



The Catholic Church in Jersey



One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

18/19 February 2017 ~ Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As some people in the Parish now know, I was never good at Maths. I had a particular difficulty with long division. No matter how many times my teacher tried to explain it to me, I would misunderstand. No matter how many examples she worked out in front of me, I came out with the wrong answer. It was as if I was unable to access the truth of this mathematical problem. Even to this day I would have no idea how to solve such an equation.

I sometimes think the same way about some of Jesus' commandments and teaching. I know I am called to live in the world using the simplest and yet most difficult equations given by Jesus: To meet hatred with an unconditional love, to pray for my persecutors and to bless when offended.

Yet daily I get this wrong. I know the answer, which is the call to a greater love, but it does not always work out. It seems as impossible as

the long division that has always defeated me. No matter how much we try it is hard to love an enemy. Thank God, then, we have been sent the most patient of teachers and the most forgiving of friends in the Son of God, Jesus Christ. Thank God He has set us the ultimate example of love by His forgiveness on the Cross which states so clearly that this greater love is possible to find and to work out. The answer has been fully given and displayed for all to see.

Yes, when I have a problem with someone or find it difficult to forgive them or pray for them, I go back to that example, which is the beautiful 'plus' sign of the Cross. This greatest of signs given by the gentlest of teachers shows us that this true love is possible and we can find - and live - that answer: *To love another as He has loved us.*

Fr Benjamin

CENTENARY FATIMA PILGRIMAGE - DIRECT FLIGHT FROM JERSEY 28 APRIL – 2 MAY 2017



This pilgrimage to Fatima, takes place one week before Pope Francis visits Fatima for the centenary celebrations of the Apparition of Our Lady to the three children, Lucia, Jacinata and Francisco. Would you like to join Father Nicholas, Spiritual Director, on this pilgrimage, the first ever from Jersey? £750 per person sharing twin accommodation, full board, transfers and coach. Travel insurance £28 per person.

Special Appeal – If you are able to financially assist a pilgrim to travel on the pilgrimage, who could not otherwise afford to go, then please write a cheque to

'Catholic Church in Jersey' and send to Deacon Iain. For more information please call: Deacon Iain 725963 or email: blessings41@gmail.com

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

BISHOP PHILIP'S VISITATION PART THREE

Next weekend we welcome Bishop Philip Egan back to our Island Parish. This time he will be focussing on the West preaching at the Masses in Sacred Heart, St Bernadette and St Matthieu.

On **Saturday 25 February** all are welcome to join the Bishop for Adoration at 5pm at Sacred Heart and during this time he will also hear confessions. Later in the evening he will meet with all the priests and deacons over dinner in St Thomas' to review the Visitation.

On **Sunday 26 February** after preaching at Mass in St Bernadette, Bishop Philip will have lunch at St Thomas' Presbytery with the Priests, together with Deacon David and Deacon Brendan and their wives. At 2.30pm he will meet representatives of the Portuguese Community in St Thomas' Hall and then will preach, through an interpreter, at the Portuguese Mass at 3.30pm.

Before leaving for the airport, Bishop Philip will have tea in the Welcome Centre, again having the opportunity to meet more of the Portuguese Community.

Another busy weekend with a full programme giving Bishop Philip an opportunity to meet many members of our church communities.

YOU ARE ALL INVITED TO A SEMINAR....

'SHARING FAITH EVEN WHEN IT'S A CHALLENGE!'

A seminar is being held on the teachings of the Catholic Church on **Thursday 16 March at 7pm OR Saturday 18 March at 10am**. This is being led by a guest speaker Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts BA (Hons) MA STL Drs (Bioethicist and Director of Science and Faith Courses) and will take place at St Mary & St Peter's Church. To book a place email: cps@catholicchurch.org.je or call 732583 or go to the Catholic Church in Jersey Facebook page. Topics will include several areas such as pro-life, marriage and sexuality, faith and science. We particularly encourage parents, grandparents, catechists and teachers to come along.

LENTEN STATION MASSES

On **Friday 3 March** we will begin our tradition of having one parish Mass on a Friday at 7pm at a different church each week. These Station Masses have their root in an ancient Catholic tradition. Each Friday Mass will begin with **Evening Prayer and Adoration**. At these Masses there will also be the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**.

These Station Masses are on the following dates and will be the **only** parish Mass on Fridays during Lent:

- 3 March St Patrick
- 10 March St Bernadette
- 17 March Our Lady, St Martin
- 24 March St Thomas
- 31 March St Matthieu
- 7 April Sacred Heart

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady, St Martin - Sundays at 4pm

St Thomas – Sundays at 5pm

St Matthieu – Mondays at 6.30pm

St Patrick - Tuesdays at 7pm followed by Adoration until 8pm.

St Bernadette - Tuesdays at 7pm

LENT LUNCHESES

St Thomas' Church hall in aid of CAFOD, will begin on Ash Wednesday, 3 March.

St Martin's Public Hall will begin on Friday 3 March from 12 noon. (**Friday 3 and 10 March** will be organised by CWL) and help is still needed. Please call Marguerite Birch on 862127 if you can help.

THURSDAY EARLY MORNING LENT MASS AT SMP

Will begin on **Thursday 2 March** at 7am in St Mary & St Peter's Church, followed by breakfast in the hall. This year we thank the Sisters of Bethany who will be organising the early morning breakfasts. All welcome.

ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME

Reconciliation for St Thomas' 'Red Group' takes place during the week beginning **Tuesday 21 February**.

TUESDAY 'FAITH TALK' AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

All are welcome to the next monthly Faith Talk on **Tuesday 21 February** at 2pm, when the study of The Gospel of Matthew will continue. Why not come along?

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Edward Troy.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Theophile Marie Le Flour, Abilio Franca and Ernest Raymond Richard. May they rest in peace.

JUDY GARLAND RIP AND OLGA BAUCHER RIP

Last week, two long serving members, who gave many years voluntarily to Catholic Pastoral Services and to the St Vincent de Paul Society, passed away. Please keep them both in your prayers. Their joint funeral will take place this **Tuesday 21 February** at 11am at Our Lady, St Martin's Church.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FAREWELL THANKSGIVING SERVICE ...

For Reverend Robert Key, the Anglican Dean, will take place in the Town Church on **Sunday 19 February** at 4pm. The Bishop of Dover will be participating in this Valedictory Service. As Catholic Dean, Fr Nicholas will be saying the prayers together with Reverend Graham Halls. Reverend Robert Key will be preaching at this Service. Everyone is very welcome.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3 March is Women's World Day of Prayer. The annual service will take place at the Town Church at 12.30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The Christian women of the Philippines have written this year's service which will be delivered by a local ecumenical group. All are invited.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

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LIVE LENT EVENT

On Monday 20 February, Journey in Faith for Families (Jiff) together with Jersey Association of Catholic Youth (JaCy) invites you to an afternoon event for families to explore the meaning of Lent and be ready for Ash Wednesday. This is for all our children on half term (pre-schoolers with an adult) at 2pm - 4pm. We will meet in St Matthieu's Hall and then our activities take place in the Oasis of Peace and St Matthieu's Church - crafts, fun, games and food. Weather permitting, an outside activity takes place in the garden. £3 per family donation, *if possible*. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of faith and fun!

No Praise & Play or Family Faith & Fun during half term.

MEETINGS

THE WOMEN'S GROUP (WEST) - MONDAY 20 FEBRUARY AT 2PM IN ST BERNADETTE'S HALL.

ISLAND FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING - Thursday 23 February at 5pm in St Thomas' Presbytery

ST MARY & ST PETER'S STEWARDSHIP MEETING - Thursday 2 March at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7.30pm.

EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM MEETING - Saturday 4 March at 8.45am at Catholic Pastoral Services.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	RACIAL JUSTICE	PLANNED GIVING
East	£929.00	£290.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1658.00	£401.20	£1044.96
West	£982.06	£287.40	£521.42

For the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Confession, please see church notice boards.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGES

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

By air from Southampton led by Bishop Philip - **Friday 18 to Friday 25 August 2017.** For full details and brochure please contact Deacon Iain: dcniain@catholicchurch.org.je tel: 01534 725963.

JERSEY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Friday 15 September to Saturday 23 September
9 days full board for £775 sharing with a £185 single supplement. Joining with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Anglo Irish Pilgrimage and staying at Hotel Ste Rose, just two minutes' walk from the Domaine. We already have a number of bookings for this year so places may be limited. For further details please call Leslie on 483855 or Deanna on 638973.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Sarah Wakeling 07797787090/732583
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Thursdays – Youth 2000 – 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Youth Room. Year 10+ welcome. We start with a time of adoration and prayer followed by formation using the 'Altaration' programme and social time with a takeaway. This is a perfect way for those on the 2nd Year Confirmation Programme to stay in touch with Jesus and us.

Fridays – JaCy Youth Night - at St Thomas' Hall 7pm – 10pm Years 7+. Join us at half term for our 'Bamenda Buzz Night'...there will be fun, food and fundraising for our brothers and sisters in Bamenda, Cameroon. New people always welcome.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 20 February at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings – An opportunity to reflect, discuss and pray.

Tuesday 21 February at 2pm – Scripture Talk on the Gospel of St Matthew.

Thursday 23 February 9am Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass at St Matthieu.

Friday 24 February at 6.30am Morning prayer.

THE FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' INVITE YOU TO LUNCH ON SUNDAY 23 APRIL

At the Hotel Ambassadeur at 1pm for 1.30pm. Tickets are priced at £20 per person and £10 for children aged between 4 and 11 years old. You and your families are warmly invited to attend. Application forms for tickets are available at the back of all churches (menu on back – no need to pre-order). Please complete and return forms to The Friends of St Thomas' c/o St Thomas' Presbytery, marked for the attention of Mrs Daphne Minihane. **Please book early as tickets are limited to 200.**

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Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 18 Feb	First Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Stefania Webb RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Cecil Perkins RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
Sunday 19 Feb	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time		Lev 19:1-2.17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Fr Peter Quin SJ RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Lorraine Brown RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbet RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Julie Le Fondre RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Veloza RIP, Manuel Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Tony Pezet RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Silvana Andrade RIP, José Diogo RIP & Silvano Diogo RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass to St Joseph
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 20 Feb	Feria		Ecclus 1:1-10; Psalm 92; Mark 9:14-29
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	The Renault family living and deceased
Tuesday 21 Feb	St Peter Damian		Ecclus 2:1-11; Psalm 36; Mark 9:30-37
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Eddie Hogan EIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special Intention
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Tony Percy and deceased members of his family
Wednesday 22 Feb	The Chair of St Peter		1 Pet 5:1-4; Psalm 22; Matthew 16:13-19
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Agnes Gibout RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 23 Feb	St Polycarp		Ecclus 5:1-8; Psalm 1; Mark 9:41-50
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Janine Hebden RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Holy Souls
Friday 24 Feb	Feria		Ecclus 6:5-17; Psalm 118; Mark 10:1-12
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Patricia Paddock RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	João Silvino RIP and deceased members of his family
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 25 Feb	Our Lady on Saturday		Ecclus 17:1-15; Psalm 102; Mark 10:13-16
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Annual Installation of Knights of St Columba Officers
Saturday 25 Feb	First Mass for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Patricia Paddock RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Barbara Pamplin RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Mass for the deceased Fr Amy, Fr Peter and Padre Eladio
Sunday 26 Feb	Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time		Is 49:14-15; Psalm 61; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Syd & Lucille Jordan RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Rosa Ferreira Pestana RIP & Manuel de Ascensão de Sousa RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Sadie O'Driscoll RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Peter Evans RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Little Sisters: Mass at 11am each weekday and 10.30am every Sunday. For the addresses of the above churches, please call one of our parish offices (phone numbers on the front page of this newsletter) or visit our website: www.catholicchurch.org.je.

Catholic Pastoral Services	732583	cps@catholicchurch.org.je
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