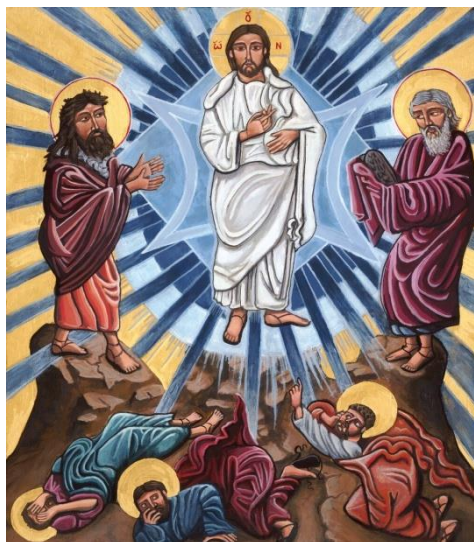


CATHOLIC WIGHT

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



On the Second Sunday of Lent each year, we hear about the Transfiguration of the Lord. We join Peter, James and John, the chosen three who witnessed the Transfiguration, because we like them, need to draw strength from our Lenten journey from this vision of Christ in glory. The cross is coming; but the cross is not an end in itself. Suffering will give way to glory.

In Mark's gospel, the Transfiguration comes immediately after Peter's confession at Caesarea Philippi and Jesus' first prediction of the Passion. Peter had reacted strongly to Jesus' words, taking Jesus aside and rebuking him. Jesus has reacted equally strongly to Peter's rejection: "Get behind me, Satan" (Mk 8:33). From the first moment when Jesus mentions the cross, it is a source of scandal for his disciples.

This is the context for today's reading. We know something wonderful is going to happen from the first lines of the Gospel, since, in scripture, only good things happen on a high mountain, the place where prophets encounter God. The vision of Christ in glory is so wonderful that Peter wants to remain there forever. The voice of God comes from a cloud, urging them to listen to Jesus. Jesus is the 'beloved Son' of God. The Passion is the only way to the glory they have seen.

We too need to listen to Jesus. We need to quiet the many and competing voices within and outside of us so we can hear Jesus' voice. And perhaps the most difficult voice to quell is that which keeps us from following Jesus in his willingness to die to self for the good of others. Yet, to listen to Jesus is to take upon ourselves lives obedient to the divine will, a kind of living which inevitably means we put God and the good of others ahead of our own selfish desires. We must learn to die to self so we can share in transfigured glory. This is the purpose of our Lenten practices: to listen to God and grow in obedience to whatever God is asking of us.

Father Steven

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READINGS FOR SUNDAYS in Year B

Second Sunday of Lent – Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10.

Third Sunday of Lent – Ex 20:1-17; 1Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

Fourth Sunday of Lent – 2Ch 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21.



HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION – FEBRUARY Pope Francis invites us to pray **For the terminally ill**. We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

SILENCE AT MASS As part of the discipline of prayer in Lent it would be good to observe the times of silence during the liturgy, especially the five minutes before Mass begins. Let's try to make this a time of quiet and reflection, not only for ourselves, but also for others in our community.

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

LECTIO DIVINA on Mondays during Lent at St Thomas, Newport 1830

VOCATIONS "You, Lord, have the message of eternal life!" Could the Lord be calling you to share the message of salvation as a priest or in consecrated life? Talk to your priest or contact Cn. John Cooke vocations@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or call 01329 318869.

"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.

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.

YOUTH CLUB Next gathering Friday 23 February at 1730 at St Thomas' church Newport

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 23 February There will be a second collection after all Masses this weekend

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER will be celebrated at St Michael's Church Bembridge on Friday 1st March at 1400. If anyone would like to take part please contact Anne Cooney 07876715498.

ST MARY'S COMMUNITY GROUP & SVP TEA PARTY Monday 4 March 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

“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

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

ST THOMAS, NEWPORT LADIES GROUP First meeting of the year will be on 28th February we will meet in HOLYROOD HALL at 1545 for 1600 a HOT POT MEAL. I am sorry to have to say I have had to put the price up to £3.00 all the speakers have put prices up. I would like to know how many people are coming for catering purposes you can bring your family and friends so PLEASE RING Eileen on 523901 or 07738300981, to book your meal. Looking forward to seeing the usual ladies and new ones.

LIVESIMPLY AWARD: If you or your parish are interested in living more simply, sustainably and in solidarity with the poor, come along to the Caritas Online Networking Lunch on Tuesday 5th March from 1230-1300 where we will be joined by Jo Lewry from CAFOD to tell us more about the LiveSimply Award. Everyone welcome, please [register here](#).

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.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis:

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.
Fast from anger and be filled with patience.
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.
Fast from worries and have trust in God.
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.
Fast from pressures and be prayerful.
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.
Fast from grudges and be reconciled.
Fast from words; be silent and listen.

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.

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CONFESSION TIMES

Ventnor: Wednesday 1000-1030; Sandown: Thursday 1000-1030
Shanklin: Friday 1715-1745 Saturday 1000-1030
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

Second Sunday of Lent Year B

25 February 2024

MASS TIMES

P: Perpetual F: Foundation

Saturday 24 February *The Second Sunday of Lent Year B*

1700 OLW Frances Porter
1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 25 February *The Second Sunday of Lent Year B*

0900 SMB James Friel RIP
0900 SPS All Parishioners Living and Dead
0900 STC Pro Populo
0945 STN Patrick & Dominic McGinn RIP
1100 OLR Deirdre Talbot
1100 SDE
1100 SHS Jola Coueslant (Healing)
1200 SST Margaret McCay (healing)
1700 STN Delia O'Connor
1730 STC (Ordinariate)

Monday 26 February *of the 2nd Week of Lent*

1000 STC
1200 OLR Albino Cacacha & Pilar Carpez GE
1200 STN James Okello RIP

Tuesday 27 February *of the 2nd Week of Lent*

0900 STT School Mass (all welcome)
1000 SMB Nina Waller RIP
1200(*) STN
1200 STC
1800 SHS Annie and Charlotte Knowlson

Wednesday 28 February *of the 2nd Week of Lent*

0945(*) SDE (followed by Stations of Cross)
1000 SMB Pamela Fraser Cox GE
1100(*) OLW Barbara Drabik
1200 OLR Candido Consolacion GE
1800(*) STC

Thursday 29 February *of the 2nd Week of Lent*

1100(*) SPS Mary D (P)
1100(*) SST Mary Jane MacInnes RIP
1200(*) STC (Latin)

Friday 1 March *St David, Religious, Bishop, feast*

0930 SDE St David's Titular Solemnity
1200 STC (Stations of Cross before at 1130)
1200(*) OLR Fr Andrew McMahon RIP
1200(*) STN
1800 SHS Phyllis McGlinchey R.I.P

Saturday 2 March *The Third Sunday of Lent Year B*

1100(*) SHS Conversion of Sinners (P)
1700 OLW All Parishioners Living and Dead
1800 OLR People of the Parish

Sunday 3 March *The Third Sunday of Lent Year B*

0900 SMB Edmund Randolph (P)
0900 SPS Richard & Gioia Giddens
Wedding anniversary
0900 STC Pro Populo
0945 STN Patrick & Dominic McGinn RIP
1100 OLR John Smyth RIP
1100 SDE
1100 SHS Private intention
1200 SST Robin Paxon RIP
1700 STN Peter Quinn
1730 STC (Not Ordinariate)

(*) Eucharistic Adoration starting one hour before Mass and opportunity for Confessions followed by Holy Rosary at SHS, SPS & OLW

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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	