

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

EPIPHANY MYSTERIES

The Epiphany of the Lord, the Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, concludes the Twelve Days of Christmas. There are three Epiphany mysteries concerning this “showing forth” of Christ’s glorious divinity. The first is the revelation to the Magi from the East – these mysterious royal figures, who come bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, and who, after kneeling in adoration before the newborn King, return home by “another way” (in their case, to avoid murderous Herod, but also suggesting that an encounter with Christ may mean life not being the same again).



The second Epiphany mystery is the Baptism of the Lord, when the sinless Christ, standing in solidarity with sinful humanity on Jordan’s banks, submits to John’s baptism of repentance. Here the author of life, and of Christian baptism, takes us with him into his immersion in the waters, pointing to our sharing in the baptism of his Passion, Death and Resurrection. At that moment, the Lord is anointed with the Holy Spirit, descending as a dove, and the heavenly voice affirms that Christ is the Beloved Son in whom the Father is well-pleased. We too, as “mini-Christ”, are God’s beloved sons and daughters and in whom he delights to be well-pleased.

The Marriage at Cana forms the third Epiphany mystery, when Christ is revealed as the true Bridegroom, and Mary his Mother intercedes (“they have no wine”), pointing to the need for obedience to her Son (“do whatever he tells you”). Brackish water is transformed into glorious, enriching wine, gladdening the heart. “This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Gaililee, and manifested his glory, and his disciples believed in him.” (John 2:11)

May we, having experienced Christmas blessings, be drawn to the Light of Epiphany, offering him the costliest treasures of our hearts and lives.

Fr Jonathan

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

The Epiphany of the Lord – Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time Year B – 1Sam 3:3-10.19; 1Cor 6:13-15, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: This Sunday, 7th January, during the 11am Mass at St David's, East Cowes, there is Children's Liturgy. The young people return to the congregation during Mass and at the end share the fruits of their liturgy.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL 2024 Next Sunday, 14th January, both St David's East Cowes and St Thomas's Cowes will be supporting the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's White Flower Appeal, encouraging parishioners to send postcards to the Health Secretary calling for an end to the deadly pills-by-post DIY abortion policy, and providing an opportunity, for any who wish, to make a financial donation to the work of SPUC.

FILIPINO SPONSORED MASS – FEAST OF ST NINO

Sunday 14 January, St Mary's, Ryde, 1100 followed by reception and food sharing in parish hall. 'The Feast of St Nino has a special significance in Cebu because of its historical background. Cebu marks the birth of Christianity in the Philippines. The original statue of St Nino was given in April 1521 by the Portuguese explorer, Ferdinand Magellan to Hara Amihan (Queen Juana) as a baptismal gift. It was a similar statue to the Infant Jesus of Prague. This event was quickly acknowledged as miraculous, and a church was later built on the purported site of the discovery.'

CLOSER TO CHRIST - Thank you for your support!

We are delighted to announce that due to the tremendous efforts of all churches in the Catholic Community on the Isle of Wight we have now secured £300,038 in pledges for the Closer to Christ Campaign, surpassing our combined target of £295,000. Our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parishes and across our Diocese.

KEEP IN TOUCH

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HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – JANUARY

Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the gift of diversity in the Church**. We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME

Throughout the month of January, we give special honour to the name of Jesus. St Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11). We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The very name of Jesus is a prayer.

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.

VOCATIONS

"For out of you shall come forth a ruler who will shepherd My people." Is Christ calling you forth out of your comfort zone to serve Him in others as a sister, brother, or priest? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

IOW CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY You can keep up to date with the Island's Catholic history by visiting their website and downloading their recent newsletter. <http://www.iow-chs.org>

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 8 January 2024, 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

ISLE OF WIGHT CATHOLIC WOMEN LEAGUE The next meeting of the CWL will be on Saturday, 13th January, 12pm at the Sacred Heart Hall, Atherley Road, Shanklin, PO37 7AT. New members most welcome. Please feel free to bring a light lunch, due to the time of the meeting (tea and coffee provided), we usually close around 1.30pm. Catholic women with a Catholic voice, Caring with love

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

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 jlewry@cafod.org.uk or phone 07710 094447

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MASS TIMES

P: Perpetual F: Foundation

Saturday 6 January *The Epiphany of the Lord, solemnity*

1100(*) SHS Conversion of Sinners

1700 OLW Anthony Minghella RIP
1800 OLR People of the Parish
1800 SST People of the Parish

Sunday 7 January *The Epiphany of the Lord, solemnity*

0900 SMB Charlotte Matilda Wood (P)
0900 SPS Henry Family (P)
0900 STC Pro Populo
1000 STN Jerry and Bridie Murphy RIP
1100 OLR Lucy Fletcher (P)
1100 SDE
1100 SHS Sr Margaret
1700 STN Dennis Wilding RIP
1730 STC (not Ordinariate)

Monday 8 January *The Baptism of the Lord, feast*

1200 OLR Mary Robiolie (P)
1000 STC
1200 STN

BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME

Tuesday 9 January *feria*

1000 SMB Diana Waller RIP
1200(*) SHS Ada Rose and Amos Mark RIP
1200(*) STN Elizabeth Heneage & relations (P)
1200 STC

Wednesday 10 January *feria*

0945(*) SDE
1100(*) OLW Henry Family (P)
1200 OLR Charles Salter (P)
1800(*) STC

Thursday 11 January *feria*

1100 (*)SPS Mary D ()
1100 (*)SST Margaret McCay
1200(*) STC (Latin)

Friday 12 January *feria*

1200(*) STC
1200(*) OLR Mrs Hicks (P)
1200(*) STN
1200(*) SHS Mary Henry (P)

Saturday 13 January *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW Barbara Drabik
1800 OLR People of the Parish
1800 SST Fr Clement Marshall RIP

Sunday 14 January *The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Goodin Cotter
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Pro Populo
1000 STN
1100 OLR Filipino Community IOW
1100 SDE
1100 SHS Sr Constance
1700 STN
1730 STC (Ordinariate)

(*) Eucharistic Adoration starting one hour before Mass followed by Holy Rosary at SHS, SPS & OLW

CHURCHES ACROSS THE ISLAND

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	