

# CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

“MY KINGDOM IS NOT OF THIS WORLD”



On this last Sunday of the Church’s liturgical year, we celebrate the solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Universal King. Pope Pius XI established this feast in 1925 when he promulgated the encyclical *Quas Primas*. He wrote this in response to a growing wave of secularism and nationalism. In it the Holy Father writes, “Oh, what happiness would be ours if all men, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ!” To these words he adds those of Pope Leo XIII, *who said*, “then at length will many evils be cured; then will the law regain its former authority; peace with all its blessings be restored. Men will sheathe their swords and lay down their arms when all freely acknowledge and obey the authority of Christ, and every tongue confesses that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.”

In this week’s gospel, when questioned by Pilate about his kingship, Jesus replied “**my kingdom is not of this world.**” God’s kingdom is not one based upon geographical, political, economical status and protected by military might. It is rather a deep spiritual *reality that comes from within a person*. It comes from within our hearts. It is something created and led by the power of God’s Spirit of wisdom and love. Jesus’ mission was to reveal to us the Kingdom of God and to bring it about through his Word and actions. That is through his teaching and preaching, through his loving acts of mercy, compassion and friendship, and through the miracles and exorcisms that he performed. He came to reveal ‘the Way’ we must live in order to bring about the Kingdom of God here and now in our lives. Jesus was the embodiment of the Kingdom of God and it was through his presence it entered into the world. Ultimately, it was through his Cross and Resurrection, when he destroyed sin and death forever, that his mission was completed of inaugurating the reign of God’s Kingdom on earth.

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**READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B**

**Christ the King** – Dan 7:13-14; Rev 1:5-8; Jn 18:33-37.

**First Sunday Advent Year C** - Jer 33:14-16; 1Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36.

**Second Sunday of Advent** – Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6.

**VOCATIONS** “My kingdom does not belong to this world.” Help lead others to Christ and to know his merciful love. Prayerfully consider he may be calling you to serve in this world as a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke call 01329 318 869 or email [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

**ASSISTED SUICIDE** Bishop Philip asks us to mobilise! Pray earnestly that our legislators will see sense. Correct those who use the double-speak of ‘assisted dying’; call it what it is: ‘assisted suicide.’ Don’t be seduced by the emotionalism of the media. Say a prayer for the terminally ill and for those who care for them. Speak out. Lobbying MPs works, send a letter to your MP using the provided template to ask him or her to vote against this sinister proposal. All you need do is to write your name and address on the top and put it in the post. Or you can download it from the diocesan website and send it by email.

**HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION – NOVEMBER** Pope Francis invites us to pray **For anyone who has lost a child.** We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

**MASS FOR OUR DECEASED AND LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE** St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport 29 November 2024, 1800. This simple service, held after the homily, honors all those from our parish, as well as others from elsewhere, who have passed away since this time last year. Their names will be recalled, and family members will carry a lighted candle to the altar in their memory.

**SALUTARIS CHAMBER CHOIR** are holding a concert on Saturday 30 November 2024 at St Patrick’s Church, Sandown at 1900. Tickets cost £10 on the door or at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/salutaris>

**ST MARY’S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY** The next tea party is on Monday 2 December 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

**QUARR ABBEY** The Friends of Quarr Abbey are holding an Advent retreat on Saturday the 7 December

**THE CATHOLIC WOMEN’S LEAGUE** are organising a Christmas Quiz with some festive stalls on Saturday 14th December 2024 at the Sacred Heart Hall, Shanklin from 1400. £3 entry fee. Proceeds to raise money for Across, taking island people to Lourdes by Jumbulance.

**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>

**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.

**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.

**ISLAND PASTORAL COUNCIL** In the last IPC meeting the following matters were discussed:

Changes to Governance of our Primary Schools: No Catholic School has closed yet. County is carrying out a 'survey' of opinions about a way forward. Catholics might wish to respond, stressing that Catholic Schools welcome children of all Faiths and none. They also provide education and care beyond the School, for the families and members of the community

Our single Island Parish will require a new name – the Bishop has invited the Committee to suggest 3 names. One suggestion is "Holy Spirit". Others to be discussed at future meetings – parishioners are invited to submit suggestions.

Strategies for enabling more parishioners to help share the burden of work in the Parish were begun and will continue to be discussed at future meetings, as will suggestions for helping the Church to reach out more to current and potential parishioners – this may include a Day Retreat for Parishioners in the "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee Year, 2025.

**PARISH LADIES GROUP** next meeting will be Wednesday 27 November at 1400 in Holyrood Hall, Newport. Sylvia will be helping us to make our table decoration, if you have any greenery in your garden, please bring some along, and if you have something special you want to put in your masterpiece don't forget to bring that also. December 11<sup>th</sup> we will have a Beetle drive share mince pies and Christmas cards, everyone is welcome the more the merrier. Cost is £3 info: Eileen 523901

**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).

**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.

**SAFE SPACES** is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal, and safe space for anyone who has been abused by someone in the Church or as a result of their relationship with the Church of England, the Catholic Church of England and Wales or the Church in Wales. Remote support is provided through a helpline and Live Chat. They can help with advocating with authorities and other agencies, giving emotional support, providing information, and working together in individual support plans. Website [www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk](http://www.safespacesenglandandwales.org.uk) Phone 0300 3030 1056

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**CONFESSION TIMES**

Ventnor: Wednesday 1000-1030 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

<b>OLR</b> St Mary's, Ryde PO33 2RE	<b>OLW</b> Our Lady & St Wilfrid, Ventnor PO38 1NL
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<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
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(\* 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 23 November** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, solemnity*

1700 OLW Marlene & Andrew Bristow  
50th Wedding Anniversary  
1800 OLR Ron Stanbrook GE  
1800 SST

**Sunday 24 November** *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, solemnity*

1100 Christ the King College People of the Deanery  
1700 TCN Elizabeth Fitzherbert P  
1730 STC (Ordinariate)  
Iris & Herbert Rowley Price RIP

**Monday 25 November** *feria*

1000 STC No Mass Today  
1200 OLR Presentation Sisters & Friends of  
Nano Nagle F  
1200(\*)TCN Anne & Peter James Lawless P

**Tuesday 26 November** *feria*

1000 SMB Jim Mausslan  
1200 STC  
1200(\*)TCN Funeral Mass Eileen J Holloway RIP  
1200 SPS Sr Denise L.S.U. 60 Years

**Wednesday 27 November** *feria*

0945(\*)SDE Monica Dauncey RIP  
1100(\*)OLW Deceased Priests P  
1200 OLR David Webberley RIP  
1800(\*)STC

**Thursday 28 November** *feria*

0900 SST followed by Blessing of the Graves  
1200(\*)STC (Latin)

**Friday 29 November** *feria*

1200(\*)STC  
1200 OLR Ann Thorpe RIP  
1200(\*)SHS Terry Jones RIP  
1800 TCN Mass for the Deceased

**Saturday 30 November** *First Sunday of Advent Year C*

1700 OLW Holy Souls  
1800 OLR People of the Parish

**Sunday 1 December** *First Sunday of Advent Year C*

0900 SMB Sally Thomas RIP  
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead  
0900 STC Daniel Lyons RIP  
0945 TCN  
1100 OLR Georgina Barnes-Quinn RIP  
1100 SDE Pro Populo  
1100 SHS Mary Trench (Birthday)  
1200 SST Joseph & Julia Villa F  
1700 TCN  
1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)