

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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



My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. We are called to reflect on our own baptism and meditate on its significance. We are also called to reflect the difference between Jesus' Baptism and our Baptism. John the Baptist baptised with water, but Jesus baptised people with the Holy Spirit and fire.

When Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him, and a voice from the heaven declared, "You are the beloved one" In a similar way, we were also baptised with the Holy Spirit. The voice from heaven: "You are the chosen one..." also echoed during our baptism. We are all embraced as beloved sons and daughters of the Heavenly Father.

Today's first reading speaks to us about Good Shepherd, who seeks out His flock, gathers the lambs in His arms, carries them close to His heart, and gently leads those with young.

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Every one of us already belongs to the Christian community through our Baptism. Jesus saved us through the waters of rebirth and renewed by the Holy Spirit. We received in our baptism the same rebirth as children of God and the same renewal in the Holy Spirit as happened in the River Jordan. In Luke's account of the baptism of Jesus, 'the coming of the Spirit' has the main focus. We, too, are filled with the same Spirit at our Baptism and are empowered to do all kinds of good works beyond any human ability. Here we have to look at another word, "worthy". John the Baptist humbled himself and said, "I am not worthy to untie his sandals." This humility reminds us that no one in this world is perfect. Yet, how often do we resist acknowledging our imperfections and humbling ourselves? How many of us can truly say I am a humble servant of God? My dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Are we ready to be good shepherds for our children, our neighbours, and friends? Are we ready to humble ourselves? **Fr Nishan**

Response to the Psalm: **Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!**

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS IN YEAR C

The Baptism of the Lord – (alt. readings for YrC) Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Is 49:3.5-6; 1Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34.

Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20.

VOCATIONS "You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased." God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – JANUARY Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the right to an education.** Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

JANUARY IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME Throughout the month of January, we give special honour to the name of Jesus. St Paul wrote to the Philippians: "At the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father" (Phil 2:10-11). We hold the name of Jesus in special reverence. The very name of Jesus is a prayer.

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.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS (and other used greetings cards throughout the year) are very gratefully received by St. Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde. Thank you.

SUNDAY ORGANIST St Mary's is looking for a volunteer to play the organ for Masses at St Mary's on a Sunday and a few other times in the year. If you can help or offer assistance please contact Fr Steven or St Mary's Office.

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>

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.

ISLAND PASTORAL COUNCIL Our single Island Parish will require a new name – the Bishop has invited the Committee to suggest 3 names. One suggestion is “Holy Spirit”. Others to be discussed at future meetings – parishioners are invited to submit suggestions. NB With regards to the name of the new parish, we cannot use any existing dedication e.g. Sacred heart, St Thomas of Canterbury, St Wilfrid or St Boniface etc

We would love to hear your thoughts or feedback. Your views will help us improve what we arrange in future. Here is the online feedback form: <https://forms.gle/RE8wbTJBho5FXed99>
Thank you.

THE TEA AND CHAT CLUB will be meeting again in St Saviour's Holy Family Centre, Totland every Monday 1400-1600. Please come and join us, bring a friend if possible and enjoy a lovely cuppa with a biscuit, friendly chat and a game of bingo or HOY!, all for the bargain price of £1. For more information please contact Ita Malia 756017. We're looking forward to seeing you.

ALL ISLAND SVP The next joint meeting of South Wight SVP and Ryde SVP will be on Saturday 18 January at 1030 in the McAuley Centre, 75 High Street, Newport.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 3 February 2025 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

QUARR ABBEY - ARCHITECTURE OF BEAUTY EXHIBITION Thursday 16 January to Tuesday 25 February, daily 1000 to 1600 in the art gallery. Free entry. 'To innovate within tradition: The architecture of modern and medieval Quarr under the theme of beauty'

A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more for a lively start to the Jubilee. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. All welcome. Register here for free: cafod.org.uk/jubilee

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).

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CONFESSION TIMES

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

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
TCN 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 11 January *The Baptism of the Lord, feast*

1700 OLW Allan and Norah McLeod RIP
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 12 January *The Baptism of the Lord, feast*

0900 SMB Fr Michael Cronin RIP
 0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
 0900 STC Joan Mulhearn RIP
 0945 TCN
 1100 OLR Michael McCarthy RIP
 1100 SDE Pro Populo
 1100 SHS Michael McCarthy RIP
 1200 SST Johnny Whelan RIP
 1700 TCN
 1730 STC (No Mass this evening)

Beginning of Ordinary Time

Monday 13 January *feria*

1000 STC
 1200 OLR No Mass Today
 1200(*) TCN No Mass Today

Tuesday 14 January *feria*

1000 SMB No Mass Today
 1200 STC
 1200(*) TCN No Mass Today
 1200 SPS Krystyna Madzia RIP and all family members Living and Dead

Wednesday 15 January *feria*

0930 OLW Mary Henry P
 0945(*) SDE
 1200 OLR Funeral of Ron Stanbrook RIP
 1800(*) STC

Thursday 16 January *feria*

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

Friday 17 January *St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, memorial*

1200(*) STC
 1200 OLR Mary Low RIP F
 1200(*) TCN No Mass Today
 1200(*) SHS Thomas McGlinchey RIP

Saturday 18 January *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

1700 OLW Luisa Arcari RIP
 1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 12 January *Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C*

0900 SMB Fr Donald Clements RIP
 0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
 0900 STC Pro Populo
 0945 TCN
 1100 OLR Bronia Mac & Stanislaw Wojciechowski RIP
 1100 SDE
 1100 SHS Sr Rachel RIP
 1200 SST
 1700 TCN
 1730 STC (Ordinariate liturgy)