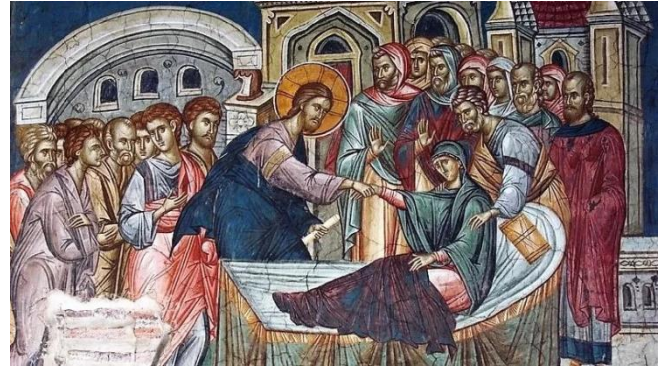


CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

LENTWARD BOUND

The end of this past week, with Candlemas (the Presentation of the Lord), has seen the completion of 40 days since Christmas. Nativity scenes have finally been put away, and as the infant Christ presented in the Temple is acclaimed as a Light to lighten the nations, a bitter-sweet theme falls from the lips of the elderly Simeon who can now depart in peace.



For the Lord is destined also for the “fall” of many, a sign that is rejected, while a sword will pierce Mary’s own soul too. In a word, it’s one last look back at the joys of the Nativity, as we now turn our faces to another 40 days, and nights, bound for Lent on the path of sharing in Our Lord’s Passion.

We are on a journey, with alternatives. We can be like Job in this Sunday’s first reading, full of misery, with no confidence or hope, complaining that his eyes will never again see joy. Each day and night seem to drag on for him, yet at the same time life is over in a flash, with death as the only certainty. But there is another way, for this Messiah is set for the “fall **and rising** of many”, as Candlemas reminded us. In today’s Gospel, Christ, having privately cured Peter’s mother-in-law, then publicly heals many who are crowding around his Capernaum door at sunset. Yet, against all this activity, and resisting the temptation to capitalise on the popularity of his miracles (“Everyone is looking for you!”), he rises early to withdraw to a lonely place to pray, and announces an itinerant mission, going on to other towns.

Let us too, as we head towards Lent, rise to the call to pray and respond to the compulsion to proclaim the gospel, as St Paul describes it today, becoming “all things to all people”, that souls may be saved.

Fr Jonathan

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Job 7: 1-4, 6-7; 1Cor 9: 16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Lev13: 1-2. 45-46; 1Cor10: 31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

First Sunday of Lent – Gen 9:8-15; 1Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the terminally ill.** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

VOCATIONS “To preach the Gospel is a duty which has been laid on me!” Could God be calling you to spread his Word and his love as a priest or consecrated religious? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

EMERGENCY MASS TIMES In the event of only 3 priests being available to celebrate Sunday Mass across the Pastoral Area, due to illness or incapacitation, the following Mass plan will be enacted.

Saturday evening: Our Lady & St Wilfrid, Ventnor 1700; St Michael's, Bembridge 1700.

Sunday morning: St David's, East Cowes 0900; St Patrick's, Sandown 0900; St Thomas's, Newport 0945; Sacred Heart, Shanklin 1100; St Mary's Ryde, 1100.

Sunday afternoon: St Saviour's, Totland 1200; St Thomas's, Cowes 1700.

SUNDAY MASS TIME CHANGES In light of the Emergency Mass Plan and following consultation with the Island Pastoral Council and the local community there will be a partial implementation of the plan to allow the community at Totland to have a Sunday Mass on the day and during daylight hours. To enable this to happen the Sunday morning Mass at Newport will start 15 minutes earlier. All changes will take effect from 18 February – the First Sunday of Lent.

St Thomas's, Newport **0945** & 1700; St Saviour's, Totland **1200**.

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.

WORLD LEPROSY DAY – LEPRO APPEAL (RYDE PARISH) 3/4 FEBRUARY World Leprosy Day (WLD) is celebrated on the last Sunday of January. The theme for World Leprosy Day 2024 is “Beat Leprosy”. This theme encapsulates the dual objectives of the day: to eradicate the stigma associated with leprosy and to promote the dignity of people affected by the disease.

The theme of “Beat Leprosy” serves as a powerful reminder of the need to address the social and psychological aspects of leprosy, alongside the medical efforts to eliminate the disease. It calls for a world where leprosy is no longer a source of stigma but rather an opportunity to demonstrate compassion and respect for all individuals.

The parish of the Sorrowful & Immaculate Heart of Mary, Ryde, is taking a retiring collection of behalf of Leprosy, the international charity established in 1924 and celebrating its centenary year, working to beat leprosy.

CAFOD An invitation to all Parishioners to come to a CAFOD meeting on **Saturday 3rd February** to hear about CAFOD's work this Lent. Coffee and cake from 10.30am. for 11am start at Holyrood Hall, Newport, adjoining St Thomas of Canterbury Church. It would be lovely to meet up and welcome Parishioners from across the IW. Look forward to meeting you then. Geraldine Heath 01983 294822

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 5 February 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 9 February at 5.30pm at St Thomas of Canterbury church Newport

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE The next meeting will be on Saturday, 10th February with a new start time of 11am 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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 23rd February This Lent, your donations will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be celebrated at St.Michael's Church Bembridge on Friday 1st March at 2pm. If anyone would like to take part please contact Anne Cooney 07876715498.

"ST PATRICK'S NIGHT" on Saturday 16th March 7pm, Holyrood Hall in Newport. We have 60 tickets to sell for the evening. 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". Please contact Barbara or Patrick if you'd like a ticket 653900 "First come first served"

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.

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.

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CONFESSION TIMES

Ventnor: Wednesday 1000-1030 Shanklin: Friday 1100-1130

Newport: Sunday 0915-0945 1615-1645 Totland Saturday 1715-1745

Ryde: Saturday 1730-1800

Cowes: during Eucharistic Adoration.

Quarr Abbey: Saturdays 1000

And by request

MASS TIMES

P: Perpetual **F:** Foundation

Saturday 3 February *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

1100(*) SHS Therese Duffin-Kidd RIP
(First Saturday devotion)

1700 OLW Adam, Sophie, Jacob, Luke and Caleb
1800 OLR People of the Parish
1800 SST Enza Massera RIP

Sunday 4 February *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB Roy Thomson RIP
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Canon Tim Healy RIP
1000 STN People of the Parish
1100 OLR Maricel Consolacion GE
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Kasia 30th Birthday Intention
1700 STN Catholic Volunteers
1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)

Monday 5 February *St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial*

1200 OLR No Mass Today
1000 STC Leigh Family RIP (P)
1200 STN Mary Cuthbert Tunstall (P)

Tuesday 6 February *St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial*

0930 SST Ward Family (P)
1000 SMB Guy Lambert RIP
1200(*) STN Watts Family (P)
1200 STC Fr William Pierrepont RIP (P)
1800 SHS Conversion of Sinners (P)

Wednesday 7 February *feria*

0945(*) SDE Fr Brian Coogan RIP (100th Birthday)
1100(*) OLW Fran Burt RIP
1200 OLR Ben Brackley
1800(*) STC

Thursday 8 February *feria*

1100 SPS Funeral Mass of Josephine Jeapes RIP
1100 (*) SST No Mass Today
1200(*) STC (Latin) No Mass Today

Friday 9 February *feria*

1200(*) STC Diana Mary Lansdell Harris RIP
1200(*) OLR No Mass Today
1200(*) STN Gosia's birthday
1200(*) SHS Charles Cockrem RIP

Saturday 10 February *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year*

1700 OLW Mercy Thomas Thanksgiving for birthday
1800 OLR Emma D'Arcy Willet RIP
1800 SST

Sunday 11 February *The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B*

0900 SMB People of the Parish
0900 SPS Robert and Beryl McConkey
0900 STC Stephen Clare Physick RIP
1000 STN
1100 OLR James Friel RIP
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS All Parishioners Living and Dead
1700 STN
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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