

My Dear People

St John of the Cross wrote: "Do not believe that pleasing God lies so much in doing a great deal; it lies in doing all things with good will, without selfishness, and without seeking the approval of men.

St John of the Cross died over 400 years ago, but these words are as important now as they were then, most especially the last phrase: that pleasing God is impossible for people who seek the approval of their fellow humans.

If you want to think on that and apply it to your life, I am happy if you read no further. But if you are interested in why I think the Church in the West is in the mess it is in, by all means read on.

Many church members in the comfortable 'First World' seem intent on seeking the approval of our present society, despite the comparably recent warning of Archbishop Temple (Archbishop of Canterbury 1942–44) that 'the church that is married to the spirit of the age will find itself widowed in the next'. We already find ourselves widowed from being married to the spirit of the 60s and 70s, and in a desperate bid to boost numbers, they are now trying to marry the remnant to the spirit of the present age.

Adjusting one's beliefs, morals and practices to the outside world may lessen criticism, but encourages no-one to commit to themselves to Christ. Keeping firm to the truths handed down to us, and being willing to be criticised and even persecuted for holding them, does. The proof is out there for anyone to see in Africa, South America, Asia, China.

Yours in Christ  
*Fr John*

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### Local Cell of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday: 16<sup>th</sup> October  
at 5:00 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.

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### **Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths**

None in September

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You cannot be half a saint, you must  
be a whole saint or no saint at all.

*St Theresa of Lisieux*

Don't ask God why he is allowing something to  
happen. Ask to learn from it and to act  
accordingly.

## 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.

15<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> October

## Special Services & Events:

6th October

**ST FRANCIS/**

**ANIMAL BLESSING**

3rd November

**All Saints Day**

combined service at Godshill

10th November

**Remembrance Sunday**

**Church Officers**

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### Broken Mary

On May 31<sup>st</sup> 2019 a major thoroughfare in the city of Chicago was shut down for an hour and a half while 3,200 people marched past.

Instead of political banners they held candles. Instead of shouting they prayed the Rosary and sang Ave Maria. They were led by 'Broken Mary,' a statue of the Virgin Mary rescued from a skip, who still bears the scars of her past—a crack where she was broken in half, chipped hands, faded and scratched paint.

The event, called "There is Hope for the Broken," was organised by the Chicago parish St John Cantius and by Kevin Matthews, who rescued Mary from the rubbish in 2010. But, according to Matthews, the procession was all Mary's idea. Matthews spotted 'Broken Mary' outside a skip at a flower shop, covered in rubbish and cracked in half. He picked up the heavy concrete statue, brought her home and cleaned her up. He had her restored to one piece again, but left the chips and scratches as

they were: "No, she is broken, just like me. We all are broken and in need of repair. She represents the broken," he said.

Then Matthews connected with Fr. Joshua Caswell at St John Cantius to organise a procession with 'Broken Mary'. But planning a procession through the busy streets of Chicago is no small task, and shutting down four lanes of traffic on a Friday night is a big ask.

When Fr. Joshua applied for the permit, a city official saw the title of the event, "Hope for the Broken," and said: "Oh, I really hope so Father, because we could really use some hope around here in this city." Two days later, the permit came through.

On the day of the event, more than 2,000 people filled the Church and an estimated 3,200 people joined in the procession.

"It's just a concrete statue, but where that statue is, Mary is, and where Mary is there's Christ, and where there's Christ, there's God," Matthews said, "and I've seen a lot of people literally cry and empty themselves in front of Mary."

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**Live each day in such a way  
that those people who know you,  
but don't know God, will come to know God  
because they know you.**

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While Jesus was kind to sinners and to those who went astray, He did not respect their false ideas, however sincere they might have appeared. He loved them all, but He instructed them in order to convert them and save them.

*St Pope Pius X*

# Parish of Godshill

## All Saints Church

### Godshill

### 'The Church on the Hill'

## St Alban-the-Martyr

### Ventnor

### 'The Church on the Steps'

## St Francis-tide



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