

THE SORROWFUL AND IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

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

DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION FOR LIFE – 23 OCTOBER

In the Pastoral Letter “People of Life” issued for 15 April 2018, the Third Sunday of Easter, Bishop Philip said:

It is over fifty years since the 1967 Abortion Act, one of the most liberal in the world, came into effect. Since then, ten million babies in the UK have been aborted, one in five pregnancies. As a people of life, our efforts to defend the unborn child, to care for pregnant mothers and to reverse or blunt this Act have had mixed results and it now looks as if, unjustly, our secularist government will no longer allow us even to pray outside hospitals and clinics. Consequently, I’m discussing with pro-life groups and with our Justice, Peace and Social Responsibility Team some new forms of witness. We need to change tack. As a start, from this year on, I would like us to keep every 23 October, the day the Act was passed, as a diocesan Day of Prayer and Reparation for Life. On that day, as we celebrate being people of life with various initiatives, I ask our priests to offer a Mass for the Progress of Peoples, but wearing the purple vestments of penitence.

The Pastoral Letter was about more than rejecting abortion and more than rejecting the various death-wishes arising in our society for assisted suicide and euthanasia. Positively it was about celebrating the gift of human life, our infinite dignity as God’s creatures, persons redeemed by Jesus Christ and filled with the Holy Spirit. As humans, body and soul, we live at the intersection between the two realms of creation, the material and the spiritual. This should make us a people of joy and good will, who promote the sanctity of life and the natural ecology in all its beautiful diversity. The Letter was also a call not to stand idly by before evil, injustice, suffering and violence in our world, including the abuse of the Earth and its resources, but to adopt a simpler, more balanced life-style, as Pope Francis said in his Encyclical Letter *Laudato Si*.

EUCCHARISTIC FAST

Bishop Philip would like to encourage anyone able and willing, if attending a morning Mass on 23 October, to undertake a Eucharistic fast from midnight the night before as a special preparation for receiving in Communion the One Who is Life itself.

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READINGS FOR SUNDAY – YEAR B

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Is 53:10-11; Hb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45.

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Jer 31:7-9; Hb 5:1-6; Mk 10:46-52.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

SECOND COLLECTION

Today is World Mission Sunday. There will be a collection after all Masses for *Missio*, the Holy Father's official charity for overseas mission to continue their work at the service of the poor.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

The Knights will be making an appeal for new members after each of the Sunday masses this weekend. There will be Knights at the back of church after Mass, to take the names of any men interested in joining. A raffle in support of the church appeal account will take place after 1100 Mass.

POLISH MASS

Father Joe and organisers invite all Polish people to Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Shanklin, on Sunday 21 October, 1700. Please note that the best place for car parking is at Shanklin Station.

ST MARY'S CHURCH CLOSURE

Please note that St Mary's will be closed on Monday 22 October for health & safety reasons while works are being carried out.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office opening times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 0900-1300.

FUNERALS

The funeral Mass of the late Patrick Ford is tomorrow Monday 22 October at St Michael's, Bembridge, 1100.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

An opportunity to build community, Saturday 27 October 1915 in St Thérèse Hall, Presentation House. Tickets £5 per person including fish & chip supper. Tea & coffee will be provided. Bring your own bottle. Tickets are on sale after Sunday Mass.

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. If you would like any further information, you may telephone Patrick Maher on 01983 873048.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019

Registration forms for the preparation course for First Holy Communion 2019 are now available. Eligible children should be in Primary school year 3 and above. Closing date for applications is Monday 5 November 2018.

PRIVATE TUITION

Experienced Graduate Teacher offers one hour a week tuition in Maths or Physics in exchange for a donation paid straight to the church. Contact Peter Reffold 01983 609655 or the Parish Office.

OCTOBER- MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

On 7 October, we celebrate a well-loved memorial in honour of the Rosary, and according to a long-standing tradition, the entire month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. In the Rosary, with its sequence of prayers and mysteries, we contemplate the Gospel in company with the Blessed Virgin Mary. As Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 2002, "The Rosary . . . is a prayer loved by countless Saints and encouraged by the Magisterium. Simple yet profound, it still remains, at the dawn of the third millennium, a prayer of great significance, destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness . . . With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depth of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive an abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 1).

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, Michael Brien, 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 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.

PRAYING WITH THE POPE IN OCTOBER

This month Pope Francis has declared an additional, urgent intention. The Holy Father asks all the faithful for a greater effort in our personal and community prayer. He invites us to pray every day the Holy Rosary with the intention that the Virgin Mary help the Church in these times of crisis, and to pray each day to St. Michael the Archangel that he defends us against the attacks of the Devil.

THANK YOU FOR LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION: £859.23 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.

www.stmarysryde.org.uk

PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday 20 October 1800 St Mary's	<i>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> Ian and Yvonne Victory F
Sunday 21 October 0915 St Michael's 1100 St Mary's	<i>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> Pro Pop Gary Newlett RIP
Monday 22 October 1100 St Michael's	<i>FERIA (29 WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME)</i> Funeral Mass of Patrick Ford RIP
Tuesday 23 October 1000 St Michael's	<i>FERIA: DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION FOR LIFE</i> Mass of Thanksgiving: Mr & Mrs Walk
Wednesday 24 October 1200 St Mary's	<i>FERIA</i> Donald MacInnes RIP
Friday 26 October 1200 St Mary's	<i>FERIA</i> Theo Johnson RIP
Saturday 27 October 1100 St Mary's	<i>FERIA OR OUR LADY ON SATURDAY</i> Latin (EF) Mass
Saturday 27 October 1800 St Mary's	<i>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> Desmond Greenwood RIP
Sunday 28 October 0915 St Michael's 1100 St Mary's	<i>THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B</i> Rose Duddigan RIP Pro Pop

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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