



The Catholic Church in Jersey



One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

4/5 March 2017 ~ First Sunday of Lent ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

We're now four days into the great preparatory season of Lent. A tenth of the forty days we have to prepare for the highlight of our Christian life - the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus - has come and gone. I hope your Lent is going well.

We get the word "lent" from the very old English word *lenten* which means "spring season". It may not feel much like it just yet but spring is indeed here. If you look closely at the trees and hedgerows you'll see buds starting to appear; and the bluebells and daffodils were out in time for St David's Day, which this year coincided with Ash Wednesday.

As every gardener knows, if you want a pretty garden in the summer, you need to do the hard work in spring. For a gardener, now is the time to root out the dead wood that didn't make it through the winter. Now is the time to sow the seeds of new growth

and to nurture the tender buds that are appearing so that when summer comes you can bask in the rays of the summer sunshine and enjoy the fruits of your efforts.

So to it is with Lent, our Christian springtime. Now is the time to let go of the things that hold us back spiritually.

Now is the time to recognise the dead wood in our lives and root that out by self-denial, penance and almsgiving. Now is the time to sow the seeds of new spiritual growth and to nurture that new growth by worthy reception of the sacraments and by fostering our relationship with God in prayer, so that when the glorious rays of the Risen Lord shine on Easter morning we can bask in His radiance and love.

Deacon Christopher



This week you will find the CAFOD Lenten Collection Envelope attached to your newsletter. Please insert your donation and bring it back with you to Mass next weekend. The current famine emergency in South Sudan has placed yet another burden on CAFOD's resources, and so we have to be even more generous in our response at this time.

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LENT STATION MASSES

Each Friday we will continue with our tradition of having one parish

Mass at 7pm at a different church each week. Each Mass will begin with Evening Prayer and Adoration and will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- 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 4pm

St Thomas – Sundays 5pm

St Matthieu – Mondays 6.30pm

St Patrick - Tuesdays 7pm followed by Adoration

St Bernadette - Tuesdays 7pm

Little Sisters – Friday 5pm

Sacred Heart – Saturdays 5.30pm

CLC LENT QUIET DAY - SATURDAY 11 MARCH

"A PILGRIMAGE OF DISCOVERY"

Christian Life Community Jersey (CLC), invite you to join them in a quiet day of prayer and reflection at the Oasis of Peace at 10am to 4pm. Mary Venturini, a member of the local community and also a community in Rome, where she also lives and works, recently spent some time with her Italian group, among the refugees and asylum seekers' camps in Sicily. She will share some of her experiences and lead all in a day of prayer and reflection. A light lunch will be provided. There is a suggested offering of £5 to £10, or what you are able to offer, to cover costs and a donation to the Oasis of Peace. To reserve a place call Paula Foster: 07797827265 or e-mail pauladfoster@hotmail.co.uk.

EARLY MORNING LENT MASS

Is celebrated every Thursday at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7am, followed by breakfast in the hall.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, EASTER APPEAL

This Easter, the Mission to Seafarers will be visiting crews of ships that deliver essential goods to Jersey. Please will you write an Easter card to thank them at this special time of year? *We hope to receive 200 cards – please leave them in the box provided in each church.*

LENT LUNCHES

St Thomas' Hall every Wednesday at 12 noon.

St Martin's Public Hall every Friday at 12 noon.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£819.20	£462.75
St Helier	£1791.00	£1044.96
West	£1064.86	£521.42

SHARING FAITH EVEN WHEN IT IS A CHALLENGE

Find out why the Church teaches what it does, and how best to share it. All are invited to one of the two sessions. We particularly encourage parents and grandparents to come along. **Our clergy especially request that our catechists across our programmes prioritise to attend: Thursday 16 March at 7pm OR Saturday 18 March at 10am at St Mary & St Peters Church.** Guest Speaker: Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts. Book a place by: **Signing up at the back of churches or by emailing cps@catholicchurch.org.je tel: 732583 Please state which session you will attend.**

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Reconciliation for St Thomas' 'Green Group' takes place on **Tuesday 7 March** at 4pm.

FAITH TALK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Takes place on **Tuesday 14 March** at 2pm when we shall complete the study on the Gospel of St Matthew.

FLAME YOUTH EVENT 10 – 12 MARCH

Next weekend, 12 young people and 4 leaders will be joining the rest of the Portsmouth Diocese and the Bishop, for the Flame Youth event at Wembley Arena where there will be music from Matt Redman, Adoration, Mass and talks from inspirational people. Listen out on BBC Radio Jersey on **Sunday 12 March** for an early morning live interview to hear how they enjoyed it!

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Harrison Hyde, Harriet Bestwick, Adam Holdsworth & Apollonia Hollis.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Agnes Pinto and Nicola Sewell. May they reset in peace.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BINGO

East Catholic Women's League – On **Friday 24 March** in the Berni Centre at 7pm in aid of Jersey Cheshire Home. Buy tickets before Sunday Mass at Our Lady, St Martin. Cost: £5 adults, £2 children under 12. Supper included. Call Millie Horman: 861830 horman.millie@gmail.com.

West – On **Thursday 9 March**, at 7.30pm in St Bernadette's Hall.

THE ISLAND FUNERAL CHOIR NEED SINGERS

In 2012 a choir was formed to fill a gap identified when no one sings at funerals. Last year the choir attended 368 funerals so more people are needed. There is no commitment as to how many or few funerals you attend and the choir is open to singers of all abilities. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining. For full details see the poster in churches. Tel: Deanna on 638973 and she will pass on your details to the co-ordinator.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY CANON DAVID MAHY

Fr David celebrated his 80th Birthday last Wednesday and we wish him a very Happy Birthday from all his friends in Jersey.

FATHER NICHOLAS IN PORTSMOUTH

This Tuesday to attend a Co-ordinating Pastors meeting.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA NEWS

Andrew Jarvis and David Le Marquand were both admitted as new Brothers of Council 216 of the Knights of St Columba during a ceremony at St Bernadette's Mass on Sunday 22 January. Congratulations to them both.

The Annual Installation of New Provincial and Council Officers for 2017/2018 took place at St Thomas' Church last Saturday, in the presence of Head Office Director, Brother John Campolini. Officer positions for the new year are as follows:

- Council 216 Grand Knight – Brother Danny OhEarchai
- Province 39 Grand Knight – Brother Peter Farrell
- Membership & Development Officer – Brother Peter Richmond
- Action & Youth Officer – Brother Jonathan Higgins
- Welfare & Spirituality Officer – Brother Roger Thebault
- Secretary – Brother Tom Francis
- Treasurer – Council – Brother Robert Surcouf, Province – Brother Ivor Jordan
- Warden – Brother Jimmy Spriggs.

New members are always welcome.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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FAMILY LENT - Lent is a good time to introduce, revive or step up family prayer. Follow the links below. We have in stock the 'Holy Heroes Lent Adventure Calendars', for using with the code letter activity. If you would like one please contact Mary Cahill. Links:

www.holyheroes.com/holy-heroes-lenten-adventure
www.cafod.org.uk/education/primary-schools

Catholic Grandparents Association – Next meet at Catholic Pastoral Services on **Wednesday 15 March** at 10.30am. We will be reflecting on the Ten Commandments.

Friday Faith, Fun and Food - Friday 3.30pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall. Babies, toddlers welcome with an adult. Play, food, pray, crafts and fun. £2 per family donation.

Praise & Play Baby & Toddler Group - Mondays between 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall.

WELLSPRING FORTNIGHTLY PRAYER MEETING

On **Thursday 16 March** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

Pope Francis' March prayer intentions entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer are:

Support for Persecuted Christians - *That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.*



YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Sarah Wakeling 07797787090

s.wakeling@catholicchurch.org.je FB 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Thursday 9 March – Youth 2000 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Youth Room. Year 10+ welcome. Come along to spend some time with Jesus in Adoration followed by a chance to reflect on Lent with social time and a take away. This is a perfect way for those on the 2nd Year Confirmation Programme to stay in touch with Jesus and us.

Friday 10 March – JaCy Youth Night - 7pm – 10pm at the Youth Room Years 7+ welcome for faith, friendship and fun.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 6 March at 7.15pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings.

Tuesday 7 March at 2pm – Lent Adoration – An afternoon of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending at 4pm with evening prayer.

Thursday 9 March at 9am Adoration & Rosary

Friday 10 March at 6.30am

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

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

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ROADSHOW

Fr John Cooke will be in Jersey to promote the Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimages to Lourdes on the following days. All are very welcome to join us to find out more:

Monday 20 March – All Island Gathering at St Mary and St Peter's Church 7.30pm for anyone who may be interested in joining as a pilgrim or a helper.

Tuesday 21 March – An evening for **young people** who may be interested in learning more about being a Young Helper or pilgrim at Lourdes. Meet 7.30pm at the Youth Room, St Thomas' to find out more.

PEREGRINAÇÃO CENTENÁRIA A FÁTIMA

Direct flight from Jersey **28 April - 2 May** only two twin rooms left - £750 per person sharing twin accommodation. Full board, transfers and coaching. Travel insurance £28 pp. For more details contact: Deacon Iain 725963/email: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com)

JERSEY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017

Friday 15 September to Saturday 23 September

Full board £775 sharing, with £185 single supplement. Joining with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Anglo Irish Pilgrimage. Call Leslie on 483855 or Deanna on 638973 for more details.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 4 March	First Mass for the First Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Liam Lynn RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Patrick Joseph McGarry RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Mary Brophy RIP
Sunday 5 March	First Sunday of Lent		Gen 2:7-9.3:1-7; Psalm 50; Rom 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Janet Kierulf RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Elizabeth Pickles RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Marguerite Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Veloza RIP, Manuel Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Donald Wellman RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Manuel and Maria de Sousa RIP, Conceição and Maria Fernandes RIP and Rui Teixeira dos Reis Intentions
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter Lenzi RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 6 March	Of the 1st Week of Lent		Lev 19:1-2.11-18; Psalm 18; Matthew 25:31-46
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 7 March	Of the 1st Week of Lent		Is 55:10-11; Psalm 33; Matthew 6:7-15
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Jacqueline Le Guilcher RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	For the intentions of Bjorn Frojd
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Isalina RIP
Wednesday 8 March	Of the 1st Week of Lent		Jon 3:1-10; Psalm 50; Luke 11:29-32
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Lockie McFarlane RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Private Intentions
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 9 March	Of the 1st Week of Lent		Esther 4:17; Psalm 137; Matthew 7:7-12
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	John and Sadie O'Sullivan 52nd Wedding Anniversary & Family
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Roger Hayes RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Carol Kidd RIP
Friday 10 March	Of the 1st Week of Lent		Ezek 18:21-28; Psalm 129; Matthew 5:20-26
	7:00 pm	St Bernadette	Station Mass
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 11 March	Of the 1st Week of Lent		Deut 26:16-19; Psalm 118; Matthew 5:43-48
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	João & Antónia Faria RIP
Saturday 11 March	First Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Sr Marie-Beryl Le Jehan RIP & Sisters at Le Perollier in Lyon
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Reg Allenet RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	All Souls
Sunday 12 March	Second Sunday of Lent		Gen 12:1-4; Psalm 32; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of Catholic Women's League
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Carlos and Maria Teles Intentions
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Stanley Lucas RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Norah Brown RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Special Intention
	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
The Welcome Centre	767997	thewelcomecentre@catholicchurch.org.je
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