

# CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

### TREES, GARDENS, AND AN EMPTY TOMB



On Easter Eve we mark Christ's descent into Hades, the "harrowing of hell" as it is traditionally known, when He draws to Himself those who have died before His coming, yet anticipated Him from afar: the just, who, like Lazarus in the parable, are "in Abraham's bosom". Amongst those for whom He searches are our first parents, Adam and Eve. Echoing the words of an ancient homily on this

theme, their hands once wickedly stretched out into a tree to take the fruit of disobedience, but now His hands have been stretched out, firmly nailed to a tree. Their way back to the tree of life was barred by a flaming sword, but now a sword has pierced His side, sheathing the sword turned against them. They were expelled from a garden of paradise, but Christ, betrayed in a garden, now rises again in a garden, so that "today you will be with me in Paradise".

Whatever our circumstances — illness, bereavement, relationship strains, financial worries — the Christ, who cried "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" has gone down into the abyss of abandonment, proclaiming life in the midst of death. Nothing is beyond the presence of God.

The Easter Gospel gives three different immediate reactions to the Empty Tomb. Mary Magdalene, although she will be the first to meet the Risen Christ and become "the apostle to the Apostles", initially supposes "they have taken my Lord away". Peter, who wept bitterly after thrice denying the Master, cannot see beyond the presenting fact of empty grave clothes. But the Beloved Disciple perceives something else as he looks at the linen cloths bound with burial spices and the head-napkin rolled up by itself.

May we, as Christ's "Easter People with 'Alleluia!' as our song", also "see and believe" with the eyes of faith, as we begin this 50-day Eastertide celebration.

Fr Jonathan

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**READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B**

**Easter Sunday** – Acts 10:34-37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9

**Second Sunday of Easter** - Acts 4:32-35; 1Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**Third Sunday of Easter** – Acts 3:13-15; 1Jn 2:1-5 Lk 24:35-48



**EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE CLERGY** May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Safe, Happy & Joyous Easter! Alleluia!

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL** Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the Role of Women.** We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

**EASTER SUNDAY SON-RISE SERVICE** Sunday 31st March, 0630 on the shore at Freshwater Bay. Although the actual sunrise is not visible from the bay, the change from darkness to daylight is striking. This service will not take place if the weather is too inclement. Please note that the clocks spring forward on Easter Morning.

**VOCATIONS** “The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, religious sister or brother? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869

**EASTER OFFERINGS** The Easter Sunday Collection traditionally supports our priests directly in grateful thanks for all their dedication, service, and witness throughout the year. If you would like to give a gift to support Fr Nishan, Fr Stephen and Fr Steven in their mission and ministry this Easter, please visit <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/fundraising/catholic-wight-easter-collection> (for Fr Jonathan, the collection in the old way, please!)

**EASTER DUTY** The Church recommends that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges them to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season. (Compendium of the Catechism, n. 290)

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 7th April Quarr Abbey 1400 There will be a brief talk by Fr Brian about The Divine Mercy followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession. Chaplet and litany of The Divine Mercy. Benediction. Blessing and Veneration of the Image. All welcome. JESUS I TRUST IN YOU.

**DIARY DATE** Please keep Sunday 19 May clear in your diary for the Island celebration of Pentecost (details to follow).

**HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, EAST COWES** We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Lucie Banks, hitherto Acting Headteacher, as Headteacher, and offer our congratulations and the assurance of our prayers for her and all in the School’s community.

**YOUTH CLUB** Next gathering Friday 5 April at 1730 in the Mcauley centre in Newport.

**NEW GROUP UNDER 13 (years old)** starting Saturday 13 April at 1500 in the Mcauley centre in Newport

**KEEP IN TOUCH** To receive the Island newsletter by email please send a blank email to [iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) putting 'email newsletter' in the subject line.

**ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY** on Monday 8 April, 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

**THE ISLE OF WIGHT CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** The Island Catenians are looking forward to welcoming new members. The Catenians are a worldwide organisation of Catholic men and has a strong presence in the UK with many groups in the south of England.

Here on the island we meet every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 in the Castle Inn Newport. The meeting is held in the private function room and starts with prayers and a short meeting, followed by a two course meal with plenty of discussion and banter. Our ladies join us for many of the meetings as well as other events-- pub lunches, president's Sunday, clergy nights and our Christmas party.

It is a great way of meeting new Catholic friends and our circle is represented in all the Island parishes. If you are interested in joining us please see one of us after Mass at your local church or phone one of our members listed below, you will be invited to a meeting and enjoy a complimentary meal to see if the Catenians is for you. We look forward to seeing you.

You can contact: Bob Godden (West Wight) 755232 David Shields (West Cowes) 296923 Tony Rossiter (South Wight) 865449 Michael Douse (East Wight) 280794 Eddie McMahon (Newport) 526798 Joseph O'Driscoll (East Wight) 562858

**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.

**REGINA CAELI** *During Eastertide the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus.*

*One version:*

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!

**R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia!**

V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia!

**R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia!**

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

**R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!**



O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

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### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Ventnor: Wednesday 1000-1030

Newport: during Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 0900-0930 & 1615-1645 Totland: Thursday 1000-1030

Ryde: Saturday 1730-1800 Cowes: during Eucharistic Adoration. Quarr Abbey: Saturdays 1000

Any by request

## KEY TO CHURCHES ACROSS THE ISLAND FOR MASS TIMES

P: Perpetual F: Foundation

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

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

**Saturday 30 March Easter Vigil**

1800(\*)STC No Mass Today

1900 STC  
 2000 OLR People of the Parish  
 2000 OLW John Bush  
 2100 STN

**Sunday 31 March Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

0900 SMB St Boniface Deanery  
 0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead  
 0900 STC Pro Populo  
 0945 STN Tiziana Rinaldi  
 1100 OLR Priest's intention  
 1100 SDE Intentions of Joshi family  
 1100 SHS Charles and Annie McGinn RIP  
 1200 SST Christine Shears RIP  
 1700 STN No Mass today  
 1730 STC (Ordinariate)

**Monday 1 April Monday within Octave of Easter**

1000 STC No Mass Today  
 1200 OLR No Mass Today  
 1200 STN

**Tuesday 2 April Tuesday within Octave of Easter**

1000 SMB Charlotte Elliot (P)  
 1200 STC No Mass Today  
 1200(\*)STN Elizabeth Heneage & relations (P)  
 1800 SHS No Mass Today

**Wednesday 3 April Wednesday within Octave of Easter**

0945(\*)SDE No Mass Today  
 1100(\*) OLW No Mass Today  
 1200 OLR Elizabeth Giltinan RIP

**Thursday 4 April Thursday within Octave of Easter**

1100(\*)SST  
 1100 SPS The Elford Family  
 (No prior Adoration)  
 1200 STC No Mass Today

**Friday 5 April Friday within Octave of Easter**

1200 STC No Mass Today  
 1200(\*)STN  
 1200 OLR Rosalie Rutherford RIP  
 1800 SHS Eileen Leahy  
 followed by First Friday devotions

**Saturday 6 April Second Sunday of Easter Year B**

1100(\*)SHS Rory White RIP  
 1600 STN Filipino Mass (all welcome)  
 1700 OLW Daphne Heavey RIP  
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

**Sunday 7 April Second Sunday of Easter Year B**

0900 SMB Priest's intention  
 0900 SPS Conversion of Sinners (P)  
 0900 STC Pro Populo  
 0945 STN Alvaro's birthday  
 1100 OLR Pamela Fraser Cox GE  
 1100 SDE  
 1100 SHS All Parishioners Living and Dead  
 1200 SST  
 1700 STN  
 1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)