

# CATHOLIC WIGHT

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



## MERCY – LOVE – BELIEF

In the last few weeks, we remembered the passion of Christ and celebrated His resurrection. We knew that Jesus suffered and died for all our sins. Of course, He rose from the dead because He wanted to live amongst us and within us. He did not want to leave us alone so He sent the Holy Spirit upon us.

When we reflect on His passion, we feel pity on Him because He died for us. He had mercy on us. And we are called upon to have mercy on our sisters and brothers.

Today, the first reading speaks to us about unity. “The group of believers was united, heart, and soul” – this portrays the profound value of the early Christian community. They were caring and loving towards each other in their needs, financially, spiritually and physically. In the second reading St Paul says that “whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has already overcome the world”. If we believe in God then we will love God and if we have love in God then we will keep His commandments.

The Gospel reading speaks to us about the appearance of Christ to His disciples. One of His disciples was not there when Jesus appeared to the others. He did not believe in Jesus' appearance. Imagine that even the disciple who lived and listened to him did not believe in His resurrection. What about us? Do we also need to put our finger on His side to believe in Him. Jesus said “you believe because you can see me – happy are those who have not seen and yet believe”.

Today, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. Since 2000, the second Sunday of Easter has also been known as Divine Mercy Sunday. Pope John Paul II canonised Sr Faustina on the 30 April 2000. Jesus told Sr Faustina “Humanity will not find peace until it turns trustfully to Divine Mercy” Sr Faustina wrote in her diary “I feel tremendous pain when I see the sufferings of my neighbours”. We knew that the writing on the Divine Mercy picture says “Jesus I trust in you”.

Do we trust in him? So that we will love Him and believe in Him. Therefore we can keep his commandments.

Fr Nishan

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

**Second Sunday of Easter** - Acts 4:32-35; 1Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

**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.



**EASTER GREETINGS FROM THE CLERGY** May we take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Safe, Happy & Joyous Easter! Alleluia!

**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** “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” If you are considering to be a priest, deacon, sister or brother who proclaims the truth and peace of Jesus Christ, talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke [vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) or call 01329 318 869



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** 7th April Quarr Abbey 1400 There will be a brief talk by Fr Brian about The Divine Mercy followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Confession. Chaplet and litany of The Divine Mercy. Benediction. Blessing and Veneration of the Image. All welcome.

**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

**DIARY DATE** Please keep Sunday 19 May clear in your diary for the Island celebration of Pentecost (details to follow).

**NEW GROUP UNDER 13 (years old)** starting Saturday 13 April at 1500 in the Mcauley centre in Newport

**KEEP IN TOUCH** To receive the Island newsletter by email please send a blank email to [iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:iowadmin@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk) putting ‘email newsletter’ in the subject line.

**ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY** on Monday 8 April, 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

**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.

**THE ISLE OF WIGHT CATENIAN ASSOCIATION** The Island Catenians are looking forward to welcoming new members. The Catenians are a worldwide organisation of catholic men and has a strong presence in the UK with many groups in the south of England.

Here on the Island we meet every third Wednesday of the month at 1900 in the Castle Inn Newport. The meeting is held in the private function room and starts with prayers and a short meeting, followed by a two course meal with plenty of discussion and banter. Our ladies join us for many of the meetings as well as other events– pub lunches, president’s Sunday, clergy nights and our Christmas party.

It is a great way of meeting new Catholic friends and our circle is represented in all the Island parishes. If you are interested in joining us please see one of us after Mass at your local church or phone one of our members listed below, you will be invited to a meeting and enjoy a complimentary meal to see if the Catenians is for you. We look forward to seeing you.

You can contact: Bob Godden (West Wight) 755232 David Shields (West Cowes) 296923 Tony Rossiter (South Wight) 865449 Michael Douse (East Wight) 280794 Eddie McMahon (Newport) 526798 Joseph O’Driscoll (East Wight) 562858

**APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST** During the month of April, we give special honour to the Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist, the Second Vatican Council taught us, is “the source and summit of Christian life” (Lumen Gentium, 11). What does it mean? It means that our participation in the Eucharist is the source from which we draw our strength to live as Jesus taught and to serve in his name. It is also the summit, the high point of our communal life. We use the word Eucharist to describe our celebration of the Mass. We use the same word when we speak of the Sacrament of Christ’s Body and Blood. In this month of the Holy Eucharist, let us participate more fully and actively in the Church’s liturgy, our celebration of the Eucharist. And let us take time, too, for quiet adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament and become more aware of the wondrous way Christ comes to us in the Eucharist.

**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.

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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

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| <b>OLR</b> St Mary's, Ryde PO33 2RE                  | <b>OLW</b> Our Lady & St Wilfrid, Ventnor PO38 1NL |
| <b>SDE</b> St David's, East Cowes PO32 6DP           | <b>SMB</b> St Michael's, Bembridge PO35 5RA        |
| <b>SHS</b> Sacred Heart, Shanklin PO37 7AT           | <b>SPS</b> St Patrick's, Sandown PO36 8NE          |
| <b>SST</b> St Saviour's, Totland PO39 0HE            | <b>STC</b> St Thomas of Canterbury, Cowes PO31 7TJ |
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(\*) Eucharistic Adoration starting one hour before Mass and opportunity for Confessions followed by Holy Rosary at SHS, SPS & OLW

**Saturday 6 April** *Second Sunday of Easter Year B* 1800(\*)STC

- 1100(\*) SHS Rory White RIP
- 1600 STN Filipino Mass (all welcome)
- 1700 OLW Daphne Heavey RIP
- 1800 OLR People of the Parish

**Sunday 7 April** *Second Sunday of Easter Year B*

- 0900 SMB Priest's intention
- 0900 SPS Conversion of Sinners (P)
- 0900 STC Pro Populo
- 0945 STN Alvaro's birthday
- 1100 OLR Pamela Fraser Cox GE
- 1100 SDE
- 1100 SHS All Parishioners Living and Dead
- 1200 SST
- 1700 STN Thanksgiving
- 1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)

**Monday 8 April** *The Annunciation of the Lord, solemnity [transferred]*

- 1000 STC
- 1200 OLR Dennis Joseph Smith RIP
- 1200 STN May Fitzherbert Brockholes (P)

**Tuesday 9 April** *of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter*

- 1000 SMB James Friel RIP
- 1200 STC
- 1200(\*)STN
- 1800 SHS No Mass Today

**Wednesday 10 April** *of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter*

- 0945(\*)SDE
- 1100(\*) OLW No Mass Today
- 1200 OLR Edmund Randolph & family (P)

**Thursday 11 April** *of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter*

- 1100(\*) SST
- 1100 SPS No Mass Today
- 1200(\*)STC No Mass Today

**Friday 12 April** *of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Easter*

- 1200 STC
- 1200(\*)STN
- 1200 OLR Patricia Cotter GE
- 1800 SHS No Mass Today

**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
- 1100 OLR Canon Peter Wilkie RIP
- 1100 SDE Pro Populo
- 1100 SHS Susan Entwistle RIP
- 1200 SST
- 1700 STN
- 1730 STC (Ordinariate)