

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

The people in the gospel twice responded to Jesus as one with authority: when he taught them and when he cast out the unclean spirit. Jesus had authority because for three decades of life before Jesus embarked on his public ministry, he lived and worked the simple life. He listened to people; he knew and understood their life because he lived it alongside them. Jesus understood his hearers from his own personal experience. An experience shared and learned from Mary and Joseph.



Jesus had authority because both in word and deed he touched people in their need. Jesus had authority because of his intimate relationship with his Father in heaven; the One whose will he faithfully carried out. The people were astonished because Jesus acted with authority, because he was saying and doing something new. He was revealing God's very presence and life. Jesus is "the Holy One of God" among them. And among us too!

Our authority also rests within the Christian community, among those with whom we live, work and worship. The authority is not ours but is the fruit of the life given us by God, a life we share with others. This authority we share because of our baptismal dignity brings with it a responsibility. Those who abuse authority diminish life; those who respect authority enhance life.

Authentic discipleship implies teaching and acting with the authority that witness to integrity: words and deeds coinciding in such a way that our lives manifest the same integrity as Jesus' life. Goodness overcomes evil when we demonstrate such integrity. We are easily amazed at the eloquent words of others and sometimes those words are our own. But these words are only truly eloquent and fruitful when our everyday actions witness to their truth by the very goodness of our lives. Goodness which is the life God gives us!

Father Steven

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Dt 18:15-20; 1Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Lev13: 1-2. 45-46; 1Cor10: 31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the terminally ill.** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

VOCATIONS “Let each of you lead the life that the Lord has assigned, to which God has called you.” Do you think the Lord is calling you to the consecrated life or priesthood? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

EMERGENCY MASS TIMES In the event of only 3 priests being available to celebrate Sunday Mass across the Pastoral Area, due to illness or incapacitation, the following Mass plan will be enacted.

Saturday evening:

Our Lady & St Wilfrid, Ventnor 1700; St Michael's, Bembridge 1700.

Sunday morning:

St David's, East Cowes 0900; St Patrick's, Sandown 0900; St Thomas's, Newport 0945; Sacred Heart, Shanklin 1100; St Mary's Ryde, 1100.

Sunday afternoon:

St Saviour's, Totland 1200; St Thomas's, Cowes 1700.

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGES In light of the Emergency Mass Plan and following consultation with the Island Pastoral Council and the local community there will be a partial implementation of the plan to allow the community at Totland to have a Sunday Mass on the day and during daylight hours. To enable this to happen the Sunday morning Mass at Newport will start 15 minutes earlier. All changes will take effect from 18 February – the First Sunday of Lent.

St Thomas's, Newport **0945** & 1700; St Saviour's, Totland **1200**.

ISLAND PASTORAL COUNCIL If anyone wishes to provide feedback, offer reflections or suggestions for the way forward as we engage in the process of becoming one Island parish, or 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.

CAFOD An invitation to all Parishioners to come to a CAFOD meeting on **Saturday 3rd February** to hear about CAFOD's work this Lent. Coffee and cake from 10.30am. for 11am start at Holyrood Hall, Newport, adjoining St Thomas of Canterbury Church. It would be lovely to meet up and welcome Parishioners from across the IW. Look forward to meeting you then. Geraldine Heath IW CAFOD Volunteers coordinator (294822)

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.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 5 February 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

TACKLING LONG-STANDING AND CONTROVERSIAL QUESTIONS IN MEDICAL CARE Register for our 2024 Symposium **'What does it mean to be Human? Medical Ethics and Social Care Today'** taking place at The Arc, Winchester on Saturday 16 March. The day programme will consider multiple issues in clinical medicine, from collective responsibility in healthcare to challenges in patient-physician relationships and feature key note addresses and panel discussion. Find out more: [Here](#).

"ST PATRICKS NIGHT" on Saturday 16th March 7pm, Holyrood Hall in Newport. We have 60 tickets to sell for the evening. The tickets are £12 each and this includes a 2 course meal and entertainment. We shall have a big raffle too and all proceeds after expenses will go to our "Youth Club". Please contact Barbara or Patrick if you'd like a ticket 653900 "First come first served"

MESSAGE FROM ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CATHOLIC SCHOOL: We have recently welcomed a new Catholic family to our school who have just moved from India. Three children have joined us in year 2, 3 and 4 and presently they have very little spoken or understanding of the English language. We're looking for someone who might be able to come in weekly to meet, talk and read with the children and wondered if any of your parishioners might like to do this. Contact: Janey Chadwick 01983 522747 sbm@stthomaspri.co.uk

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.

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CONFESSION TIMES

Shanklin: Friday 5.15-5.45pm Saturday 10-10.30am Ventnor: Wednesday 10-10.30am Sandown: Thursday 10-10.30am

Newport: Sunday 9.15-9.45am 4.15-4.45pm Totland Saturday 5.15-5.45pm

Cowes: during Eucharistic Adoration. Quarr Abbey: Saturdays 10am

And by request

MASS TIMES

P: Perpetual F: Foundation

Saturday 27 January *The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW Joseph O'Hara and Living and Dead
O'Hara Family
1800 OLR People of the Parish
1800 SST Dermot McKavanagh RIP

Sunday 28 January *The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Charlotte Elliot (P)
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Fr Michael Brazil RIP
1000 STN Colin Magee's intention
1100 OLR Sheila Ferris GE
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Fr Marcin Drabik
1700 STN Marjorie Joyce Sheeran RIP
1730 STC (Ordinariate)

Monday 29 January *feria*

1100 OLR William Sibert (P)
1000 STC
1200 STN

Tuesday 30 January *feria*

1000 SMB Rachel Drew RIP
1200(*) STN William Prentice RIP
1200 STC
1800 SHS Ada Rose and Amos Mark RIP

Wednesday 31 January *St John Bosco, Founder, memorial*

0945(*) SDE Denis Steele RIP
1100(*) OLW Harriet Clara Guppy (P)
1200 OLR Fr Thomas Cahill (P)
1800(*) STC

Thursday 1 February *feria*

1100 (*)SPS Fr Marcin Drabik
1100 (*)SST
1200(*) STC (Latin) Stella Muriel Spokes RIP

Friday 2 February *The Presentation of the Lord, feast*

1200(*) STC (with Candlemas ceremonies)
1200(*) OLR Sheila Lewis
1200(*) STN Elizabeth Heneage & relations (P)
1800 SHS Mary Trench (followed by First Friday devotions)

Saturday 3 February *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1100(*) SHS Therese Duffin-Kidd RIP
(First Saturday devotion)

1700 OLW Adam, Sophie, Jacob, Luke and Caleb

1800 OLR People of the Parish
1800 SST Dermot McKavanagh RIP

Sunday 4 February *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Roy Thomson RIP
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Canon Tim Healy RIP
1000 STN
1100 OLR Maricel Consolacion GE
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Kasia 30th Birthday Intention
1700 STN Marjorie Joyce Sheeran RIP
1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)

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

Weekday Mass at st Mary's (Ryde): Please note that the Mass on Monday is an hour earlier at 1100

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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
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