

CATHOLIC WIGHT

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



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO YOU ALL!

As we celebrate Mother's Day today, we could reflect on our mothers who are alive or those who are with our Father in heaven. The readings speak to us about God's love. Especially, the Gospel reading says that God sent His only begotten Son to redeem us. He knows that he will go through trials and will die for us. Because he loves us so much. This love is called "Agape", sacrificial love, purest love.

If we reflect on our Mother Mary, when she was told by the Angel about her Son, Jesus she was ready to sacrifice herself to bringing Jesus into the world. She had her son as a crying baby in her lap then she journeyed together with Him in his Passion and had Him in her lap as a speechless man by the foot of the cross.

I would like to quote from book of Proverbs about a perfect wife and mother. "A perfect wife-who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her; from her he will derive no little profit. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Strength and honour are her clothing; she is confident about the future. Her mouth is full of wisdom; kindly teaching is on her tongue. She is vigilant over the activities of her household; she doesn't eat the food of laziness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.' Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." (31;10,11, 25-29, 31)

As we remember today our mothers, they also have that love "Agape", sacrificial love, unconditional love. A mother's love is like that which St Paul wrote to the Corinthians, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails."

Let us love our mothers and pray for their sacrificial love.

Fr Nishan

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

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.

Palm Sunday – Mk 11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47



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

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: Tuesday after 1800 Mass.
Cowes: Fridays 1130; East Cowes: Wednesdays 1015.

LECTIO DIVINA during Lent Monday in Newport 1830 McAuley Centre, Wednesday in Shanklin 1900

VOCATIONS “God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.” Are you being invited to share the mission of Jesus as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Canon John Cooke: 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!*

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

“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.

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

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 putting 'email newsletter' in the subject line.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME We're delighted to announce that the children participating in the First Communion programme will be celebrating their First Reconciliations throughout this week and over the weekend. Let's take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt congratulations to these young members of our community. As they take this important step in their faith journey, we kindly ask for your prayers and support for them during this special time.

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.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER & FASTING FOR LIFE Saturday 23 March the Vigil of Palm Sunday, for the end of abortion and euthanasia. *A great prayer for Life is urgently needed.* St John Paul II

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

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

KEY TO CHURCHES ACROSS THE ISLAND FOR MASS TIMES

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

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 James Friel RIP
0900 SPS F.M. Private Intention
0900 STC Bill McCormack RIP
0945 STN Cecilia Lozares RIP
1100 OLR Private intention
1100 SDE Pro Populo
1100 SHS Mireille Coste RIP
1200 SST Rita Berry 90th Birthday
1700 STN Luigia Pecile RIP
1730 STC (Ordinariate)

Monday 11 March *of the 4th Week of Lent*

1000 STC Marian Brennan RIP
1200 OLR Healing from Cancer
1200 STN Elizabeth Heneage & relations (P)

Tuesday 12 March *of the 4th Week of Lent*

1000 SMB Mrs Hicks (P)
1200(*) STN
1200 STC (No Mass today)
1800 OLW Martha Creighton RIP (F)

Wednesday 13 March *of the 4th Week of Lent*

0945(*) SDE Sr Simone RIP (followed by Stations)
1000 SMB
1200 OLR Rebecca Cutts GE
1300 SHS Funeral Mass for Margaret Miller RIP

1800(*)STC

Thursday 14 March *of the 4th Week of Lent*

1100(*) SPS Richard Jones RIP
1100(*) SST
1200(*) STC (Latin) Judy Vigors GE

Friday 15 March *of the 4th Week of Lent*

1200 STC (Stations of Cross before at 1130)
1200(*) OLR Dermot & Bridie Doyne GE
1200(*) STN
1200(*) SHS Maree Entwistle

Saturday 16 March *The Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B*

1700 OLW Anthony Minghella RIP
1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 17 March *The Fifth Sunday of Lent Year B*

0900 SMB Private intention
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Pro Populo
0945 STN
1100 OLR Fr David Whitehead RIP
1100 SDE
1100 SHS Bob Hewkin RIP
1200 SST Michael O'Callaghan (Health)
1700 STN Patrick Quinn RIP
1730 STC (Ordinariate)

P: Perpetual **F:** Foundation