

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

GIVE – SERVE - ASK



God gives us crosses that we can bear. We are not chosen to be served, but to serve.

Today's readings speak to us about God's suffering servant. We hear that a servant of God must suffer to please God and be exalted. When we reflect on the passion of Christ, we realise that each of us must carry the crosses in our lives to truly be servants of God. From the moment of Jesus' birth, Mother

Mary endured much suffering, dedicating her life to God. Jesus said, "The Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many." He viewed His life as one of service and perfect obedience to the Lord, His Father. Although He suffered greatly, He knew His Father in heaven was with Him. Yet, even He cried out, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"

Each of us was created by God for a purpose, just like Jesus Christ. We were chosen to be born on this earth not to be served but to serve. When John and James asked Jesus to let them sit at His right and left hand in glory, Jesus replied, "You do not know what you are asking," and challenged them to carry the cross He bore. Before we ask anything from someone, we must be prepared to give whatever we have.

What do we have to offer others? We have love, forgiveness, kindness, mercy, compassion, justice, a smile, and time. But when we are ready to give these, we must also be prepared to suffer. We must be willing to let go of pride, anger, revenge, jealousy, and even our time. As 1 Corinthians 13:3 says: "If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may be burned, but do not have love, I gain nothing."

In our daily lives, our parents and friends often sacrifice for us. If we look at the history of the Church, many martyrs and saints gave their lives for Christ. One example is Saint Maximilian Kolbe, who gave his life for another man who cried out for his family at the Auschwitz concentration camp 82 years ago, on August 14, 1941. The man survived the camp and was able to return to his family after the war. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus says, "Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be a slave to all."

As we celebrate World Mission Sunday, are we ready to give and serve before asking from others or from God? **Fr Nishan**

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

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

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.

SECOND COLLECTION There is a Second Collection this weekend 19/20 October to support Foreign Missions (*Missio*).

VOCATIONS “What do you wish for me to do for you?” Listen closely to your heart. Is God calling you to consider a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life? Let the grace of prayer encourage you. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869.

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.

PARISH LADIES will meet in Holyrood Hall, Newport at 1400 on Wednesday 23 October. Speaker is Tim Warder, IOW Author and Historian. Greasepaint and sausages, ENSA WW2 on the Isle of Wight. Please come along and bring your friends, the cost is £3 including tea/coffee and cake for more info ring/text Eileen 523901 or 07738300981

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, which 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 sixth station of the Novena is at St Thomas of Canterbury, Cowes, on Monday 21 October 1700, Prayer with Scripture.

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.

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>

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 celebrated 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.

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: Rev Fr Claro Conde with Rev Fr Nishan Edward. Food sharing and reception immediately after at the church hall. All welcome

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

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.

NEW STANDING ORDER & GIFT-AID FORMS As of 1 September 2024, the parishes of Ryde, South Wight and Totland/Newport are 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

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

Saturday 19 October *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

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

Sunday 20 October *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Annie & William Cashin RIP
0900 SPS Gloria Minghella RIP
Anthony Minghella and Edana Minghella
0900 STC Wang Yue RIP
0945 STN Benefactors of the Missions of
Newport and Ventnor
1100 OLR Mark & Cristina
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS June Loughlin RIP
1200 SST Melody Seymour RIP (F)
1700 STN
1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)

Monday 21 October *feria*

1000 STC
1200 OLR Ian & Yvonne Victory (F)
1200 STN

Tuesday 22 October *feria*

1000 SMB Mrs. Frome (F)
1200 STC
1200(*)STN Elizabeth Gurney-Champion RIP
1200 SPS Marion Montgomery RIP

Wednesday 23 October *feria*

Diocesan Day of Prayer & Reparation for Life
0945(*)SDE
1100(*) OLW R.R. Rivers and wife (P)
1200 OLR For the Progress of Peoples
1800(*)STC No evening Mass Today

Thursday 24 October *feria*

1100(*) SST Melody Seymour RIP
1200(*) STC No Mass Today

Friday 25 October *feria*

1200(*)STC Stella Muriel Spokes RIP
1200(*)STN
1200 OLR Funeral of Josie Lillywhite RIP
1200(*)SHS Christiane Troy RIP

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
1700 STN
1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)