR Emma D'Arcy Willett RIP
 1200(*)TCN Mary Cuthbert Tunstall **P**

Tuesday 11 February *feria*

1000 SMB No Mass Today
 1200 STC
 1200(*)TCN Edward Strickland **P**
 1200 SPS Charles Elizabeth Smith **P**

Wednesday 12 February *feria*

0945(*)SDE
 1100(*)OLW Harriet Clara Guppy **P**
 1200 OLR Fr Wenna Henry Tiku RIP
 1800(*)STC

Thursday 13 February *feria*

1100(*) SST
 1200(*) STC No Mass Today

Friday 14 February *St Cyril, Religious, & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe, feast*

1200(*) STC
 1200 OLR Fr John Lawrence RIP
 1200(*)TCN Funeral Mass of Mr. Nelson Keith Compton RIP
 1200(*)SHS George Fowler **P**

Saturday 15 February *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

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

Sunday 16 February *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

0900 SMB Charlotte Elliot **P**
 0900 SPS Conversion of Sinners **P**
 0900 STC Philip James RIP
 0945 TCN
 1100 OLR Ron Stanbrook RIP
 1100 SDE Pro Populo
 1100 SHS Fie Scholtes RIP
 1200 SST
 1700 TCN Leo Pecile RIP
 1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)