

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

HUMILITY AND LOVE

“I am only an ordained priest, not crippled”



My dear sisters and brothers in Christ; in the first reading, Cornelius, a centurion in the Roman army, knelt at St Peter's feet and prostrated himself. St Peter in humility said “I am only a man after all”. It reminds me of an event in seminary, Oscott College. One day after Mass, we tried to clear the chairs in the church. A priest also was helping us. I said “Father, please leave and let us do it”. He replied “I am only a priest, not crippled”. It always remains with me. We have to humble ourselves so

that we can love others. At this moment, we could be a priest, teacher, doctor, manager, owner or any professional or not but if we do not have love we are nothing.

The reading says, the pagans have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have. Sometimes we think about the others and even our children who do not come to church but they are great. Because, they have received the Holy Spirit. One day they will realise it and come back like Cornelius.

Do we fear God and do what is right? If we do then we are God's people. The second reading says, if you love others then you come from God. Once upon a time my aunt said, “If you want to love then you should be ready to cry”. My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, without sacrifice there is no love. God loves us so much that He sacrificed His Son. Jesus loves us so much that He sacrificed his life for us; our parents love us so much that they sacrificed their life for us and so on. The Gospel reading says that “A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends”. Mother Teresa writes “Love comes from family”. As we are in the month of May, we can stay together and pray the Rosary together.

Are we ready to love?

Are we ready to sacrifice our Pride, Anger and Selfishness?

Fr Nishan

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Sixth Sunday of Easter – Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; 1Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17.

Seventh Sunday of Easter – Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; 1Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11-19.

Pentecost Sunday – Acts 2:1-11; Gal 5:16-25; Jn 20:19-23.

COMMEMORATION OF ORP BLYSKAWICA AND COWES & EAST COWES BLITZ Recalling the Blitz of 4th/5th May 1942 (when St David's, East Cowes, was destroyed) and the part played by the Polish destroyer in defending these towns, there will be a brief Act of Commemoration, with wreath-laying, on Saturday 4th May, 1400, in King's Square, East Cowes (outside Waitrose), and the more substantial annual Commemoration, with brass band, on Sunday 5th May, 1400, on Cowes Parade, both led by Fr Jonathan.

COLLECTION: CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK A retiring collection will be taken after all Masses the weekend 11/12 May. Pope Francis' message for World Communications Day 2024 follows the theme 'Artificial Intelligence and the Wisdom of the Heart: Towards a Fully Human Communication'. He asks how we can remain fully human and guide this cultural transformation to serve a good purpose? Full message here: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/wcd24-papal-message/> Online donations: <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-second-collection-2024>

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 13 May 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

ONE ISLAND CELEBRATION *POSTPONED*

The One Island celebration of Mass scheduled to be celebrated on Pentecost Sunday, 19 May 2024, has been postponed due to logistical and planning concerns. I apologise for any disappointment to everyone looking forward to this celebration and for the inconvenience caused.

The good news is that we look forward to welcoming everyone to Christ the King College, Newport, for the revised date, Sunday 24 November 2024, for the celebration of the feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, and the end of the liturgical year. Please keep the date free in your calendar. Fr Steven.

PENTECOST SUNDAY 2024 All Masses will revert to their normal Sunday timetable for Pentecost this year.

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – MAY Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the Formation of Religious and Seminarians**. We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

VOCATIONS "The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke call 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

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.

FAMILY FAITH SESSIONS & ADORATION Starting Saturday 11th May 1500-1700 at St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport. A session to meet other families, to socialize and take part in faith based activities with your children ending with a short time of adoration together.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE Next meeting will be on Saturday, 11th May at 1100 at the Sacred Heart Hall, Atherley Road, Shanklin, PO37 7AT. New members are most welcome. Feel free to bring lunch for after the meeting. Catholic women with a Catholic voice, Caring with love

FUNDRAISING IN AID OF CAFOD Plant & Bake Sale Saturday 11th May 1000 – 1300 St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Church Hall Terminus Road Cowes Plants – annuals, tomatoes, cucumbers, Herbaceous etc, Refreshments – very good coffee & tea, homemade cakes. All welcome

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - 22 – 26 JULY 2024 Once again the IoW Catholic History Society is offering sponsorship to assist any young person who wishes to accompany the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. Sponsorship (up to £350 per person) is available to cover their costs of travel and accommodation.

In return he / she would be asked to help by assisting some of our pilgrims by pushing wheelchairs, offering a steadying arm and a warm smile and encouraging words. Further details are in this week's Diocesan E. News. To apply or for further information please telephone the society. 01983 566740.

ISLAND PASTORAL COUNCIL If anyone wishes to provide feedback, offer reflections or suggestions for the way forward as we engage in the process of becoming one Island parish, or 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.



MAY IS THE MONTH OF OUR LADY

The month of May is the “month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady,” and it is the occasion for a “moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world [pay] to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, too, the benefits of God’s mercy come down to us from her throne in greater abundance” (Paul VI: Mense Maio Art 1.29 29 April 1965).

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

Newport: during Eucharistic Adoration, Sunday 0900-0930 & 1615-1645 Totland: Thursday 1000-1030
 Ventnor: Wednesday 1000-1030 Sandown: Thursday 1000-1030 Shanklin: Friday 1100-1130
 Ryde: Saturday 1730-1800 Cowes: during Eucharistic Adoration. Quarr Abbey: Saturdays 1000
 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
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, SPS & OLW, and half an hour or so (without Rosary) at SDE & STC.

Saturday 4 May Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

1700 OLW Canon PJ Smith
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 5 May Sixth Sunday of Easter Year B

0900 SMB Priest's Intentions
 0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
 0900 STC Mary Frances Preston RIP
 0945 STN Portuito family
 1100 OLR Tom & Suzanne Skyrme RIP (F)
 1100 SDE Pro Populo
 1100 SHS Rachel Russell
 1200 SST
 1700 STN Anne & Peter Quinn RIP
 1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)

Monday 6 May of the 6th Week of Easter

1000 STC
 1200 OLR No Mass Today
 1200 STN

Tuesday 7 May of the 6th Week of Easter

1000 SMB John Tretheway (P)
 1200 STC
 1200(*)STN Henry William James Adams (P)
 1800 SHS Heather Smith RIP

Wednesday 8 May of the 6th Week of Easter

0945(*)SDE
 1100(*)OLW Thanksgiving/Good Health Ken & Ali
 1200 OLR Reverend George Hay RIP
First Mass of The Ascension of the Lord, solemnity
 1800(*)STC
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Thursday 9 May The Ascension of the Lord, solemnity

1000 SDE
 1100(*)SST Tom & Mary O'Shea
 1100(*)SPS Late Selin Thomas RIP
 1200 STC (Latin) Noreen Charles RIP
 1200 OLR Charlotte Elliot (P)
 1800 STN Sister Isabel RIP
 1900 SHS Ansel Trench RIP

Friday 10 May of the 6th Week of Easter after Ascension

1200(*)STC
 1200(*)STN
 1200 OLR Reverend Michael Coles RIP
 1200 SHS Tom & Bobbie McGlinchey

Saturday 11 May Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B

1700 OLW Mark Lucas RIP
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 12 May Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B

0900 SMB Larry Williams RIP
 0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
 0900 STC Pro Populo
 0945 STN
 1100 OLR Pamela Fraser Cox GE
 1100 SDE
 1100 SHS George Teague
 1200 SST
 1700 STN Thomas Sebastian RIP
 1730 STC (Ordinariate)