

THE SORROWFUL AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

ST MARY'S, RYDE & ST MICHAEL'S, BEMBRIDGE

REFLECTION

In this Sunday's gospel a scribe approaches Jesus with yet another question, one about which of the 613 Jewish precepts is greatest. During Jesus' time this was a common question put to teachers, and their answers marked clearly those teachers who were orthodox. On the brink of his passion (in Mark's gospel Jesus has arrived in Jerusalem at this point), with not much time left, Jesus gets to the heart of things. Drawing on Scripture familiar to Jews, he does more than answer the scribe's question; he brings to explicit statement the whole underlying meaning of his ministry and what discipleship and inaugurating the kingdom of God are really all about. Knowing the law and even keeping the law are not enough – what is required is whole-hearted love of God and neighbour.

No one draws near to God's kingdom by simply quoting the commandments. Instead, the way into the kingdom is through love of God and neighbour. When we live these commandments rather than simply quote them, we, too, here Jesus say to each of us, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."

Throughout this month the Book of the Names of the Dead is placed in each of our churches.

The tradition of the Book of the Names of the Dead comes from the ancient Necrologies ("Lists of the Dead") that were kept in monasteries and other religious houses. The Book stands as a roll call for heaven of those who have passed from this world and who, we pray, are among the great throng surrounding the throne of the Lamb.

The practice of having a parish book of the dead – a parish necrology – is a powerful expression of our Christian faith regarding death. Our faith teaches that our death is our entrance into the great banquet feast of the Lamb. So, just as a saint's feast day is determined by the date of their death, so we remember our loved ones and the day they are birthed into the new and eternal life of the kingdom.

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY – YEAR B

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time – Dt 6:2-6; Hb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28-34.

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1Kgs 17:10-16; Hb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

I love you, Lord, my strength.

BAMENDA SUNDAY SPECIAL COLLECTION TODAY

Please remember our brothers and sisters in your prayers this weekend and be as generous as you can at the second collection after all Masses today for the many parishes, schools, health establishments and social projects we support in our twinned diocese in Cameroon. For details of our joint ventures please take a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter today or visit www.bamendaandportsmouth.com

CEMETERY VISITS

Fr Steven will be visiting the local cemeteries of the parish during November. Today (4 November) Asheys 1400, St Helen's 1430 and Bembridge 1515. On 11 November Wootton 1400, Fernhill 1430, and Binstead 1515.

THANK YOU

To all who came to and supported the Parish Quiz night. It was a great evening. To the KSC for raising £60 towards the parish fundraising account.

MONDAY MASS AT ST MARY'S

Please note that Mass on Monday 5 November will be at 1000.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Closing date for applications is tomorrow, Monday 5 November 2018. Eligible children should be in Primary school year 3 and above.

ISLE OF WIGHT FRANCISCAN GROUP

Everyone is very welcome to join the Isle of Wight Franciscan Group's monthly meeting on Monday 5 November at the McAuley Centre, Newport 1400-1630, which will focus on Eucharistic Reverence. For more info email: hello@franciscanseculars.com

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

Tuesday 6 November, St John's Cathedral, 1215, celebrated by Bishop Philip.

BEMBRIDGE CHURCHES TOGETHER AUTUMN BAZAAR

St Michael's will once again be running a stall for CAFOD on Saturday 10 November. Donations of bric-a-brac to sell and items suitable for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated. For more information telephone Patrick Maher on 01983 873048.

FUNERALS

The funeral Mass of the late Mike Brien is on Friday 16 November, St Mary's Church, 0930.

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DIRECTOR OF MUSIC – ST MARY’S CHURCH

The Parish is seeking to appoint an experienced musician with vision and enthusiasm to undertake this challenging role based at St Mary’s RC Church, Ryde. Full details, job description, experience, qualifications and personal attributes for the role and an application form are available on the Diocesan Web Site (www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/vacancies). Applications close Friday 16 November.

NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF ALL SOULS

“It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins,” observes the writer of Maccabees in the Old Testament (2 Maccabees 12:45-46; quoted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 958). Intercession on behalf of those who have died is a cherished tenet of our Catholic faith, springing from our belief in the resurrection of the body and the commemoration of the saints. ‘Though separated from the living, the dead are still at one with the community of believers on earth and benefit from their prayer and intercession’ (Order of Christian Funerals, 6). Trusting in God’s mercy, we continue to pray for them, knowing that this spiritual bond with our brothers and sisters who have died can never be broken. In the month of November, we pray in a special way for those who have died – those who are known to us, and those who are unknown.”

Please pray for the sick and homebound of our parish community and all those in need of our prayers especially: Elizabeth Bain, Marie Bartlett, Mary Belston, Harry Carter, Joan Chapman, Philomena Echlin, Mavis Fisher, Mary Gilbert, May Gregory, Natalie Johnston, Lucie Le Cheminant, Jean Lobb, Sue McHale, Julia Morley, Tony Obeysekere, Mary Porter, Olive Roch, Peggy Ryan, Mo Sansom, Pat Sinclair, Peter Trafford and Liz Watling.

For those who have died, especially Michael Brien RIP 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.

HOLY FATHER’S PRAYER INTENTION

In his prayer intention for the month of November 2018, Pope Francis invites us to pray In Service of Peace: That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

BOOK OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER

In each of our churches, near the Lady Altar, is placed a book in which we are invited to write any intentions we may have. Each week the parish will pray for the intentions recorded in these books.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY’S COLLECTION: £1,210.10 incl DD/SO

NEWSLETTER

Items for the newsletter should be received by 1200 Wednesday.

Please email: stmarysryde@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk,

or you may put a note through the letter box of Presentation House.

PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday 3 November 1800 St Mary's	<i>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> Pro Pop
Sunday 4 November 0915 St Michael's 1100 St Mary's	<i>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> David Culverwell RIP Mrs C. McKenna RIP
Monday 5 November 1000 St Mary's	<i>FERIA (31 WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)</i> Holy Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday 6 November 1000 St Michael's	<i>FERIA</i> Deceased members of the Maher family
Wednesday 7 November 1200 St Mary's	<i>FERIA</i> Heather & Adrien Hewison
Friday 9 November 1200 St Mary's	<i>THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, FEAST</i> Angus McKinnon
Saturday 10 November 1800 St Mary's	<i>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> Tony D'Souza RIP
Sunday 11 November 0915 St Michael's 1100 St Mary's	<i>THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> Pro Pop Joe McGovern RIP

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OTHER MASS TIMES

St Mary's Abbey, Quarr	1000 Sunday and Holy Days 0900 Weekdays
St Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde	1000 Sunday and Holy Days 0930 Weekdays

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Michael's	Tuesday 0900-1000
St Mary's	Friday 1000-1200

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

St Mary's	Saturday 1730-1800
St Michael's	By Request