

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

SACRIFICE AND REMEMBRANCE



As we recall, on Remembrance Sunday, the fallen in war – those who gave their lives for their country – it is providential that the readings this year speak of sacrifice.

First, we hear of the widow of Zarephath who, in a time of famine, shares her last meal with a hungry stranger, Elijah the prophet (1 Kings 17:10-16). She trusts in him and in return for her sacrificial kindness, from thenceforth her earthenware jar, or “cruse”, has a perpetual supply of oil (the origin of the name of the Cruse bereavement charity which pours out endless kindness).

The Gospel (Mark 12:38-44) tells of another widow, living in poverty in Jerusalem, who gives to God all that she has to live on, unlike those who give only from the left-overs of their abundant wealth. Like the widow in Elijah’s day, she effectively abandons herself to divine providence, entrusting herself in sacrifice to whatever lies ahead. “God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor 9:7), whether we’re giving of material things, or of our time, talents and energy. Reluctant or grudging giving isn’t what God wants, nor is the giving out of our spare change. And there is no promise of a generous reward for our cheerful giving — no everlasting cruse of oil necessarily awaiting us. Ours is not the way of the so-called “prosperity Gospel” which proclaims financial blessing and physical wellbeing when we give to the Church!

In the second reading, from the letter to the Hebrews (9:24-28), we are told of the true temple of heaven into which Christ, through his self-offering, has entered, lifting redeemed humanity into divinity.

At this time of saluting those who gave their freedom for ours, we are ever mindful of the Saviour who made the unique ultimate sacrifice, inviting a response from us of cheerful generosity, entrusting ourselves sacrificially to the providence of God.

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1Kgs 17:10-16; Hb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44.

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Dan 12:1-3; Hb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32.

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

CHRIST THE KING ONE ISLAND CELEBRATION The solemn festival of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe this year will be marked with a one Island celebration at Christ the King College on Sunday 24 November 2024 with Mass at 1100. 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 Ventnor 1700, Ryde 1800 and Totland 1800; and Sunday evening Mass in Newport 1700 and Cowes 1730.

VOCATIONS “Do not fear: go, do as you have said.” Let the reassuring words of Christ lead you. If you are being called to be a priest, deacon or religious brother or sister, courageously say “Yes!” Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

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.

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 prepared a Novena, 9 days spaced over 9 weeks, one day per week, and in a different church, which started on 16 September. We hoped that this would 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 eighth station of the Novena is at St David’s, East Cowes on Thursday 14 November 1800, Taizé Prayer.

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.

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.

ALL ISLAND SVP The next joint meeting of Ryde SVP and South Wight SVP will take place at the McAuley Centre in Newport on Saturday 16th November at 1030.

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 The IPC met last Tuesday and discussed the following matters:

Whole-Island Celebration of Mass at Christ the King school, on 24th November.

The current Novena of Prayer. For information about this and the remaining events see the Parish Website. (Feedback so far is very largely positive and constructive.)

Changes to Governance of our Primary Schools: No Catholic School has yet been proposed for closure. 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.

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

SISTER PATRICIA BOLTON After the memorial mass for Sister Patricia a collection was taken. A tree has been planted and a plaque placed in front of it in the grounds of St Thomas of Canterbury School. The inscription on the plaque reads: In loving memory of Sister Patricia Bolton Headteacher 1968-1993 She brought the joy of learning to countless children. The remaining money has been donated through the school to BBC Children in Need to make life lighter for children across the UK.

AVE VITA CHAMBER CHOIR are presenting an evening of Contemporary Choral Music at Holy Trinity Bembridge. Saturday 16 November 1900 Premiere of New Carol written and composed by Island Catholics. Tickets £10 on the door or at www.ticketsource.co.uk/Salutaris

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 11th 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

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

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

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
TCN St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport PO30 1UH

(*) 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 9 November *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 10 November *Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Ann Lambert RIP
 0900 SPS James Simon Corkery RIP
 0900 STC Requiem for War Dead RIP P
 0945 TCN Kearney Family P
 1100 OLR Dead of all Wars
 1100 SDE Woody Klimasinski RIP
 1100 SHS Blessing for Aniela's 7th Birthday
 1200 SST Massera & Del Ponte Family
 1700 TCN
 1730 STC (Ordinariate Liturgy) Pro Populo

Monday 11 November *St Martin of Tours, Bishop, memorial*

1000 STC No Mass Today
 1200 OLR Keith Keohane RIP
 1200(*)TCN Johnny and Cristita RIP

Tuesday 12 November *St Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr, memorial*

1000 SMB Mrs Hicks P
 1200 STC
 1200(*)TCN Jocelyn and Paulo RIP
 1200 SPS Holy Souls

Wednesday 13 November *feria*

0945(*) SDE
 1100(*) OLW Predegast Family P
 1200 OLR Charlotte Elliot P
 1800(*)STC

Thursday 14 November *feria*

1100(*) SST
 1200(*) STC (Latin)
 1330 STC Funeral Mass: Patrick O'Brien RIP

Friday 15 November *feria*

1200(*) STC
 1200 OLR Thomas & Slavomira RIP
 1200(*)SHS Hanna Cabaj
 1200(*)TCN Anaclito Benedict John & Genara RIP

Saturday 16 November *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 17 November *Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Tom Lambert RIP
 0900 SPS Robert and Beryl McConkey
 0900 STC Ron Watson RIP
 0945 TCN All Souls in Purgatory
 1100 OLR Holy Souls
 1100 SDE Pro Populo
 1100 SHS Wladyslaw Zukowski
 1200 SST Tadek RIP
 1700 TCN
 1730 STC (Ordinariate Liturgy)