

My Dear People

Jesus said from the Cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they are doing". Perhaps the best known and most classic case of mercifully withholding judgement.

Nowhere is this more important than in the present debate about abortion. One will never slow the tide of abortions by condemning the perpetrators and the victims - for a mother seeking an abortion is as much a victim as the child in her womb.

One must not condemn, but convert. This story, told by a mother, may help: *The Lord gave me two sons, one born in 1974 (who died in 1994), the other in 1977. At the age of 33 I was pregnant with a third child, but for several reasons I didn't want this pregnancy and had an abortion, without realizing that it was really a child. For me he did not yet exist. And since abortion was legal, I went ahead and did it.*

Ten years later, when I had forgotten all about it, the Lord showed me this child in a dream. I was really shocked! I felt like I was floating in the air. Then I came face to face with a serene child who looked a little like my second son. He told me that he was mine and that his name was Camille. He was about ten years old, the age he would have been if he had lived. Next to him was another child, who asked him: "Aren't

you blaming her for what she did to you?" But Camille replied: "No, I forgive her."

I was stunned! I hadn't sought this revelation, and had suddenly learned that I had a child, that he was in heaven, that his name was Camille, and that he had forgiven me for aborting him!

Thank you Lord, thank you Mary! What an enormous grace!

I want to testify today that a child exists from the time he is conceived, that an abortion is the murder of a child, and that it brings much suffering to the mother (and probably also to the child). But in his goodness, the Lord doesn't abandon any of those little ones, who are happy with Mary in the bosom of the Father!

Yours in Christ
Fr John



Local Cell of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

3rd Wednesday: 20th
November at **4:00 p.m.**

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Contributions to this leaflet are welcome especially if they come electronically, or typed so they can be scanned in.

Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths

None in October

Regular Services:

All Saints, Godshill:

Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. every Sunday

Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. every Thursday

St Alban's, Ventnor:

Sung Eucharist

9:30 a.m. every Sunday

Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. every Wednesday

St Margaret's Hall, Ventnor:

Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.

12th & 26th November

Special Services & Events:

Remembrance Sunday

Normal times

The Faithful Departed

Wednesday 13th 9:30 at St Alban's

Thursday 14th 9:30 at All Saints

Healing Service

Wednesday 4th December 6:00 p.m.

at St Alban's

Jig Saw Festival

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th

December at All Saints

Christmas Services

Sunday 22nd December

9 Lessons and Carols:
6 p.m. All Saints

Tuesday 24th December

Crib Service:
5 p.m. All Saints
6:30 p.m. St Alban's

Midnight Mass
11:30 p.m. St Alban's

Wednesday 25th December

Family Service
of Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. St Alban's
11:00 a.m. All Saints

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The role of Femininity in the Church

Femininity has a unique relationship with the Mother of the Redeemer... The figure of Mary of Nazareth sheds light on womanhood as such by the very fact that God, in the sublime event of the Incarnation of his Son, entrusted himself to the ministry, the free and active ministry of a woman.

It can thus be said that women, by looking to Mary, find in her the secret of living their femininity with dignity and of achieving their own true advancement.

In the light of Mary, the Church sees in the face of women the reflection of a beauty which mirrors the loftiest sentiments of which the human heart is capable: the self-offering totality of love; the strength that is capable of bearing the greatest sorrows; limitless fidelity and tireless devotion to work; the ability to combine penetrating intuition with words of support and encouragement.

Saint John Paul II



The Society of St Wilfred & St Hilda providing Episcopal oversight and support to traditionalist people and parishes

Parish of Godshill

All Saints Church

Godshill

'The Church on the Hill'

St Alban-the-Martyr

Ventnor

'The Church on the Steps'

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