



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island

10 February 2019 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C



It is that time of year again - First Confessions! Over the next few weeks, the Priests of Jersey, and I dare say many other places, will sit with many young people who, as a part of their preparation for receiving Holy Communion for the first time, will make their first confession. There will be many emotions, I'm sure, as they make their way nearer and nearer to the front of the queue. But, as Jesus says in this Sunday's Gospel, "*Do not be afraid.*"

If we think about it, it seems odd that as we approach the Lord for His forgiveness and healing, we are often afraid. Peter experienced this when, after the miraculous catch of fish, he realised that he was in the presence of someone very special - not merely any man, not just a prophet. He was in the presence of God. We are told that, when he realised this, he fell on his knees and said, "*Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.*" How many of us have said this when we have done something wrong and so become wary of being in God's holy presence? I know I

have, especially when in the queue for confession. And yet the Lord gently replies, "*Do not be afraid*". He said it to Peter, He will say it to the children making their first confessions and, when we come into His presence through prayer, He will say it to each one of us. Why?

When we come into the presence of God we naturally feel the urge to flee, as Peter did. He knew his shortcomings in the presence of God, but that is because the light of God shows us everything. As when we drive thinking our windscreens are perfectly clean, and then, when we turn towards the sun, we see every smudge, so it is with God. He shows us our smudges, not to condemn us, but to help us and show us how He can help. He tells us not to be afraid. There may be smudges, and we may be painfully aware of our limitations in His presence and light, but the point is, He is there, He is present, and He is there to help us. So do not be afraid.

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

CONTINUED CLOSURE OF ST THOMAS' CAR PARK

Due to wet and windy weather conditions affecting the maintenance work at St Thomas' Church, the car park site needs to remain closed until **next Friday 15 February**. During this time, the Church will be open for Mass times only. All sacramental programmes, which normally take place in the Hall, have been cancelled during this period as well as the language classes which take place in the Welcome Centre. We apologise for any inconvenience.

St Thomas' Church Hall will not be available for coffee or music rehearsals until the work is completed.

THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

A Mass to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes will be celebrated at St Thomas' Church this **Monday 11 February** at 12.15pm, with a Blessing of the Sick and a Procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel.

ROSARY AT SACRED HEART

From **Tuesday 12 February** at 9.30am there will be Rosary for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life at Sacred Heart Church on a weekly basis.

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Takes place on **Thursday 14 February** at 7.30pm at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

The International Rosary will be prayed on **Friday 15 February** at St Mary's and St Peter's Church at 8pm. Please come and pray with us for Peace in the World.



ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

Red and Blue Groups have been cancelled due to the maintenance work at St Thomas'. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 25 February**. *Please ensure all homework is completed for next session.*

FIRST RECONCILIATION (FIRST CONFESSION)

Will take place on **Saturday 23 February** at 9.30am in St Thomas' Church for all St Thomas' groups.

Baptism:

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Jack Abreu.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of

- ✚ Phyllis Theresa Palomba, aged 77, whose Funeral is at St Thomas' Church on **Tuesday 12 February** at 12.15pm;
- ✚ David Rabet, whose funeral is at Little Sisters of the Poor on **Wednesday 13 February** at 11am;
- ✚ Vivian Durham Waite, aged 88, whose funeral is at Sacred Heart Church on **Friday 15 February** at 10am;
- ✚ Terence Smith, aged 68, whose funeral is at Our Lady, St Martin's Church on **Tuesday 12 February** at 10am;
- ✚ Georgette Maccioni, aged 93, *funeral details to be advised.*

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – **Monday 11 February - 7pm.**

Adoration & Rosary – **Thursday 14 February** – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 9am. Tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass.

Morning Prayer - **Friday 15 February - 6.30am.**

CATHOLIC YOUTH ASSEMBLY

This weekend our Catholic Youth Assembly will be visiting each Mass in the West to introduce some of the youth stewards, as well as to sell Grand Spring Draw Raffle Tickets in aid of Youth and Family Life Ministry. Can all tickets previously taken to sell from our town churches please have named stubs, unsold tickets and money returned to churches by 9/10 February or to CPS by 15 February. Thank you for all your support.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the Apostleship during

the month of February are: Evangelisation – Human Trafficking - *For a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

VACANCIES

SUPPORT WORKER FOR CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES

We are seeking an enthusiastic motivated person for an administrative role to support the Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries with the daily running of Catholic Pastoral Services. The role will include some involvement to support the many opportunities we offer for all ages, including families, children and young people. Primarily based at Catholic Pastoral Services there will be a need to work across the parish as required. The role is 25 hours weekly: Mondays - Thursdays 9am - 2pm and Fridays 1pm - 6pm with some flexibility as agreed with notice. *This is not a term time only role.*

CLEANER FOR CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES

We would like to appoint a cleaner for Catholic Pastoral Services for three hours a week. The post holder will be responsible for general cleaning duties. The successful applicant will need to demonstrate a good practical attitude. You must be able to work with a variety of staff and have an approachable personality. The successful candidate must be open to the welcoming nature of CPS and also understand the need for confidentiality for people you may encounter. Hours would need to be flexible according to the varied uses of the building.

For more information about either vacancy please contact Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.ie / 07797742767. **Closing date: 22 February**

ST PATRICK'S TABLE TOP SALE 23/24 FEBRUARY

Please leave any donations for the Table Top Sale in the box provided at the back of St Patrick's Church. We are also in need of raffle prizes. All proceeds to go towards funding people's Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Thank you.

THE REAL EASTER EGG

There is new version of the Easter story inside each box, the Original and Dark eggs are now plastic free. Please consider buying an extra egg to donate to the SVP food bank. Full details and order forms are available at the back of each Church or from the Catholic Gift Shop at the Caritas Welcome Centre.

Orders to be received no later than Monday 11 March.

PANCAKE PARTY SUPPER & QUIZ



A Pancake Party Supper & Quiz will take place in St Thomas' Church Hall on **Saturday 16 February** at 7.30pm – All Families welcome.

This event is in aid of Youth and Family Life Ministry. Please bring your own drinks and cups. There will be games and our Grand Spring Draw Raffle will be drawn. Tombola- proceeds to be shared with the St Vincent de Paul Society.

Tickets: Adults £5 and Children under 12 years £3 booking forms are in each Church. Pre booking is essential for food orders so please email Mary Cahill your choices by no later than Sunday 10 February:

Crepes or Galettes (GF) £5 each - Select toppings: Lemon, sugar, Nutella, caramel, jam, honey.

Savoury Galette (GF) £7 each - Select topping: egg & cheese, ham & cheese, sausage & cheese, ham cheese & egg. Post forms and cheques to Mary Cahill at Catholic Pastoral Services, 19 Val Plaisant, St Helier JE2 4TA email: m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
Cheques payable to JaCy.

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help. We will organise a meeting in March to discuss our plans.

CATHOLIC PARISH IN JERSEY PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI - 11 - 21 OCTOBER 2019

Led by Canon Dominic Golding

10 nights half board

£1,600pp sharing twin room

Single rooms at a supplement

Contact Deacon Iain or Cheryl:

email: blessings41@gmail.com

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MARRIAGE YOUTH AND FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill coordinator of Pastoral Ministries: email m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je tel: 07797742767.

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.

We need help with our family playgroups to be able to keep them running. We would like rotas for setting up and helping with activities plus help with snacks and clearing up afterwards. Please contact Mary if you can help.

Praise & Play Group meet on Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's.

Friday Faith & Fun – for babies, toddlers and primary age children – **Closed until Friday 8 March.**

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

next meet on **Friday 15 February** at 11am - 12.15pm at Catholic Pastoral Services followed by Mass.

JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC YOUTH

(JaCy) Invites all young people year7+ to a wide range of opportunities. We have a youth room above St Thomas' Church Hall open each Friday at 7pm - 10pm for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer together. We have snacks available so bring some money. Football, table tennis and much more is available in a safe environment. We welcome parents to come and visit for more information. **Closed until Friday 15 February. Please check our Facebook page for confirmation we are open.**

TOGETHER ON TUESDAYS - 6.30pm - 8.30pm - **Closed until Tuesday 26 February when it re-opens with the theme 'Life in Christ'.**

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	Cash	Planned Giving
East	£888.93	£462.75
St Helier	£1390.00	£1,096.37
West	£1,022.31	£521.42

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - SECOND COLLECTION

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice. This is to raise awareness of our responsibility to eradicate racial discrimination in all its forms within the church and wider society. The focus of the Sunday this year is the exploitation of workers – both migrant workers in general and particularly victims of trafficking and slavery.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 9 Feb	First Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Jacques Birrel RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mimi Delbaere RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Barry Burns RIP
Sunday 10 Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Ricardo & Janet Kierulf RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Curtin Family RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbett RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Anthony Martin RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	The People of the Parish
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Andrea Correira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Brosnan Family RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 11 Feb	Our Lady of Lourdes <i>Optional Memorial</i>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Our Lady of Lourdes
Tuesday 12 Feb	Feria		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Janet Walker RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Phyliss Theresa Palomba RIP
Wednesday 13 Feb	Feria		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Daniel David Rabet RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Maria Candida De Canha RIP
Thursday 14 Feb	St Cyril & St Methodius		
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Josè De Sousa Agrela RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Friday 15 Feb	Feria		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	In Memory of Tara O'Brien RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Antonio Dos Passos Agrela RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
Saturday 16 Feb	Our Lady on Saturday		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Jordao Cassiano RIP
Saturday 16 Feb	First Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Stefania Webb RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria Isabel Coito Sardinha RIP
Sunday 17 Feb	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		<i>Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Thanksgiving for 29th Wedding Anniversary for Bernadette & Arlindo Nascimento
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Jose Joao Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Neill Clively RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Our Lady of Fatima
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Martinho dos Santos & Martina Vieira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Domingues Daniel Mendes Vieira RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

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 – Tues at 9.30am & Wed at 7pm after Mass
 St Patrick – Sat at 9am before Mass
 St Thomas - Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass
 St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
 St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm



Eucharistic



Adoration

