

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

NEW BEGINNING - TRIUMPH OF THE SON OF MAN



This Sunday is the last Sunday of Ordinary time. For the Church, the liturgical year is ending. Next week, we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, and then we begin Advent. Jesus speaks about His coming into this world. Is the first reading speaking to us about the end of all things? This passage is the earliest in the Bible to mention the resurrection of the dead. It helps many unbelievers understand and accept why Jesus, the Son of God, was born amongst us as a human. He will be resurrected and fulfil the prophecies of the Old Testament in the new covenant. In the gospel reading, Jesus speaks to His disciples about His coming into the world: “the sun will be darkened, and the stars will fall from the sky and the powers in the heavens will be shaken”. It sounds like an end of the world but it is a new creation with Christ; He brings us light in the day and night. He is all for the world. That is why He said, “I am the light, way, life, bread, good shepherd, resurrection and life, truth, and vine”. Through our Baptism we were buried with Christ as we believed that we will rise again with Him; we will be a new creation and enter a new world.

In the season of Autumn, we see the leaves falling, and the trees appear lifeless, but they are patiently preparing themselves in Winter to come back to life in Spring. So, what season are we in at this moment in our own lives? As Christians, we can align our journey with the Church calendar.

This week we prepare ourselves to accept Christ as the King of the Universe, then prepare ourselves to receive Baby Jesus' coming into our heart, life and midst.

Shall we reflect on how we can put an end to all our worries, anxieties, suffering, evil thoughts, acts and words? We ourselves can start a new beginning in our lives in this season. Try to forget the unwanted things and forgive the people who are waiting for us to welcome them in their heart and home.

Fr Nishan

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

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.

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

VOCATIONS “Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will not pass away.” How is God calling you to share His eternal words of salvation? Perhaps you could consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke call 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

Refreshments available afterwards; please bring a plate of food to share (finger food).

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.

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 complete 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, which started on 16 September. We hoped 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 ninth station of the novena is at Our Lady & St Wilfrid, Ventnor, on Wednesday 20 November 1800, Prayer with art and icons.

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.

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 on Tuesday 29 October, and discussed these 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 been proposed for closure 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.

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

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

NEW STANDING ORDER & GIFT-AID FORMS Once again, we would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all donors for their contributions to the parish. As you may know, the bank account number has changed as of 1st September (for Ryde, South Wight and Totland/Newport). If your donation is set up by Standing Order, we kindly ask those who have not yet done so to update your order to the new account (details below) and cancel the order to the previous account. If you want your donation to be Gift Aided, please complete the necessary form (copies are available at the back of the church) so that the parish can receive an additional 25% on your donation.

Account name: CDP Catholic Wight Sort Code: 30-93-04 Account Number: 01862260

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 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 Jayden Rout
1100 OLR Holy Souls
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Wladyslaw Zukowski
1200 SST Tadek RIP
1700 TCN All Souls in Purgatory
1730 STC (Ordinariate Liturgy)

Monday 18 November *feria*

1000 STC
1200 OLR Funeral of Joseph Valvona RIP
1200(*) TCN

Tuesday 19 November *feria*

1000 SMB Canon Richard Hind RIP F
1200 STC
1200(*) TCN
1200 SPS Fr Michael Walsh RIP

Wednesday 20 November *feria*

0945(*) SDE
1100(*) OLW Eleanor Muriel Johnson RIP
1200 OLR Pamela Fraser Cox GE
1800(*) STC

Thursday 21 November *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, memorial*

1100(*) SST
1200(*) STC No Mass today

Friday 22 November *St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr, memorial*

1200(*) STC
1200 OLR Mother Kathleen Ryan P
1200(*) SHS Holy Souls
1200(*) TCN Peter Rout

Saturday 23 November *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, solemnity*

1700 OLW Marlene & Andrew Bristow
50th Wedding Anniversary
1800 OLR People of the Parish
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