

# CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

## LET US BEG JESUS TO CURE US OF OUR BLINDNESS



This Sunday we come to the end of the middle section of Mark's Gospel which focuses on Jesus' journey with his disciples 'on the way' to Jerusalem where he is to complete his mission by suffering, dying and rising from the dead. Along this journey, Jesus has been teaching, correcting and enlightening his chosen twelve about the meaning of true discipleship.

What is important to note here is that Mark precedes this middle section by inserting the story a blind man being cured at Bethsaida, and then again, at the end of it, Mark

also inserts another story of Jesus curing a blind man named Bartimaeus which takes place in Jericho, just before they reach their destiny in Jerusalem. These two accounts of blind men being cured by Jesus are intentionally framing the journey of Jesus with his disciples on the way to Jerusalem. This is because Mark is drawing a parallel between the physical blindness of these two men with the spiritual blindness of the disciples. Just as the two blind men were lacking physical vision, the disciples were lacking spiritual vision through their failure to properly understand the true mission and identity of Jesus. Blindness functions as a metaphor for the disciple's lack of understanding. This blindness of the disciples is what Jesus is referring to when says to them: **"do you still not perceive or understand? Do you have eyes and fail to see?" (Mk 8:17-18)**

As disciples of Jesus, who are journeying 'on the way' through our earthly life, how much spiritual blindness do we still need to be cured from? Do we see what else in our lives still needs to be changed to become more perfect followers of Jesus? Like the two blind beggars, let us beg Jesus to cure us of our blindness.

Dear Lord, three things I pray, to see thee more clearly, to love thee more dearly, to follow thee more nearly.

Fr Stephen Vooght

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**READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B**

**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Jer 31:7-9; Hb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.

**Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time** – Dt 6:2-6; Hb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34.

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

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – 1 NOVEMBER**

Friday 1 November is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 31 October at Ventnor 1800, & Ryde 1800; and on Friday 1 November at Totland 0930, East Cowes 1000, Cowes 1200, Newport 1200, Ryde 1200 & Shanklin 1200

**SECOND COLLECTION** There is a Second Collection next weekend 2/3 November for Bamenda.

**VOCATIONS** “Take courage, stand up! He is calling for you.” Will you share in Christ’s saving mission? He may be calling you to a sacrificial life as a priest or religious brother or sister. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke email [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869.

**ALL SOULS** Saturday 2 November 2024, 1600, St Thomas of Canterbury Church in Newport. Come and join us on our Filipino Sponsored Holy Mass. Main Celebrant: Fr Claro Conde with Fr Nishan Edward. Food sharing and reception immediately after at the church hall. All welcome

**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've prepared a Novena, 9 days spaced over 9 weeks, one day per week, and in a different church, and this started on 16 September. We hope this will 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 seventh station of the novena is at Sacred Heart, Shanklin on Wednesday 6 November 1800, on “silence in prayer”.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH MASS BOOKS** With the new Lectionary being introduced from Advent, the Parish Mass books currently used in some of our churches will be the old translation of the Lectionary and while they may still be used, they are not being replaced or updated.

**NEW SUNDAY MISSAL** If you wish to purchase a new Sunday Missal with the new lectionary translation, orders placed through the Ryde Office are on a special offer of £13 per copy as opposed to £18.99. Please use the attached link to reserve your copy <https://forms.gle/Xu4GPrd6VJXh4wnEg> or contact Linda 01983 812127 before 28 October 2024.

**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.

**WISE OWL** We have a youth club, young family's group... What about the rest of us? Come and join the "Wise Owl" friendship group one a month. St Thomas' church Holyrood Hall in Newport Tuesday 29 October 1230-1430 light lunch provided for the first meeting. Come and have a hoot with the owls! Anne Neale 531458 Cathy Green 07712896071

**ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY** The next tea party is on Monday 4 November 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

**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – OCTOBER** Pope Francis invites us to pray **For a Shared Mission.** We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

**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).

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY** *On 7 October, we celebrate a well-loved memorial in honour of the Rosary, and according to a long-standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 2002, "The Rosary . . . is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of the third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness . . . With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depth of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive an abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 1).*

**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  
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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 26 October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

1700 OLW Helen McFagan – Birthday Intention  
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

**Sunday 27 October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

0900 SMB Penny Yates RIP  
 0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead  
 0900 STC Brendan "Paddy" Finucane RIP  
 0945 STN  
 1100 OLR Holy Souls  
 1100 SDE (with Children's Liturgy) Pro Populo  
 1100 SHS Dominic McGinn RIP  
 1200 SST Geraldine Grant RIP  
 1700 STN  
 1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)

**Monday 28 October Ss Simon & Jude, Apostles, feast**

1000 STC  
 1200 OLR Fr Joseph Silveira (P)  
 1200(\*)STN

**Tuesday 29 October feria**

1000 SMB Jean-Marie Maussion RIP  
 1200 STC  
 1200(\*)STN  
 1200 SPS Shania Steele-Birthday Intention

**Wednesday 30 October feria**

0945(\*)SDE David Greenwood RIP (F)  
 1100(\*) OLW Eleanor Muriel Johnson RIP  
 1200 OLR Noreen Charles RIP  
 1800(\*)STC

**Thursday 31 October feria**

1100(\*) SST  
 1200(\*) STC (Latin) Fr Anthony Glaysher GE

**Thursday 31 October All Saints, solemnity**

1800 OLR Priest's Intention  
 1800 OLW Geraldine Grant RIP

**Friday 1 November All Saints, solemnity**

0930 SST  
 1000 SDE  
 1200 STC  
 1200(\*)STN  
 1200 OLR People of the Parish  
 1200(\*)SHS Bill Robson RIP

**Saturday 2 November Commemoration of All Souls**

1030 SDE Requiem  
 1100(\*)SHS Holy Souls  
 1230 STC Requiem

**Saturday 2 November Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

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

**Sunday 3 November Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

0900 SMB Robert Lambert RIP  
 0900 SPS Sophia Ward – Birthday Intention  
 0900 STC David Aherne-Conroy RIP  
 0945 STN  
 1100 OLR Holy Souls  
 1100 SDE Pro Populo  
 1100 SHS Ansel Trench RIP  
 1200 SST  
 1700 STN  
 1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)