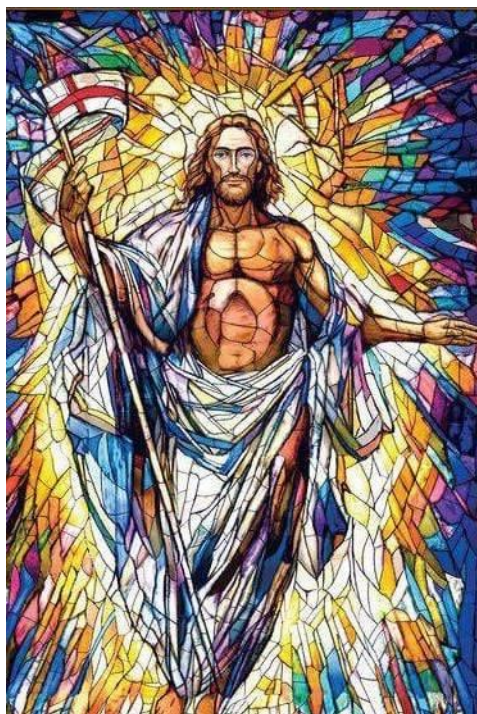


CATHOLIC WIGHT

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

“Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.” (Lk 24:39)



These words of Jesus from this Sunday's gospel of Luke are part of his Resurrection narrative. Like John's gospel, Luke gives us graphic physical descriptions of the risen Jesus (cf. Lk 24:13ff & Jn 20:20ff - walking, sitting and eating with his disciples). These physical details help to highlight three points: (a) the reality of the Resurrection – it was no mere ghost or spirit that encountered the disciples; (b) the continuity between the risen Lord and the earthly Jesus – he is presented as identical with the Jesus that lived and died; (c) the disciples' status as witnesses – his followers recognised him as the Jesus they had known.

Luke and John's physical emphasis is not meant to be taken in a literal sense only, as that would give the idea that Jesus' resurrection was no more than resuscitation of a corpse. Elsewhere, we find that both evangelists also give indications of the risen Jesus having a new and transformed existence. This is evident when they attribute to him a certain 'heavenly otherness':

he passes through closed doors (Jn 20:19, 26); he suddenly appears and disappears (Lk 24:31-36).

Helping us to understand the meaning of Jesus' new resurrected reality, St Pope Paul VI explains: *“Jesus rose again in the same body he had taken from the Blessed Virgin, but in new conditions, vivified by a new and immortal animation, which imposes on Christ's flesh the laws and energies of the Spirit”*

Theologian, Gerald O'Collins, also offers us further clarity on its meaning: *“God did not discard Jesus' corpse, but mysteriously raised and transfigured it so as to reveal what lies ahead for human beings and their world.... redemption is not an escape to a better world but an extraordinary transformation of this world.”*

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Third Sunday of Easter – Acts 3:13-15; 1Jn 2:1-5 Lk 24:35-48

Fourth Sunday of Easter – Acts 4:8-12; 1Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18.

Fifth Sunday of Easter - Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-33, 34-35.

COLLECTION: CLERGY TRAINING FUND A retiring collection will be taken after all Masses next weekend 20/21 April to help towards training of future priests in our diocese.

PENTECOST SUNDAY ONE ISLAND CELEBRATION

The feast of Pentecost this year will be marked with a one Island celebration at Christ the King College on Sunday 19 May 2024 with Mass at 1100 followed by a shared lunch (details to follow). To facilitate this all the principal Sunday Masses across the Island parishes will be cancelled, so that everyone can come together for one joyful celebration.

Please note that there will be Saturday evening Mass in Bembridge, Totland and Ventnor at 1700; and the Ordinariate Rite Mass in Cowes on Sunday evening at 1730



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – APRIL Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the Role of Women.**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

VOCATIONS “Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments.” Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke call 01329 318 869 or email vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or

EASTER DUTY The Church recommends that the faithful, if they have the required dispositions, receive Holy Communion whenever they participate at Holy Mass. However, the Church obliges them to receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter season. (Compendium of the Catechism, n. 290)

ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY NEWPORT Sunday 14 April 0945 We are celebrating a Mass led by the African community of the Isle of Wight, followed by a feast of delicious traditional cuisine in the parish hall. All are warmly invited to join us

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.

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.

LEAVE YOUR MARK – DO SOMETHING AMAZING TODAY BY SUPPORTING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS & FAITH WITH A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

The Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth has partnered with market-leading solicitors and will-writing providers to offer anyone over 18 to write easily or update a basic simple or mirror Will for free. Whether you would like to write your Will in person, online or over the 'phone you will be expertly supported through the process. You are under no obligation to leave the Diocese a gift in your Will, but a gift of this kind is an opportunity to make a lasting gift to God and His Church.

Making or updating a Will is an expression of profound confidence that Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life; it is a mature and thoughtful way of acknowledging our own mortality. Making provision for the Church in our Will is a continuation and crown of the service we ourselves may have offered over many years, in terms of our time, our talents and our treasure. It is following in the footsteps of all those whose generosity in generations past has bequeathed us the Church we know and love today.

It reminds us that through baptism we belong to the great communion of saints, united with the Lord as a member of His Church both on earth and in heaven. Once you have considered your loved ones, you may choose to leave a legacy to a specific cause, Pastoral Area or parish in the Diocese; or, as good stewards, we will apply any gift given for the Diocese's general charitable purposes where there is the greatest need. More information can be found at:

<https://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/support-our-work/make-your-free-will/>

REGINA CAELI During Eastertide the Regina Caeli replaces the Angelus.

One version:

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, Alleluia!

R. For he whom you did merit to bear, Alleluia!

V. Has risen, as He said, Alleluia!

R. Pray for us to God, Alleluia!

V. Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, Alleluia!

R. For the Lord is truly risen, Alleluia!



O God, who gave joy to the world through the resurrection of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, grant we beseech Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may obtain the joys of everlasting life, through the same Christ, Our Lord. 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 or post a notice via your local (parish) office.

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CONFESSION TIMES

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

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. At SDE half-hour of Adoration and STC half-hour plus Confessions.

Saturday 13 April *Third Sunday of Easter Year B*

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

Sunday 14 April *Third Sunday of Easter Year B*

0900 SMB Canon Thomas Murphy (P)
0900 SPS Dave Cooper
0900 STC Christine Ann Ash RIP
0945 STN Meave McQuine RIP
1100 OLR Canon Peter Wilkie RIP
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Susan Entwistle RIP
1200 SST Seamus O'Holloran
1700 STN Sr Leonard RIP
1730 STC (Ordinariate)

Monday 15 April *of the 3rd Week of Easter*

1000 STC
1200 OLR Beryl Restori GE
1200 STN

Tuesday 16 April *of the 3rd Week of Easter*

1000 SMB Jerry Smith RIP
1100 OLW Funeral Mass of Frank Morrell RIP
1200 STC
1200(*)STN
1800 SHS No Mass Today

Wednesday 17 April *of the 3rd Week of Easter*

0945(*)SDE Diana Newton RIP
1100(*) OLW Walter EG Bishop & Walter Bishop (P)
1200 OLR Sheila Ferris RIP
1800(*)STC

Thursday 18 April *of the 3rd Week of Easter*

1100(*)SST
1100(*)SPS Elizabeth Brodie (P)
1200(*)STC (Latin) Brendan Keohane RIP

Friday 19 April *of the 3rd Week of Easter*

1200 STC
1200(*)STN Maria Duyen RIP
1200 OLR Marina Herring GE
1200(*)SHS Matthew Paul Rutherford

Saturday 20 April *Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B*

1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
1800 OLR Health of Jola & Kasia

Sunday 21 April *Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B*

0900 SMB Priest's Intention
0900 SPS Ena Janson-Smith (F)
0900 STC Pro Populo
0945 STN Thanksgiving
1100 OLR People of the Parish
1100 SDE (with Children's Liturgy)
1100 SHS Lars Fletcher RIP
1200 SST
1700 STN
1730 STC No Mass Today