



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

2/3 December 2017 ~ First Sunday of Advent ~ Year B

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

In life we have to do a lot of waiting. Waiting at the airport for loved ones to arrive; a couple waiting nine months for their baby to be born; an old man waiting in a care home for a visit from his family. They are all powerless to bring about what they hope for; all they can do is wait.

Waiting is part of life, waiting to be born, waiting to be loved, waiting for school, waiting for life which is not as easily attained as instant coffee. Advent is the time when we are reminded that we have to wait for God and, ultimately, the full experience of God which we inadequately call heaven. In Advent we wait in prayer and hope.

The narrative of Jesus the Redeemer has become the sacred story of our Christian people, a memory we must keep alive until he comes again. We are between the two times: between the first coming of Jesus and his

second coming on the last day. We remember the first coming during these next weeks anticipating Christmas. However, we are better at looking back to the childhood of Christ rather than to what he became and to what he yet will be.

Between these two comings, past and future, we have to live out his values in our own time and place. Not only celebrating the Eucharist, where he becomes present to us in word and sacrament, but in making him alive in the love, forgiveness and charitable support we give, remembering the words of last Sunday's Gospel: "*Whatever you do to the least of these, you do to me.*"

Meanwhile, we wait. We pray that the Lord will grant us peace, "*as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*"

*Father Nicholas*

### ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT SUNDAY

#### 3 DECEMBER AT ST BERNADETTE'S CHURCH

Come and join in the Advent of Light Service this Sunday at 6pm. All are welcome to a traditional procession of light with Advent hymns and readings. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

### World Gifts CAFOD WORLD GIFTS ...

Are a fun and meaningful way to give gifts to the people you love, and make a difference to some of the poorest communities around the world at the same time. Each gift comes with a Christmas gift card and you can choose to send a goat, build a business or help a refugee child. You can order gifts online at [cafod.org.uk/world\\_gifts](http://cafod.org.uk/world_gifts) or call 0808 1400014 or catalogues are available in your church.

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# ADVENT



## CAROL SERVICES

**HAUTLIEU SCHOOL** – Tuesday 5 December  
at 2pm in St Thomas' Church with Fr Nicholas  
giving the address and blessing.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL** - Wednesday 6 December, in  
the Gwyneth Huelin building, at 12.30pm. All  
proceeds to the Community Development Project in  
Kenya, led by Jim Caulfield MBE.

**JERSEY FESTIVAL CHOIR** – Wednesday 13  
December - The Annual Festival of Carols takes place  
in St Thomas' Church at 8pm. The retiring collection  
is in aid of the Jersey Child Care Trust.

## 'BUSY, BOOZE AND BABY JESUS: HAVE YOURSELVES A VULGAR LITTLE CHRISTMAS!

**(GK CHESTERTON)** - Chaplain Marta and Dr Rowan  
invite you to share thoughts and reflect on the nature  
and abiding beauty of Christmas in a secular culture.  
This takes place on **Saturday 9 December** at 3.30pm  
in the Main House, next to the Chapel, at Beaulieu. A  
short talk will be offered by Dr Paul Rowan.

**'A NIGHT WITH THE LORD' AT THE OASIS OF  
PEACE** - A night of prayer before the Blessed  
Sacrament in anticipation of turning our focus  
towards Christ's birth. will commence on **Friday 15  
December** at 7.30pm and conclude at 7.30am on  
**Saturday 16 December**. 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. Tea and coffee will be available  
throughout the night in the Garden Room.

**FAMILY NATIVITY AND BAMBINELLI BLESSING  
SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER AT ST MARY & ST PETER'S  
CHURCH AT 2.30PM** - We invite children to come  
dressed as shepherds, sheep and angels to take part in  
our family Nativity and also have your own Baby  
Jesus blessed for your home at Christmas.  
Refreshments will be served and a Christmas Raffle  
will take place.

**EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH 17 DECEMBER** - At 1pm  
at the Hotel Ambassadeur. Menus are available at the  
back of East churches, please return the tear off slip  
to your church office. *Any donations for raffle prizes  
would be greatly appreciated.*

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** - Will be held on  
**Monday 18 December** at 7.30pm in St Mary & St  
Peter's Church – Led by our Deacons while the Priests  
hear confessions and celebrate absolution. Parking is  
available in Beaulieu.

## THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP AT ST THOMAS'

The gift shop will have extra openings for Christmas  
on **Thursday 7 & 14 December** from 10am -12 noon.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND CHRISTMAS  
VOUCHERS** - Are available in denominations of £5,  
£10 or £15 from the Catholic Gift Shop or email:  
Deacon Iain: [fhljersey@gmail.com](mailto:fhljersey@gmail.com) tel 725963.

# LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

**HAPPY SCHOOL FEAST DAY TO BEAULIEU AND  
FCJ ON FRIDAY 8 DECEMBER** – Mass will be  
celebrated at St Thomas' Church at 9.30am. The  
group of Beaulieu girls travelling to Romania, with  
the Mustard Seed Charity, to distribute the shoeboxes  
and blankets, will receive a special blessing for a safe  
journey. (Prayer in Straven Chapel is cancelled that  
day as the Sisters will be joining the Beaulieu  
celebrations.) Fr Benjamin, as FCJ Chaplain, will  
celebrate Mass for the children in FCJ School.

## KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA – 'LIVING ROSARY'

Each day members of the Knights of St Columba pray  
a 'Living Rosary' for peace in the world. They would  
like to extend this opportunity for prayer to others.  
Can you spare five minutes a day to pray one decade  
of the Rosary? Please notify your interest to  
[jersey.rosary@gmail.com](mailto:jersey.rosary@gmail.com) or call Roger Thebault on  
730694 and he will send you more information.

## Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament  
of Baptism: Eliza Teixeira Antunes and Freddy Coen  
De Nobrega.

## Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Joyce Williams, Alice May  
Sherry and Yvonne Howard. May they rest in peace.

**MEMORIAL REQUIEM FOR SR MARIE CHRISTIANE**  
Will be celebrated by Fr Nicholas, on **Saturday 9  
December** in St Patrick's Church at 9.30am. There  
will be refreshments available in the hall afterwards.

**APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER – HOLY FATHER'S  
INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER** - The Elderly - *That  
the elderly, sustained by families and Christian  
communities, may apply their wisdom and  
experience to spreading the faith and forming the  
new generations.*

# OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£735.71	£462.75
St Helier	£1421.00	£1044.96
West	£937.33	£521.42

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## SHELTER TRUST SOUP KITCHEN – TUESDAY 5 DECEMBER IN THE ROYAL SQUARE

10.30am to 2.30pm where you can enjoy a mug of  
soup and French bread for a donation of £3.

## RETREAT DAY AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

CPS staff and Frs Nicholas, Benjamin and Francis will  
all be participating on **Tuesday 5 December**. Please  
note that CPS will be closed that day.

## APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, JERSEY, CHRISTMAS

**APPEAL** - Please leave the knitted hats in the  
collection boxes in each church. We wish to fill these  
hats with small toiletry items: bar of soap,  
toothpaste, toothbrush and a Christmas card from  
you "to a Seafarer" thanking them for their work.

**BOOK LAUNCH INVITATION – MONDAY 4  
DECEMBER AT 5PM AT BEAULIEU**

The Headmaster of Beaulieu Convent School invites you to the launch of Dr Paul Rowan's new book: 'The Scrappy Evangelist: Chesterton and a New Apologetics for Today,' his research into the work of GK Chesterton. We will also be launching our new Beaulieu Institute of Theological Literacy, which will be delivering the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies, commencing spring 2018.

Please RSVP to Mrs A De Sousa or email: [desousaa@beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk](mailto:desousaa@beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk)

**GOLDEN WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

To Manuela and Francisco Viera, on **Saturday 9 December** when they will receive a special blessing after the 6pm Mass in St Thomas' Church.

**FUNDS FOR A LIGHT FOR VENEZUELA** - A Bring and Buy Coffee Morning and Cake Sale will be held on **Saturday 9 December** in the Welcome Centre from 10am until 12 noon. Please bring any items you want to sell and you might find something you want to buy for that last minute Christmas present!

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

Contact: Mary Cahill [m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je)  
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**Catholic Grandparents Association:** Next meet on **Wednesday 6 December** at CPS 10.30am until the Angelus at 12 noon.

**Mondays - Baby & Toddler, Praise & Play**

9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Church Hall.

**Monday 4 December** is our Christmas Party. *The final session for 2017 will be Monday 11 December. We will re-open on 8 January 2018.*

**Fridays - Family Faith & Fun** at St Thomas' Church Hall from **3.30pm - 5pm**, finishes for 2017 with a party on **8 December**. We reopen **Friday 12 January 2018** for babies, toddlers and primary age children to share faith, fun, friendship & food.

**MAGNIFIKID** – is available in all our churches. This is available for children and it's free thanks to our Local Catholic Education Trust. Why not use it to help your child follow Mass and take it home as there are a lot of activities to share in the week ahead. There will be a special Christmas edition of the Magnifikid.

**CHRISTMAS BINGO IN ST BERNADETTE'S HALL**

Takes place on **Thursday 7 December** at 7:30pm for the last Bingo of the year.

**OASIS OF PEACE**

**Monday 4 December** 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday readings.

**Tuesday 5 December** 2pm - Advent Adoration Afternoon - Silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, ending at 4pm with Evening Prayer.

**Thursday 7 December** 9am - Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass at St Matthieu

**Friday 8 December** 6.30am - Morning Prayer.

**YOUTH NEWS**

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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

**NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY THANK ...**

Everyone who supported last week. The rain did not dampen the spirits of the 55 youth who turned out to show witness to their faith in a walk from St Patrick's Church to St Thomas's Church. These were well supported on the walk by their youth leaders, the Sisters from the Community of Christ of Bethany and the Knights of St Columba, who organised the route. We would also like to thank the St Clement and St Helier Honorary Police for guiding us safely at road junctions. The afternoon concluded with an International Mass including music by representatives from our many different church choirs.

**YSVP Advent Giving Tree project** - 'Giving Trees' will be in the churches this weekend. Please support this excellent project by taking a tag from the Giving Tree. Please then purchase the named voucher and return it to the box in your church the following week. These vouchers will then be presented to the St Vincent de Paul Society who will distribute them to those in need in our parish over Christmas and throughout the year.

**Friday 8 December** – meet in the Youth Room at 7pm prior to attending St Thomas' Church for our Youth Mass at 7.30pm, to celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We invite our new Youth Assembly to join us for a special blessing from Fr Benjamin. Afterwards the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available in the Youth Prayer Room. All welcome.

**Friday 15 December** – meet at the Oasis of Peace at 7pm. We will be joining parishioners in celebrating a Night with The Lord. We will have time in Adoration and a sleepover option for youth is available. Contact Moyra for directions.

**Youth Concert Sunday 10 December** in St Mary and St Peter's Church at 2pm - 4pm. Please come and support our talented youth.

**Youth 2000** Youth 2000 continues on Thursdays from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Join us during Advent for Taize prayer time.

**Youth Pilgrimage to Ireland** – Joining the 'World Meeting of Families' in August 2018. We still have places. An information meeting will be held in January. Contact Moyra for details.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS –  
SATURDAY 20 JANUARY 2018**

Will take place in St Thomas' Church Hall:  
Child Protection – 10.30am – 1pm  
Vulnerable Adults – 2pm – 4.30pm.

*If you have not attended this training within the past three years please call Paula Andrew to register your attendance [p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je) or call 732583.*



# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 2 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass for the First Sunday of Advent</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Eurico Correia Duarte RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Snowdon & Gladys Pallot RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria José Freitas RIP
<b>Sunday 3 Dec</b>	<b>First Sunday of Advent</b>		<b><i>Is 63:16-17.64:1.3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37</i></b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Wynford Sidney Richardson RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Eileen Marrinan Recovery of Health
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Ann Le Marquand RIP and deceased members of the Le Marquand family
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Margaret Franks RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Yvonne Gouyette RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: João Junior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, Xavier dos Reis RIP, Almas do Pregatorio, José Correira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thomas Sexton RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 4 Dec</b>	<b>St John Damascene</b>		<b><i>Is 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Matthew 8:5-11</i></b>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday 5 Dec</b>	<b>Of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>		<b><i>Is 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Luke 10:21-24</i></b>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Rosa Pereira Da Rocha RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Catherine Turner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Mary Doyle RIP
<b>Wednesday 6 Dec</b>	<b>St Nicholas</b>		<b><i>Is 25:6-10; Psalm 22; Matthew 15:29-37</i></b>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Encaenacaó Farintia RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Julie Le Fondré RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 7 Dec</b>	<b>St Ambrose</b>		<b><i>Is 26:1-6; Psalm 117; Matthew 7:21.24-27</i></b>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Deborah Clancy RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Betty McGuire RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Fr Michael Kelly RIP
<b>Friday 8 Dec</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		<b><i>Gen 3:9-15.20; Psalm 97; Eph 1:3-6.11-12; Luk 1:26-38</i></b>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Winnie and John Brierley RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Robert and Agnes Duffy RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 9 Dec</b>	<b>St John Diego Cuahtlatatzin</b>		<b><i>Is 30:19-21.23-26; Psalm 146; Matthew 9:35-10:1.6-8</i></b>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Sr Marie Christiane RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Liam O'Sullivan RIP
<b>Saturday 9 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Anthony (Tony) Troy RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Bill Ayliffe RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Manuela & Francisco Vieira 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
<b>Sunday 10 Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>		<b><i>Is 40:1-5.9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mark 1:1-8</i></b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of CWL
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Marie Rose Hayes RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Teresa Sparks RIP and Maureen Fitzgerald RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Rosalie & George Lebacke RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Eileen Ingram & Elsie Jillians
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima, Maria & José dos Santos RIP, the Martins' Family deceased & living and the Holy Souls
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Joan White RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Little Sisters: Mass at 11am each weekday and 10.30am every Sunday - visit our website: [www.catholicchurch.org.je](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je).

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