

# CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

### TRUE WISDOM – AND CHRIST’S TEMPLE

Now nearly halfway through our Lenten journey, we are reminded that the Way of the Cross – our walk with the Crucified One – may seem like foolishness to the world. Yet, as the Apostle says in today’s Epistle, “Christ is the power and wisdom of God”, for “God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength”.



The Old Testament reading this Sunday tells of the Ten Words, the Decalogue, commandments from God through Moses, to give wisdom to us, the simple. This Law of God’s Love is not abolished in Christ but finds fulfilment in the Word made flesh, who gives in self-surrender the “temple” of his body for destruction – and resurrection – as the Gospel proclaims, in the Cleansing of the Temple.

In infancy the Lord was presented in the same Temple, and acclaimed by Simeon, not only as a light for revelation to the Gentiles and glory for God’s people Israel, but “set for the fall and rising of many in Israel, a sign that is spoken against”. To the Hebrews, says St Paul, he is indeed “a stumbling block”, and folly to the Gentiles. But the temple or sanctuary of his body, offered upon the Cross, while a stumbling block to many who reject him, now becomes the chief cornerstone of a spiritual temple. In this temple we, the Body of Christ, are being built as “living stones” and indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

In our Lenten pilgrimage we ask that Christ may overturn any tables of selfishness and corruption in our lives, that we as his temple may be cleansed. Let us come to him, the true Wisdom and Word of God, the Living Stone, in whom we – a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people – are called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Fr Jonathan

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

**Third Sunday of Lent** – Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

**Fourth Sunday of Lent** – 2Ch 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent** – Jer 31:31-34; Hb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33.



**HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – MARCH** Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the New Martyrs**. We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS DURING LENT** Bembridge: Fridays 1000; Ryde: Fridays 1800.  
Newport: Tuesdays after 1200 Mass & Fridays 1830; Totland: Thursdays after 1100 Mass  
Sandown: Thursdays after 1100 Mass; Shanklin: Fridays 1800 Ventnor: Wednesdays after 1100 Mass  
Cowes: Fridays 1130; East Cowes: Wednesdays 1015

**LECTIO DIVINA** during Lent Monday in Newport 1830 Mcauley Centre, Tuesday In Shanklin 1945

**VOCATIONS** “Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.” Does a life dedicated to proclaiming Christ’s life, death, and resurrection appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318869.

**MARCH IS THE MONTH OF ST JOSEPH** *The month of March is dedicated to St Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of the Lord. St Joseph was the favourite saint of St Teresa of Avila, and of many popes, including St Pius X and St John XXIII. St Joseph is the patron saint of fathers, workers, and the Universal Church. St Joseph, pray for us!*

**“Give something, however small, to the one in need. For it is not small to one who has nothing. Neither is it small to God if we have given what we could.”** St. Gregory Nazianzen

**LENTEN ALMS – RYDE & SOUTH WIGHT** This year we are going to support Mountbatten Isle of Wight Hospice which is changing the way people across the Island receive end of life care and bereavement support. Purple Lenten Envelopes are available at the back of church.

**CLERGY ASSISTANCE FUND** There will be a retiring collection after all Masses next weekend 9/10 March

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** will be celebrated at St.Michael's Church Bembridge on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1400. In Newport at the Congregational Church Pyle Street at 1800 contact 07876715498/07704556753

**ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY** Monday 4 March 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

**YOUTH CLUB** Next gathering Friday 8 March at 1730 at St Thomas' church Newport

**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH FIRST CONFESSION** Saturday 9th March at 0930, all parishioners are welcome

**ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS** Saturday 16th March 1030 in the church

**EASTER TRIDUUM RETREAT AT VERBUM DEI** 28th - 31st March. If you are interested to join it or want to know more information about it, please contact us: [verbumdei.iow@gmail.com](mailto:verbumdei.iow@gmail.com)

**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE** meeting will be on Saturday, 9th March at 1100 at the Sacred Heart Hall, Atherley Road, Shanklin, PO37 7AT. New members most welcome. Feel free to bring a lunch for after the meeting. Catholic women with a Catholic voice, Caring with love.

**BEETLE, BINGO AND BUNS!** Taking place on Saturday, 9th March 2024, 2pm-4pm at the Sacred Heart Hall. £3 per adult, family ticket £5. Join us for a fun afternoon raising money for good causes. A Raffle will also be drawn towards the end of the afternoon. Organised by the Catholic Women's League.

**"ST PATRICK'S NIGHT"** on Saturday 16th March 1900, Holyrood Hall in Newport. The tickets are £12 each and this includes a 2 course meal and entertainment. We shall have a big raffle too and all proceeds after expenses will go to our "Youth Club". Contact Barbara/Patrick 653900

**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.

### DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.  
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.  
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.  
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.  
Fast from worries and have trust in God.  
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.  
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.  
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.  
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.  
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.  
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

### 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.

**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](mailto:iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or post a notice via your local (parish) office.

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### CONFESSION TIMES

Sandown: Thursday 1000-1030  
Shanklin: Friday 1100-1130  
Newport: during Eucharistic Adoration Sunday 0900-0930 & 1615-1645 Totland: Thursday 1000-1030  
Ryde: Saturday 1730-1800  
Cowes: during Eucharistic Adoration.  
Quarr Abbey: Saturdays 1000  
And by request

## MASS TIMES

**P:** Perpetual **F:** Foundation

### Saturday 2 March *The Third Sunday of Lent Year B*

1100(\*) SHS Conversion of Sinners (**P**)  
 1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead  
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

### Sunday 3 March *The Third Sunday of Lent Year B*

0900 SMB Edmund Randolph (**P**)  
 0900 SPS Richard & Gioia Giddens  
 Wedding anniversary  
 0900 STC John Warburton RIP  
 0945 STN Susila Perera RIP  
 1100 OLR John Smyth RIP  
 1100 SDE Pro Populo  
 1100 SHS Private intention  
 1200 SST Robin Paxon RIP  
 1700 STN Peter Quinn  
 1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)

### Monday 4 March *of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent*

1000 STC  
 1200 OLR Charlotte Elliot (**P**)  
 1200 STN

### Tuesday 5 March *of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent*

1000 SMB James Friel RIP  
 1200(\*) STN Arthur & Margaret Connelly (**P**)  
 1200 STC  
 1600 STC Nuptial Mass (Tibang/Carpio)  
 1915 SHS Sr Gabriel RIP

### Wednesday 6 March *of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent*

0945(\*) SDE (followed by Stations of Cross)  
 1000 SMB Pamela Fraser Cox GE  
 1100 OLW Funeral Mass of Wendy Martin RIP  
 1200 OLR Mario Restori RIP  
 1800(\*) STC

### Thursday 7 March *of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent*

1100(\*) SPS Gerard Anthony  
 1100(\*) SST Noreen Mitchell RIP  
 1200(\*) STC (Latin) Fr Jonathan's intentions

### Friday 8 March *of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Week of Lent*

1200 STC (Stations of Cross before at 1130)  
 1200(\*) OLR Tony Brook 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 1200(\*) STN Private intention  
 1200(\*) SHS Joan Miller RIP

### Saturday 9 March *The Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B*

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

### Sunday 10 March *The Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B*

0900 SMB Edmund Randolph (**P**)  
 0900 SPS F.M. Private Intention  
 0900 STC Bill McCormack RIP  
 0945 STN Cecilia Lozares RIP  
 1100 OLR John Smyth RIP  
 1100 SDE Pro Populo  
 1100 SHS Mireille Coste RIP  
 1200 SST Rita Berry 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
 1700 STN Baptism of Cleo Amore Marriott  
 1730 STC (Ordinariate)

(\*) Eucharistic Adoration starting one hour before Mass and opportunity for Confessions followed by Holy Rosary at SHS, SPS & OLW

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| <b>SDE</b> St David's, East Cowes PO32 6DP           | <b>SMB</b> St Michael's, Bembridge PO35 5RA        |
| <b>SHS</b> Sacred Heart, Shanklin PO37 7AT           | <b>SPS</b> St Patrick's, Sandown PO36 8NE          |
| <b>SST</b> St Saviour's, Totland PO39 0HE            | <b>STC</b> St Thomas of Canterbury, Cowes PO31 7TJ |
| <b>STN</b> St Thomas of Canterbury, Newport PO30 1UH |  |