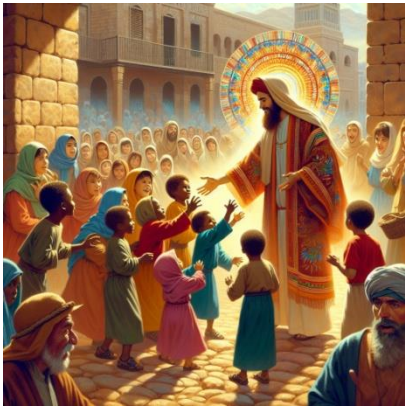


CATHOLIC WIGHT

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



For the past three Sundays, we have been hearing Mark's reports of conversations between Jesus and his disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus uses these private moments to teach his disciples in greater detail about the Kingdom of God. Beginning with today's Gospel, Jesus returns to Judea and resumes his public ministry. Mark's Gospel tells us that crowds gathered around Jesus, and as he taught them, the Pharisees approach Jesus to test him.

The Pharisees question Jesus about the lawfulness of divorce. Under specific conditions, divorce was an accepted practice among the Jewish people during the time of Jesus. It was regulated by the Law of Moses, as found in Deuteronomy 24:1-5. This law only permits that a husband may divorce his wife if he finds her to be indecent. This is the justification that the Pharisees reference when Jesus asks about the commandment of Moses. In reply, Jesus quotes from the Book of Genesis and counters that God's original intention was that men and women would become one flesh in marriage. Jesus describes the teaching of Moses as a concession made to God's original intention because of human stubbornness.

In private, Jesus' disciples question him further about this teaching on divorce. It is to his disciples that Jesus lays out the implications of his teaching by explaining that remarriage after divorce is adultery. Jesus further distinguished his teaching from the cultural norms of his time by applying his words equally to men and women. Jewish culture permitted only that a husband may divorce his wife. Wives were not permitted to divorce their husband for any reason, including adultery.

At the end of today's Gospel, the people were bringing their children to Jesus, and again Jesus' disciples show that they just don't get it. Remember that Jesus has taught his disciples the value and importance of these "little ones" in the Kingdom of God. Yet in today's Gospel, the disciples try to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus. Jesus reprimands his disciples and welcomes these children. Again, Jesus offers these children as an example of the kind of complete trust and dependence upon God that ought to be the attitude of all believers.

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Gen 2:18-24; Hb 2:9-11; Mk 10:2-16.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Wis 7:7-11; Hb 4:12-13; Mk 10:17-30.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Is 53:10-11; Hb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – HARVEST APPEAL Daniel, a young man in Democratic Republic of Congo, is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training center. Give to CAFOD today and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like Daniel can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. Use the envelope in church or give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) The RCIA is a process for those seeking to join the Catholic Church. For non-baptised men and women, it consists of a number of sessions of learning about the Catholic Church's teaching on matters of doctrinal faith, prayer, liturgy and sacraments. Those already *baptised in another Christian church*, are also invited to join the RCIA programme for instruction, guidance, and support. Both adult baptisms and receptions into the Church will normally take place at the Easter Vigil. For further information email: iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or tel: 01983 522027 First session will be on Thursday 17 October 1830 in the McAuley Centre in Newport.

SECOND COLLECTION There is a Second Collection on the weekend 19/20 October to support Foreign Missions.

VOCATIONS "We see Jesus crowned with glory and honour." Will you let the Holy Spirit lead you to be a reflection of His divine glory as a priest, deacon or through the consecrated life? Seek the opportunity to serve and lead others. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

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.

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, starting on the 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 fourth station of the novena is at St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport on Thursday 10 October 1700, prayer with Mary.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – OCTOBER Pope Francis invites us to pray **For a Shared Mission**. We pray that 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).*

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY Monday 7 October 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 01983 812127

ISLAND PASTORAL COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER The matters discussed were: finalisation of plans for the nine-week exploration of prayer which started on September 16 (leaflets giving details are available at the back of the church); further preparations for the all-island celebration Mass of the Feast of Christ the King at CtK college which will replace most daytime Masses that day; and discussion of Sacramental programmes together with the need for more catechists and helpers. We also thought about further tasks, both in terms of events and wider ranging opportunities such as utilising the talents available in our communities to support the clergy in a better way. The next meeting will be in late October. If anyone wishes 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.

NEW STANDING ORDER & GIFT-AID FORMS As of 1 September 2024, the parishes of Ryde, South Wight and Totland/Newport have been using a single bank account. To assist in the changeover process all those who contribute to offertory giving by standing order are invited to complete a new form. Those who Gift-Aid their contribution are also invited to complete a new declaration. Standing Order forms and Gift-Aid forms are available for collection

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>

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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

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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 the Holy Rosary at SHS & OLW, and for half an hour or so, without the Rosary, at SDE and STC.

Saturday 5 October *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1100(*) SHS Conversion of Sinners (P)
 1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
 1800 OLR Raphael RIP

Sunday 6 October *Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Holy Souls
 0900 SPS Olive Wood RIP 7th Anniversary
 0900 STC Stephen Clare Physick RIP
 0945 STN
 1100 OLR Fr William Cotter
 1100 SDE Pro Populo
 1100 SHS Maks Stahecki
 1200 SST Esther Connaughton RIP
 1700 STN
 1730 STC No Mass (ecumenical Harvest service
 1800 at Cowes Baptist church)

Monday 7 October *Our Lady of the Rosary, memorial*

0900 St Mary's School
 1000 STC No Mass today
 1200 OLR Charlotte Elliot (P)
 1200 STN Marmaduke Cuthbert Tunstall (P)

Tuesday 8 October *feria*

1000 SMB Pamela Fraser Cox GE
 1200 STC
 1200(*)STN Margaret Kelly RIP
 1200 SPS Sr Anne McCarthy 75 yrs L.S.U

Wednesday 9 October *St John Henry Newman, Religious, feast*

0945(*) SDE
 1100(*) OLW Jamieson (P)
 1200 OLR Pat Sinclair RIP
 1800(*)STC

Thursday 10 October *feria*

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

Friday 11 October *feria*

0900 STC Ruth Connell RIP (No 1200 Mass)
 1200(*)STN No Mass today
 1200 OLR Canon Jeremiah Cronin RIP
 1200(*)SHS Members of the Jones and Trench Family for Conversion

Saturday 12 October *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1700 OLW Gloria Minghella RIP & blessings on Edward Minghella
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 13 October *Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Fr Kevin Delaney RIP
 0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
 0900 STC Mary May Moss RIP
 0945 STN Leo & Luigia Pecile
 1100 OLR St Mary's Primary School
 1100 SDE Pro Populo
 1100 SHS Michael O'Driscoll RIP
 1200 SST
 1700 STN No Mass
 1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)