



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

18/19 November 2017 ~ Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

How do you square a circle? I shall attempt to do this. Why? Because having already agreed that we designate this Sunday as Finance Sunday, I find that Pope Francis forgot to remind me that he has dedicated this Sunday as 'World Day of the Poor'.

Today's Parable of the Talents may help me square the circle by reflecting that the talents we have received from God are more than our ability to successfully play the piano or football. The most important talent we have received is the gift of faith, from which should flow love of others, desire to share our faith, generosity in sharing our money and willingness to serve others.

Traditionally, these things have been seen as Christian duties, not just as options if we felt like it, but it is surely our responsibility. We have three duties: firstly to our family, secondly to our church family, thirdly to our neighbour we do not know, i.e. 'the poor'.

So, unless we bury our talent, denying these three duties, turning in on our selfish selves, we need to budget our resources to fulfil our three obligations.

We will give our children what they need not what they want. If we are wise, we will enhance our giving to our church, by making a tax covenant. We can do the same for Cafod, the SVP and other charities. We can also make bequests in our wills.

Pope Francis urges us to take risks in using the talents. He writes *"Let us not be misled by fear, but reciprocate trust with trust. The Blessed Virgin Mary embodied this attitude in the most beautiful way. She received and welcomed the most sublime gift, Jesus himself and in turn, she offered him to mankind with a generous heart. Let us ask her to help us to be good and faithful servants in order to participate in the joy of our Lord"*.

**Father Nicholas**

## FINANCE SUNDAY THIS WEEKEND

Information will be given this weekend at every Mass on the finances of the parish over the last year. The report and figures will be displayed at the back of each church and is also available to read with a more detailed breakdown on the parish website [www.catholicchurch.org.je](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je) (on the homepage click on 'Administration' and then click on 'Finance'). At the end of Mass, members of the local Finance and Property Committees will be available, with standing order and covenant tax forms. We do ask you to consider seriously pledging your offertory to the church in this way. Thank you.

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# LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

## THE LAST OF THE SACRÉ COEUR SISTERS

Sister Ida, who died last week, worked at the Sacre Coeur Children's Home for 40 years from 1956 to 1996. Afterwards she helped in St Thomas' Presbytery for two afternoons a week, answering the phone and callers at the door. She was of great help to Father Nicholas. Her Funeral was on 15 November in Amiens, France. May she rest in peace.

## BLESSING OF GRAVES

The annual 'Blessing of the Graves' in the cemetery at St Matthieu, will take place on **Saturday 25 November** at 2pm. All are welcome.

## WEST - EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Deacon Brendan will be holding a formation session for the West area Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. All current ministers are encouraged to attend with a view to being recommissioned in this important ministry in the near future. The session will be at St Bernadette's Church starting at 10am on **Saturday 25 November**. It will last about two hours and will include a time of Eucharistic Adoration. Anyone unable to attend will have an opportunity to attend a second session on an alternative date if this is required.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST BERNDATTE'S CHURCH

Adoration will now take place before Mass each Friday at 11.30am.

## NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

National Youth Sunday offers us the opportunity to welcome young people into the heart of our parish community. **Youth from year 7 upwards are invited to join us for a 'Walk of Witness' followed by an International Mass celebration.** Meet at St Patrick's Church Hall at 1pm and bring a packed lunch – drinks and snacks will be provided. This event is also part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation programme. For more information about National youth Sunday visit [www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk) or 'like' the National Youth Sunday page on Facebook. If you are interested in being an Altar Server, Reader or Flag Bearer for the Mass, then please contact Moyra: [m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je/tel](mailto:m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je/tel) [07797787090](tel:07797787090) or [732583](tel:732583).



## ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT

For our Island Parish - hosted by the congregation of St Bernadette's on **Sunday 3 December** at 6pm. All are welcome to a traditional procession of light with Advent hymns and readings. It begins with the church in darkness and silence, broken by a solo voice, then joined by the St Bernadette's congregation choir and by everyone else as candles are lit until the church is filled with light and song. This is a great way to get into the spirit of Advent. mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards in the Hall. All family and friends are very welcome.

## WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

Meet on **Thursday 30 November** at 7.30pm in the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin.

## Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Emilia Mansell.

## Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Myra Cullinan, Mary Fulerton Ferns, Sheila Brodie and Alice Allan. May they rest in peace.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£896.13	£462.75
St Helier	£1489.00	£1044.96
West	£953.55	£521.42

This Sunday is 'World Day of the Poor' and there will be a second collection for the St Vincent de Paul Society on the third Sunday of Advent – **Sunday 17 December**.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## SACRED HEART FLOWERS

Sacred Heart Church is at risk of having no flowers at all and needs people to come forward to help with flower arrangements. Please call Christina on 863149 if you can help. Thank you.

## BINGO IN THE WEST

Next Bingo will be on **Thursday 23 November** in the hall at St Bernadette at 7.30pm.

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Tickets cost £1 and are on sale after Sunday Masses in the East from this weekend. The draw will take place after Mass on **Sunday 3 December** in the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin.



## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER

Come and support the Little Sisters of the Poor from 9.30am until 3.30pm for a fun filled Christmas Bazaar. All the usual stalls such as handicrafts, homemade jams, plants, toy stalls etc. Lunch will be served throughout the day and there will be raffle tickets on sale. All very welcome.



### **CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES TEAM**

Meet with the priests on **Tuesday 21 November** at 10.30am.

### **SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES MEETING**

Takes place on **Tuesday 21 November** at 7.30pm in Catholic Pastoral Services.

### **EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

Everyone is invited to the Christmas Lunch for the East of the Catholic Church, on **Sunday 17 December** at 1pm for 1.30pm at the Hotel Ambassadeur. Please come along and join us. Menus are now available at the back of East churches, please complete and return the tear off slip to your church office by **23 November**.

### **LADIES OF 'FLOWERS BY DESIGN' TEA PARTY**

The Guild of St Thomas' will be hosting a tea party for the ladies from 'Flowers by Design' to thank them for the incredible flower festival held in St Thomas' church last August. This will take place on **Friday 24 November** at 2.30pm at Catholic Pastoral Services.

### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

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**Faith Sharing for Families** - Each week we offer opportunities to support parents in bringing up their children in the Faith. We ask all parents to factor in these opportunities to their schedules:

**Mondays - Baby & Toddler Praise & Play** from 9.30am -11.30am at St Bernadette's Church Hall.

**Fridays - Family Faith & Fun** at St Thomas' Church Hall from **3.30pm - 5pm**, with games crafts and baby and toddler area. All children up to school year 6 are welcome. **Next Friday 24 November**, we will be preparing for the Feast of Christ the King.

We also offer regular events to help parents teach their children about the Faith. Please book the following dates into your diaries:

- **Friday 1 December – 'Advent Adventure' at 3.30pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Church Hall** - We will be making Advent Wreathes, Sacrifice Mangers, and all kinds of Advent goodies for your homes. Wreathes cost £5, Sacrifice Mangers cost £2 and donations for food and other items. We will also have second hand faith books on sale.
- **Sunday 17 December - Family Nativity and Bambellini Blessing at St Mary & St Peters Church at 2.30pm** - This year at the request of the Catholic Grandparents Association, 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 served and Christmas Raffle.

*We especially encourage families currently taking part in First Holy Communion Programmes to make these opportunities a priority.*

## **YOUTH NEWS**

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**YOUTH CONCERT** - **Sunday 10 December** at St Mary and St Peter's Church at 2pm - 4pm (including refreshments). Please come and support your youth.

**YOUTH 2000 THURSDAYS** 6.30pm - 8.30pm - Come and join in the 'Life in Christ' programme, including some time in Adoration.

**YOUTH ROOM OPEN FRIDAYS** - Come and join our preparations for our 'Giving Tree' Advent project and spend some time in prayer between 7pm and 10pm.



### **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** – every Thursday at 9am

**Sacred Heart, St Aubin** – every Wednesday at 6pm

**St Mary & St Peter** (in Polish) – every Friday at 8pm

**St Patrick** – every Tuesday - 7pm to 8pm

**St Thomas** – every Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 6pm

**St Bernadette** – every Friday at 11.30am (*before Mass*) from 24 November 2017

### **ROSARY**

**The Oasis of Peace** every Thursday at 9am

**Sacred Heart** every Wednesday at 7pm after Mass

**St Patrick** every Saturday at 9am before Mass

**St Thomas** every Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass

### **CONFESSION - SATURDAY**

**Sacred Heart** 5.15pm - 5.45pm

**St Patrick** after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass

**St Thomas** 11.30am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

or by arrangement with a priest

### **OASIS OF PEACE**

**Monday 20 November** 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings – an opportunity to read, reflect and pray using the reading for next Sunday.

**Thursday 23 November** 9am - Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea and coffee.

**Friday 24 November** 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 18 Nov</b>	<b>First Mass for the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Liz Forrest RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	John & Christopher Lakeman RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Baby Memorial Mass
<b>Sunday 19 Nov</b>	<b>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b><i>Prov 31:10-13.19-20.30-31; Psalm 127; 1 Thess 5:1-6</i></b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Nora & William Hendrick RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	João Teles RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbet RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Wedding Anniversary of the Franks
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Manuel and Conceição de Sousa 40th Wedding Anniversary, Francisco Gonçalves RIP, Maria Nunes RIP & André de Jesus Correia RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Reggie Simmons RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 20 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		<b><i>1 Mac 1:10-15.41-43.54-57.62-64; Psalm 118; Luke 18:35-43</i></b>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Bernadette Keany RIP
<b>Tuesday 21 Nov</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		<b><i>2 Mac 6:18-31; Psalm 3; Luke 19:1-10</i></b>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	For the souls who are close to Heaven
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Catherine Turner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	António Lima RIP
<b>Wednesday 22 Nov</b>	<b>St Cecilia</b>		<b><i>2 Mac 7:1.20-31; Psalm 16; Luke 19:11-28</i></b>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	For the welfare of the Christians in the Holy Land
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	All Souls
<b>Thursday 23 Nov</b>	<b>St Clement I</b>		<b><i>1 Mac 2:15-29; Psalm 49; Luke 19:41-44</i></b>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Roland Radiguet RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Feliciano Lourenco RIP
<b>Friday 24 Nov</b>	<b>St Andrew Dung-Lac &amp; Companions</b>		<b><i>1 Mac 4:36-37.52-59; 1 Chron 29:10-12; Luke 19:45-48</i></b>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Carolyn Tanner
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Edward and Ester Dean & Family RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 25 Nov</b>	<b>St Catherine of Alexandria</b>		<b><i>1 Mac 6:1-13; Psalm 9; Luke 20:27-40</i></b>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Myra Cullinan RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Angela Campbell RIP
<b>Saturday 25 Nov</b>	<b>First Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Frank Nicholson RIP
<b>Sunday 26 Nov</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>		<b><i>Ezek 34:11-12.15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Cor 15:20-26.28; Matthew 25:31-46</i></b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Peter Evans RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Sarah and Christopher Sparks RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Liam Lynn on his first anniversary RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	John Renouf RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Augusta de Jesus RIP, Margarida Baptista RIP, João Vieira Ventura RIP, José Vieira Ventura RIP, Maria and José dos Santos RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass for 35 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Regino and Claudia Briz-Regachuelo
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Little Sisters: Mass at 11am each weekday and 10.30am every Sunday.

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