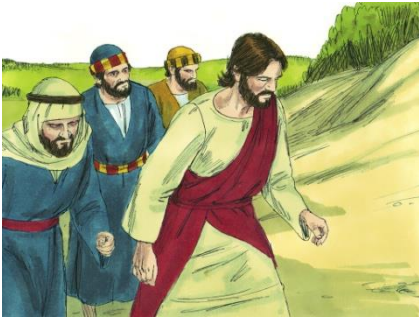


CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

ON THE WAY (OF TRUE DISCIPLESHIP)



A few Sundays ago, we began covering the middle section of Mark's gospel. Starting from chapter 8 verse 27 and running through to chapter 10 verse 45, this section is what biblical scholars often refer to as 'on the way' or 'the way'. It is a key turning point in Mark's gospel which is set off by Peter's profession of faith when he declares Jesus to be the Christ, the promised Messiah (8:29). From here onwards, Jesus begins to lead his disciples from the region of Galilee 'on the way' to Jerusalem, where he must go to fulfil his mission. It is a mission of suffering that will culminate in the crucifixion and resurrection.

Within these two and half chapters, Jesus prophesies and confirms to his disciples three times that his mission will cause him to have to suffer grievously, be condemned to death, but then he will rise again after three days. Built around these three Passion predictions, we can notice a repeated pattern occurs by which each prediction is followed by the misunderstanding of one or more of the disciples, and then a corrective teaching is given by Jesus about the requirements of true discipleship.

In last Sunday's gospel, Jesus repeated the prophecy about his Passion the second time. His disciples did not understand what this meant and were afraid to ask him. Still ruled by worldly thoughts, they started arguing among themselves who was the greatest. Jesus had to correct their failure to see that self-ambition has no place in his Kingdom. Again, in this week's gospel the disciple John stands in need of correction for trying to stop a man using Jesus' name to cast out a devil. John describes this man as "not one of us". However, Jesus says that "whoever is not against us is for us". He warns of severe consequences for anyone who is an "obstacle to bring down any little ones who have faith".

Being a disciple of Jesus means letting him lead *the way*. It means allowing our own limited human understanding to be transformed into *his way* of understanding. **Fr Stephen Vooght**

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Nb 11:25-29; Jam 5:1-6; Mk 9:38-43.45.47-48.

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Gen 2:18-24; Hb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16.

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

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.

VOCATIONS "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets ..." All Catholics share the prophetic ministry of the Lord through baptism. Is He calling you to bear witness to Him in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

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.

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, and this 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 third station of the novena is at Verbum Dei, Carisbrooke on Friday 4 October 1700, prayer with nature.

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 celebrate 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).

HOLYROOD HALL, NEWPORT A sale will be held on the 5th October from 100-1330. All proceeds go towards supporting an orphanage in Embu, Kenya. All welcome

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE There will be a coffee morning on Saturday 5th October at 1145 following Mass at the Sacred Heart Shanklin. All are welcome.

FAMILY SESSIONS of social time, catechesis, activities and ending with Adoration. Next session will be Saturday 5th October 1500-1700 at St Thomas of Canterbury. All families welcome.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 7 October 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

RUTH CONNELL RIP died on Thursday 29th August peacefully at home. May she rest in peace. Graveside service with burial on Friday 11 October 1330 in Springwood Woodland.

ISLAND PASTORAL COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER The matters discussed were: finalisation of plans for the nine-week exploration of prayer starting on September 16 (leaflets giving details are available at the back of the church); further preparations for the all-island celebration Mass of the Feast of Christ the King at CtK college which will replace most daytime Masses that day; and discussion of Sacramental programmes together with the need for more catechists and helpers. We also thought about further tasks, both in terms of events and wider ranging opportunities such as utilising the talents available in our communities to support the clergy better. The next meeting will be in late October. If anyone wishes to raise an item for discussion at the next IPC meeting, please email iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or post a notice via your local (parish) office.

NEW STANDING ORDER & GIFT-AID FORMS As of 1 September 2024, the parishes of Ryde, South Wight and Totland/Newport are 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

Shanklin: Friday 1100-1130 Saturday: 1000-1030 Ryde: Saturday 1730-1800 Quarr Abbey: Saturdays 1000 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
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 an hour or so, without the Rosary, at SDE and STC.

Saturday 28 September *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
 1800 OLR Nina & Bart Intention for Marriage

Sunday 29 September *Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Josie Lillywhite RIP
 0900 SPS Anna Ward - Birthday
 0900 STC Pro Populo
 0945 STN
 1100 OLR Mary Porter RIP (F)
 1100 SDE Intentions of the Joshi family
 1100 SHS Mary, Steven and Jacob Royal
 1200 SST of Sister Paul Farrar
 1700 STN
 1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)

Monday 30 September *St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church, memorial*

1000 STC
 1200 OLR No Mass Today
 1200 STN

Tuesday 1 October *St Teresa of the Child Jesus, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial*

1000 SMB No Mass Today
 1200 STC
 1200(*)STN
 1200 SPS Carol and Arthur Barton

Wednesday 2 October *The Holy Guardian Angels, memorial*

0945(*)SDE No Mass Today
 1100(*) OLW No Mass Today
 1200 OLR No Mass Today
 1800(*)STC No Mass Today

Thursday 3 October *feria*

1100(*) SST Ward family (P)
 1200(*) STC (Latin)

Friday 4 October *St Francis of Assisi, Founder, memorial*

1200(*)STC
 1200(*)STN Elizabeth Heneage & relations (P)
 1200 OLR No Mass Today
 1200(*)SHS Sr Alphonus Maria McGibbon 60 Yrs L.S.U Followed by First Friday Devotions

Saturday 5 October *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1100(*)SHS Conversion of Sinners (P)
 1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
 1800 OLR Raphael RIP

Sunday 6 October *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Holy Souls
 0900 SPS Olive Wood RIP 7th Anniversary
 0900 STC Stephen Clare Physick RIP
 0945 STN
 1100 OLR Pro Populo
 1100 SDE Pro Populo
 1100 SHS Maks Stahecki
 1200 SST
 1700 STN
 1730 STC No Mass (ecumenical Harvest service 1800 at Cowes Baptist church)