

THE SORROWFUL AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY ST MARY'S, RYDE & ST MICHAEL'S, BEMBRIDGE

REFLECTION

Last Sunday's gospel directed our attention to the end of time and gave us a glimpse of those times, both in terms of the calamities that will befall those who are not ready as well as the promise of safety and security for those who are vigilant. This Sunday both the gospel and the first reading give us a glimpse of the fullness of the end of days. Our natural tendency is to want to get to the fullness and bypass the hard work of daily dying to self that is required to reach the glory and joy that is promised.



Paving the way for someone can mean either removing obstacles or filling in absences and gaps. For example, sometimes we must change expectations, as when we remove prejudices in order to receive persons as they really are. Other times we must create expectations, as when a parent keeps the memory and presence of an absent parent alive so the absent parent isn't a stranger to children upon return. In both examples, expectations pave the way for acceptance.

The gospel clearly reminds us that the expectation of Christ's coming with salvation is paved by our own attitudes toward one another, especially of repentance and forgiveness. When does God call us to repentance and forgiveness? Now, at this precise moment in history. How does God call us to repentance and forgiveness? Through human messengers who render a concrete call to conversion. Who does God call to repentance and forgiveness? All and each of us.

The practice of repentance and forgiveness – in concrete practical ways here and now – not only paves the way for deeper reception of one another, but also for our recognising the presence of God among us.

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY YEAR C

Second Sunday of Advent – Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Third Sunday of Advent – Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

PENITENTIAL ACT DURING ADVENT

We will be using Form B during the Advent season. It is a short dialogue between priest and people and concludes with the absolution and the singing of the Kyrie.

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord. People: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, your mercy. People: And grant us your salvation.

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY

The parish repository is open this weekend and will be selling Christmas Cards, Calendars, Diaries & "special Christmas Items." Please take the opportunity to have a look at what is available and buy here to support Church Funds.

WALK WITH ME

Please take a copy of this Journey of Prayer booklet for Advent & Christmas 2018.

ST MICHAEL'S KEYS

Please note that on Wednesday 12 December the locks are being replaced at St Michael's church to conform to the diocesan health & safety policy.

SVP MEETING

Friday 14 December, 1800, St Therese hall, Presentation House.

ISLAND MARTYRS ANNIVERSARY MASS

St. Thomas of Canterbury church, Cowes, 0930 on Saturday 15 December, followed by an Act of Remembrance at their memorial stone.

IOW PASTORAL AREA DIVINE MERCY RETREAT AND PENITENTIAL SERVICE

December 16 2018 at Our Lady and St Wilfrid's, 1400-1800 led by Divine Mercy Apostolate Marion Brothers. There will be opportunity for Confessions during this programme.

FHC PARENTS MEETING

Monday 17 December, 1800 in St Therese Hall, Presentation House.

REUNION GROUP CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tuesday 18 December, 1930 at St Thomas' Presbytery, Newport for all young confirmed Catholics.

THANK YOU

CAFOD have written to thank the parish for its generous support this year; for our prayers for our brothers and sisters living in poverty and the latest donation of £517.20 from Family Fast Day.

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PILGRIM STATUE HOUSE VISITS

The sign-up sheet for 2019 is now available at the back of the church.

ROSARY

Fr Steven will be praying the rosary for all who have suffered abuse after Mass on Fridays.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018

Christmas Eve: St Michael's 1800; St Mary's 2230

Christmas Day: St Mary's 1000

Feast of St. Stephen (Boxing Day): St Mary's 1000

New Year's Day: St Michael's 1000.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The Christmas Day collections taken at all Masses form part of the parish priest's annual stipend. It is an opportunity for us to show our appreciation for his ministry and his work among us.

USED CHRISTMAS CARDS

The Sisters of St Cecilia's Abbey will be pleased to accept your used Christmas cards (and other cards used throughout the year). Please leave them in the box at the back of the church. Thank you.

DECEMBER IS THE MONTH OF THE DIVINE INFANCY

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, Joan Chapman, Philomena Echlin, Mavis Fisher, Mary Gilbert, May Gregory, Natalie Johnston, Jean Lobb, Sue McHale, Julia Morley, Tony Obeysekere, Mary Porter, Olive Roch, Peggy Ryan, Mo Sansom, Pat Sinclair, Phillip Stillman, Peter Trafford, Liz Watling and June Yardley.

For those who have died and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time. 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 December 2018, Pope Francis invites us to pray for Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £1,098.19 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.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday 8 December 1800 St Mary's	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C</i> Countess of Clare P
Sunday 9 December 0915 St Michael's 1100 St Mary's	<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C</i> Edmund Randolph (father & son) P Pro Pop
Monday 10 December 1200 St Mary's	<i>OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT</i> Mother Kathleen Ryan P
Tuesday 11 December 1000 St Michael's	<i>OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT</i> Fr Albert Lion P
Wednesday 12 December 1200 St Mary's	<i>OF THE SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT</i> Joseph Francis Bourke & Joseph Patrick Bourke
Thursday 13 December 1130 St Mary's	<i>ST LUCY, VIRGIN, MARTYR, MEMORIAL</i> EF Mass – Paul Severn
Friday 14 December 1200 St Mary's	<i>ST JOHN OF THE CROSS, RELIGIOUS, MEMORIAL</i> Alan & Marjorie Barringer RIP
Saturday 15 December 1800 St Mary's	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C</i> Norman White RIP
Sunday 16 December 0915 St Michael's 1100 St Mary's	<i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C</i> Pro Pop Rose Duddigan RIP

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OTHER MASS TIMES

St Mary's Abbey, Quarr	1000 Sunday and Holy Days 1100 Tuesday 11 December 0900 Other 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

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