

The Early Bishops of Portsmouth 1882 – 1940

The Isle of Wight Catholic History Society has been involved in ongoing research into the first three bishops of Portsmouth who all had connections with the little town of Ryde on the Isle of Wight. This research has now matured into a new booklet:

The Early Bishops of Portsmouth 1882 – 1940.



John Vertue 1882 – 1900



John Baptist Cahill 1900-1910



William Cotter 1910-1940

Much of the information in the booklet is not original, and indeed is freely available, but we believe that the collection and synthesis of this material represents new and original research into the lives of the first three Bishops of Portsmouth and the interactions between them.

They were three men of different backgrounds and each had his own gifts and strengths which this booklet explores and examines. In one sense this is 'local history' but it also represents a contribution to the study and development of the Catholic Church in England in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

The booklet is available from the Isle of Wight Catholic History Society.

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The booklet costs £6-00. Cheques (payable to *"IoW Catholic History Society"*) may be sent to the society at 72, Mayfield Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight, PO33 3PR or (preferably) the money may be transferred directly into the society bank account:-

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