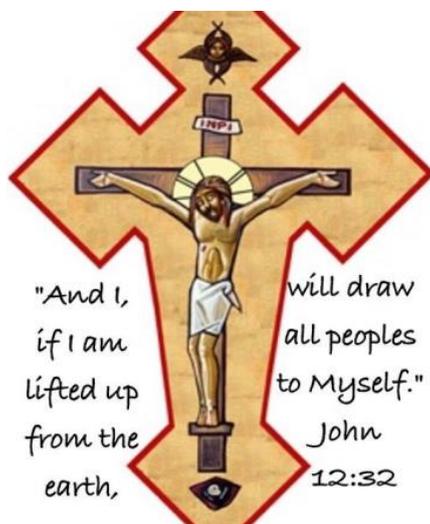


CATHOLIC WIGHT

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



As the season of Lent is slowly coming to an end, with next Sunday being Palm Sunday, we find in this week's gospel Jesus has now arrived in Jerusalem and is starting to contemplate and prepare for his impending death. He knows the time has finally arrived for him to offer himself up on the Cross to his Father for the salvation of the world. Aware that his disciples are going to find it painfully hard to understand how his crucifixion will actually lead to his ultimate victory over sin and death, he presents them with the example of a wheat grain that must fall to the ground and die if it is to produce a rich harvest. For the same reason, he must also enter into the ground by dying, and in this way he will produce a great harvest of souls. That is why he says to them: "when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all men to myself." (Jn 12:32)

We may find it hard to understand why the disciples struggled to believe that Jesus would rise from the dead. After all, he had worked so many great miracles before their very eyes. He had told them: "I am the resurrection and the life." (Jn 11:25) They had even just witnessed him raising Lazarus from the dead. Why did they still not get it?

The following words from one spiritual writer helps to answer this question: "It's tempting to scoff at the disciples for their weak faith and ignorance. But to do so is to miss the point: we're no different. Like the disciples, we don't always understand what God is doing in our lives. We read God's clear promises in the Bible, yet often succumb to stress and doubt when life gets tough. Sometimes it isn't until after God has brought us through a trial that we are able to look back at Scripture and understand that He was with us from the beginning." (Andy Rau, Bible Gateway)

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

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

Easter Sunday – Acts 10:34-37-43; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



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: Wednesday after 1100 Mass.
Cowes: Fridays 1130; East Cowes: Wednesdays 1015.

LECTIO DIVINA during Lent Monday in Newport 1830 McAuley Centre, Tuesday in Shanklin's Hall 1845

VOCATIONS "He became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him" The gift of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life is discerned through prayer and grace. Contact Cn. John Cooke. vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318 869

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 22 March at 1730 at St Thomas' church Newport.

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

GOOD FRIDAY is a day of fasting and abstinence. Abstinence is to be observed by all over the age of 14. The law of fast binds those between the ages of 18 and 59.

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS IN NEWPORT Start at 1230 outside the Congregational Church, first stop the garden of St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic church for readings and prayer.

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.

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

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY The next tea party is on Monday 8 April 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

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).

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

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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 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 Carol Horan RIP
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)

Monday 18 March *of the 5th Week of Lent*

1000 STC Private intention
1200 OLR Fr Edward Cahill (P)
1200 STN Frances Anne Williams (P)

Tuesday 19 March *St Joseph, solemnity*

1000 SMB Private intention
1200(*) STN Pedro & Gervasio
1200 STC
1800 SHS Mary Trench

Wednesday 20 March *of the 5th Week of Lent*

0945(*) SDE (No Mass today)
1100(*) OLW John Bush
1000 SMB
1200 OLR Sheila Ferris RIP
1800(*) STC (No Mass today)

Thursday 21 March *of the 5th Week of Lent*

1100(*) SPS Henry Family (P)
1100(*) SST Thomas & Anne Cokes (P)
1200(*) STC (Latin) (No Mass today)

Friday 22 March *of the 5th Week of Lent*

1200 STC (Stations of Cross before at 1130)
1200(*) OLR Herbert & Cecily Randolph (P)
1200(*) STN Edward Strickland (P)
1200(*) SHS (No Mass today)

Saturday 23 March *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B*

1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
1800 OLR Ivy & Arthur Richardson RIP

Sunday 24 March *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year B*

0900 SMB James Friel RIP
0900 SPS Phil Alchin RIP
0900 STC Pro Populo
0945 STN
1100 OLR People of the Parish
1100 SDE
1100 SHS Patricia Wellock RIP
1200 SST People of the Parish
1700 STN
1730 STC (Ordinariate)

P: Perpetual **F:** Foundation