



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island

Sunday 24 March 2019 ~ Third Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Unless you repent you will all perish as they did."



In our Gospel for today, Jesus is telling the people of the need to repent of their sins. Jesus tells us that if we don't repent we end up being like the barren fig tree in the parable - we don't produce any fruit - we remain stunted and nothing new or life giving is produced. Bearing fruit is important in the Christian life because it is a sign and an indicator that we are growing in the faith, what we call fruits of the Spirit.

What we learn from this story in Luke and the parable of the fig tree, is that Jesus is compassionate but not 'wishy-washy'. He does challenge us in our sinful ways, but in a loving and compassionate way; rather like a loving friend or parent would do. The parable of the fig tree witnesses to the patience of God, with the lesson that there is still time for us to change from

our sinful ways and with God's help bear fruit before it is too late.

Pope Francis, in the document outlining the Year of Mercy, stated that: *"...the season of Lent should be lived more intensely as a privileged moment to celebrate and experience God's mercy."* We cannot experience personally the loving mercy of God without at some point going to the sacrament of penance and reconciliation.

When did you last go to confession? Please make use of all the opportunities that are being laid on for you to go to confession this Lent, particularly the parish reconciliation service on Monday 15 April at 7pm so that you can experience personally the loving mercy of God.

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS



Station Masses

Come and join us each Friday during Lent for Mass and Stations of the Cross at some of our Island churches. The Masses all begin at 6.30pm with Stations from 7pm during which there will be opportunity for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- ❖ Friday 29 March St Matthieu, Coin Varin
- ❖ Friday 5 April Our Lady, St Martin's
- ❖ Friday 12 April St Thomas, St Helier.

Parish Reconciliation Service

Takes place on Monday of Holy Week (**15 April**) at St Thomas' Church starting at 7pm.

Lenten Stations of the Cross:

- ❖ Our Lady, St Martin Sundays - 3pm
- ❖ St Matthieu Mondays - 6.30pm
- ❖ St Patrick Tuesdays - 7pm
- ❖ St Bernadette Tuesdays - 7.30pm
- ❖ Little Sisters Fridays - 5pm
- ❖ Sacred Heart Saturdays - 5.30pm

A Night with The Lord at The Oasis of Peace

Once again we will be holding a night of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. The Night with The Lord will commence on Friday 29 March at 7.30pm and conclude at 7.30am on Saturday 30 March. We will finish with Morning Prayer, followed by Breakfast. The Oasis of Peace will be open throughout the night for anyone to call in and join us for the time of adoration and prayer for as long as they wish, be that a few minutes, an hour, or for the whole night! Tea and Coffee will also be available throughout the night in the Garden Room.

Stations of the Cross with Community Christ of Bethany

St Thomas - Wednesday 3 April at 7pm;
St Mary & St Peter - Saturday 6 April Stations of the Cross and Adoration from 6.15pm to 8pm;
St Thomas - Wednesday 17 April at 7pm;
3 de Abril em São Tomás Via Sacra das 7pm às 8pm;
6 de Abril em St Mary e St Peter Via Sacra e adoração das 6.15pm às 8pm;
17 de Abril em St. Thomas Via sacra das 7pm às 8pm.

This Week At The Oasis Of Peace

- ❖ Preparation for the Sunday Readings: **Monday 25 March** - 7pm.
- ❖ Adoration & Rosary: **Thursday 28 March** - 8.30am with Rosary starting at 9am.
- ❖ Morning Prayer - **Friday 29 March** - 6.30am.

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Sacred Heart - Can You help?

Looking for something extra to do for LENT? Why not come and help us clean the brass for the Easter Services at 2pm on **Thursday 11 April** in the flower sacristy. If you can help, please call Deanna on 638973.

Hospital Chaplaincy

Jo Bowers has stood down from compiling the rota for our Eucharistic Ministers who take Holy Communion to the Hospital. We thank her for a job well done, for her time, effort and hard work. We now need someone to replace her. If you would like to volunteer please contact Julia in our Town Office on Tel: 720235 or email: sthelier@catholicchurch.org.je

Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for the comfort and consolation of those who mourn them.

- ❖ John Troy, aged 87 whose funeral will be at St Bernadette's at 12 noon on Tuesday 26 March;
- ❖ Anita Martinengo, aged 83 whose funeral will be at Little Sisters of the Poor Chapel at 11am on Thursday 28 March;
- ❖ Constance (Connie) Morel, aged 83 whose funeral will be at St Thomas' at 12.15pm on Tuesday 2 April;
- ❖ Denis Maret, aged 78 whose funeral will be at St Thomas' at 10am on Wednesday 3 April.
- ❖ Edna Mason, aged 80 whose funeral will be at St Bernadette's on Thursday 4 April at 11.30am.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAFOD Lenten Lunches

Every Wednesday, during Lent, a Lent lunch takes place in St Thomas' Church Hall from 12 noon to 2pm, please come along and support if you can. Come and enjoy homemade soups with French bread and cheese, followed by tea/coffee.

States School Catechists' Meeting

All States School Catechists are invited to meet with Fr Ross on **Tuesday 2 April** at 7pm in Catholic Pastoral Services. If you would like to know more about this ministry, then please come along to meet the members of the team.

Tickets for Parish Lunch - Sunday 12 May

This week, at the back of each church are application forms and menus for the Parish lunch. If you wish to apply for tickets please take a letter/form, fill it in and, together with the money, hand in or send to Daphne Minihane c/o The Friends of St Thomas at St Thomas' Presbytery. Tickets are limited to 110 so please don't leave it too late to decide to come. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Apostleship of the Sea, Easter Appeal

The Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) are again joining with the Mission to Seafarers, Jersey, in visiting the crews of ships which come to our island over the Easter period, bringing essential goods to our shores. Please will you consider writing an Easter Card to a Seafarer to thank them for their work and to spread the message of Easter? Cards can be dropped off at the back of each church in the blue box. Thank you.

'Walk on Water' Annual Sponsored Walk

The annual sponsored walk for Apostleship of the Sea with the Knights of St Columba will take place on Bank Holiday **Monday 6 May** from 9am to 2pm at St Catherine's Breakwater. Please come and join us on our 'Walk on Water' to France. Currently 98.6% of Jersey imports arrive by sea and on average four vessels a day dock in the Port of Jersey, which means about 100 seafarers bringing goods each day, who rarely, if ever, come ashore and who the AoS Jersey support by visiting on board ship. Some of our parish clergy will be taking part in the walk and are looking for sponsorship.

Members of AoS and KSC will be collecting sponsorship for our clergy walkers after all Island Sunday Masses from 30/31 March. 80% of Proceeds will go to the AoS, G.B to support our work locally and the UK, and 20% to KSC Jersey Charities Fund. **Sponsorship Forms are available at the back of each church.**

Living with Dementia Group Update

Thank you to everyone interested in becoming a volunteer with our planned monthly afternoon tea group for people living with dementia and their carers. We invite you to book a place on one of the following dates to attend an opportunity to become a 'Dementia Friend': **Wednesday 3 April or 24 April** at 2.30pm at Catholic Pastoral Services. This is an awareness project run by Jersey Alzheimer's Association. Please contact m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je for more information.

Ladies Friendship Group

Will be meeting at Greenhills Hotel this **Monday 25 March** at 2.30pm for Afternoon Tea.

Canon Dominic

Will be away from **28 March until 5 April** first attending the Chapter of Canons spring meeting in Portsmouth and then he's taking a week off before Easter so as to ensure Frs Benjamin and Ross can have time off after Easter – before the parish embarks on a lot of First Communion Sundays.

Going into Hospital?

If during a stay in our local hospital you wish to see a Catholic priest please let the nurses know. Fr Wieslaw is the Catholic Chaplain and visits regularly. He can be contacted on 07797 778786. He is assisted by a team of parishioners in bringing Holy Communion to the patients.

Catholic Gift Shop

Greetings Cards are now on sale for, Mother's Day and Easter. The shop will be closed every Wednesday between 12 noon and 2pm during Lent.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday's offertory of £5742.37, made up of cash: East: £743.52, West: £934.24 and St Helier: £1938.00 and Planned Giving: East £462.75; West: £521.42 and St Helier: £1142.44.

Second Collection

The Diocese is ultimately responsible for providing for any members of its clergy who are in particular need. We do this by receiving bequests and by taking an annual collection on the 4th Sunday of Lent. That will be taken next weekend. Please contribute if you can.



MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

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Praise and Play Group

Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's.

Friday, Faith and Fun

Fridays at 3.30pm - 5.30pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall.

Catholic Grandparents Association

Jersey Association of Catholic Youth (JaCy)

Invites all young people year 7+ to a wide range of faith filled opportunities. We have a youth room above St Thomas' Hall.

Together on Tuesdays

Tuesday 26 March –at 6.30pm – 8.30pm - Bring money for hotdogs & pizza. Social time included to chill with friends. This week's theme is 'Love and Life'.

JaCy Fridays

7- 10pm for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer. Snacks available so bring some money. Football, table tennis and much more is available in a safe environment.

Please feel welcome to contact Mary for marriage and family support, natural fertility appointments or any queries regarding Catholic parenting support. Support available for introducing your children and teens to all aspects of sex and relationships.

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This Week's Parish Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 23 March	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Viv Durham-Waite RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Folan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Tessie Kennedy RIP
Sunday 24 March	Third Sunday of Lent		<i>Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Eduardo Braunspahn RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Thanksgiving for Elizabeth Gillian Clayton RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Jose Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Eileen & James & Nellie O'Donovan RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Shirley Le Marquand RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Manuel Mendes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria Isabel Coito Sardinha RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Monday 25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Sr Jeanne Claire RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Clinton Pringle RIP
Tuesday 26 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Sandra Corkery RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	PJ and EM Hardiman RIP
Wednesday 27 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Peter and Cecila Marshall RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 28 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Viv Durham-Waite RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
Friday 29 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving for Maria Mitchell for her 90th Birthday
	6:30 pm	St Matthieu	Stations Mass – Vera Nisbett's Intentions
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Saturday 30 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Saturday 30 March	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Joao Agrela RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Pamela Tod RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Conceicao and Manuel Catanho RIP
Sunday 31 March	Fourth Sunday of Lent		<i>Joshua 5:9,10-12; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Anne Perchard RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Margaret Brody RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	David Wilson RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Marguerite Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Eileen Ackroyd RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Thanksgiving to our Lady of Fatima
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John and Deirdre Carly 50th Wedding Anniversary
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>



Eucharistic



Adoration



CONFESSIONS, Saturdays

Sacred Heart, - 5.15pm - 5.45pm
 St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
 St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday at 5pm
 followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
 The Oasis of Peace – Thurs at 9am
 Sacred Heart – Wed at 6pm
 St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – Fri at 8pm
 St Patrick – Tues at 7pm to 8pm
 St Thomas – Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm – 6pm

ROSARY

Sacred Heart - Wed at 7pm after Mass
 St Patrick – Sat at 9am before Mass
 St Thomas - Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St Dismas: 25 March

Christ on the Cross turned to one of the two men crucified alongside him and said 'today you will be with me in paradise.' (Lk 23) His words have come to be regarded as meaning the man's salvation was assured and that he could therefore be invoked as a saint. Nothing is known of him; Dismas comes from the Greek word for dying (dysme) in the apocryphal Gospel of Nicodemus. Another apocryphal gospel has him robbing the Holy Family during their Flight into Egypt! In the Middle Ages he came to be often invoked as the patron of prisoners and thieves. The Roman Martyrology remembers him on 25 March.