

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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



Good Shepherd Sunday

In each of the three lectionary cycles, our Gospel is taken from the 10th chapter of the Gospel of John. In today's gospel, Jesus describes his relationship with his followers as similar to the relationship between a good shepherd and his sheep. As a good shepherd will risk and lay down his life in order to protect his sheep, Jesus willingly sacrifices himself for the sake of his sheep. Jesus contrasts the actions of the good shepherd with the actions of the hired shepherd who abandons the sheep in the face of danger. In the verses following Jesus' teaching, we learn that the Pharisees and the other religious leaders understand that Jesus is referring to them when he describes the hired shepherds.

The concern of a good shepherd for his sheep is part of the shepherd's job. Jesus says, however, that the actions of the good shepherd are based upon the relationship that develops between the shepherd and the sheep. This is at the heart of the difference between the good shepherd and the hired shepherd. The good shepherd knows the sheep and therefore acts out of love. For the Good Shepherd, this is never simply part of a job; this love-in-action is integral to his identity.

As the sheep are known by the Good Shepherd, the Father knows Jesus and Jesus knows the Father. There is an essential unity between the Father and the Son. The freedom with which Jesus acts when he lays down his life is rooted in the unity that he shares with his Father.

Jesus also refers to others with whom he shares a relationship. By this reference, John probably understands the eventual inclusion of the Gentiles in the Christian community. Our modern ears hear this as a reference to Christian unity. The work of ecumenism is to restore unity among all Christians so that we form one flock under one shepherd, as God desires.

Father Steven

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Acts 4:8-12; 1Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-33, 34-35.

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

COLLECTION: CLERGY TRAINING FUND A retiring collection will be taken after all Masses next weekend 20/21 April to help towards training of future priests in our diocese.

PENTECOST SUNDAY ONE ISLAND CELEBRATION

The feast of Pentecost this year will be marked with a one Island celebration at Christ the King College on Sunday 19 May 2024 with Mass at 1100 followed by a shared lunch (details to follow). To facilitate this all the principal Sunday Masses across the Island parishes will be cancelled, so that everyone can come together for one joyful celebration. Please note that there will be Saturday evening Mass in Bembridge, Totland and Ventnor at 1700; and the Ordinariate Rite Mass in Cowes on Sunday evening at 1730.



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.

VOCATIONS On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese. If you are considering such a vocation, talk to your priest or contact Canon John Cooke call 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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)

LENTEN ALMS – MOUNTBATTEN HOSPICE Thank you for kindness and charity in the Lenten Almsgiving. To date we have raised £2,877 for the Hospice (Ryde £1627 & South Wight £1250).

MISSIO RED BOXES 2023 St Saviour, Totland and St Thomas in Newport raised in 2023 the amount of £517.76: given directly in cash or through Red Boxes or Direct Debit. Thank you!

YOUTH CLUB Next gathering on Friday 26 April at 1730 in Newport

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.

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.

LEAVE YOUR MARK – DO SOMETHING AMAZING TODAY BY SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 to write easily or update a basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write your Will in person, online or over the 'phone you will be expertly supported through the process. You are under no obligation to leave the Diocese a gift in your Will, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to God and His Church. Making or updating a Will is an expression of profound confidence that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life; it is a mature and thoughtful way of acknowledging our own mortality. Making provision for the Church in our Will is a continuation and crown of the service we ourselves may have offered over many years, in terms of our time, our talents and our treasure. It is following in the footsteps of all those whose generosity in generations past has bequeathed us the Church we know and love today. It reminds us that through baptism we belong to the great communion of saints, united with the Lord as a member of His Church both on earth and in heaven. Once you have considered your loved ones, you may choose to leave a legacy to a specific cause, Pastoral Area or parish in the Diocese; or, as good stewards, we will apply any gift given for the Diocese's general charitable purposes where there is the greatest need. More information can be found at: <https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/make-your-free-will/>

PARISH LADIES GROUP Next meeting 24th April 1400 in the Holyrood Hall, Newport. Elaine Heathcote from Footprint Trust will talk on air fryers. Cost of the afternoon is £3 including tea/coffee and cake. Please bring family and friends they are most welcome. Eileen 523901 or 07738300981

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.

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.

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CONFESSION TIMES

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

Ventnor: Wednesday 1000-1030 Sandown: Thursday 1000-1030 Shanklin: Friday 1100-1130

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

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 Holy Rosary at SHS, SPS & OLW

Saturday 20 April *Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B*

1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
1800 OLR Health of Jola & Kasia

Sunday 21 April *Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B*

0900 SMB People of the Parish
0900 SPS Ena Janson-Smith (F)
0900 STC Lady Johnstone & husband RIP (P)
0945 STN Thanksgiving
1100 OLR Priest's intention
1100 SDE (Children's Liturgy) Pro Populo
1100 SHS Lars Fletcher RIP
1200 SST Jim Malia (90th Birthday)
1700 STN People of the Parish
1730 STC No Mass this evening

Monday 22 April *of the 4th Week of Easter*

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

Tuesday 23 April *St George, Patron of England, solemnity*

1000 SMB No Mass Today
1200 STC No Mass Today
1200(*)STN
1800 SHS Annie and Charlotte Knowlson

Wednesday 24 April *of the 4th Week of Easter*

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

Thursday 25 April *St Mark, Evangelist, feast*

1100(*) SST
1100(*) SPS Rev Michael O Riordan (P)
1200(*)STC No Mass Today

Friday 26 April *Blessed Robert Anderton & William Marsden, Priests, Martyrs, memorial*

1200 STC No Mass Today
1100 STN Funeral Mass of Maxine Wells
1200 OLR No Mass Today
1200(*)SHS Charles Cockrem RIP

Saturday 27 April *Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B*

1700 OLW George Cole RIP
1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 28 April *Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B*

0900 SMB Mary Harbour's Intentions
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Sheila Bloxham RIP
0945 STN
1100 OLR St Mary's Primary School
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Philip Park RIP
1200 SST
1700 STN John Smallwood RIP
1730 STC (Ordinariate)