



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island

Sunday 24 February 2019 ~ Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time ~ Year C

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



The subject of what should be done with the enemies of the democratic state was very much in the lime light this past week with the case of Shamima Begum, the teenage girl who left the UK in 2015 to join the Islamic State

group in Syria. She now wants to return to the UK, the country of her birth, so that she can raise her new born son in a peaceful and safe environment. Just the sort of environment which the Islamic State Group seems so intent on destroying and replacing with something less democratic and peaceful.

When first interviewed Shamina showed no regret about going out to join this group and showed very little emotion upon describing seeing "beheaded heads" in bins and that this "did not faze her". Then later in the week after giving birth to her son, she had changed her mind and was seeking forgiveness from the British people for what she had done.

What should be done with Shamima Begum, the British media have been asking? There have been a variety of responses in the discussions concerning her request. I wonder how you have responded to this story? It has certainly challenged me this past week.

This story came to mind as I read this Sunday's Gospel. Jesus instructs his disciples and that includes us, in perhaps his most challenging of commandments to love your enemy and to pray for those who persecute you. As Christians we are tasked with being witnesses of Christ in the world, and that means loving as Jesus loved others. Responding to hate with compassion, empathy, and mercy is a very difficult thing to do. Yet Christ calls us to forgive others, even as the other persecutes us and hates us. Adopting this way of living is not easy.

It will be interesting to see how a post-Christian democracy like the UK deals with Shamima Begum's request. I wonder what the real story is behind Shamima Begum?

Fr Ross Bullock

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## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

### Welcome back

It was lovely to see Fr Daniel Etienne of Lancaster Diocese over recently to visit his family. This Sunday we welcome back Fr Colm Cahill of the Archdiocese of New Orleans who is visiting his family and who will offer this Sunday's 0930 Mass at St Matthew's Church.

### This week at The Oasis of Peace

- Preparation for the Sunday Readings: Monday 25 February - 7pm.
- Adoration & Rosary: Thursday 28 February – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 9am. Tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass.
- Morning Prayer - Friday 1 March - 6.30am  
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### Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- Filomena Cecila De Sousa, aged 75 and whose funeral will be held at St Thomas on Monday 4th March at 12.15.
- Anita Martinengo, aged 83 and whose funeral details are to be arranged.
- Canon Dermot McDermot-Roe, aged 92, priest of our Diocese who was for many years parish priest of St Boniface, Southampton.

### Weekday Evening Masses

Don't forget we now offer in addition to our lunchtime daily Masses in the parish two weekday evening Masses at 6.30pm on Wednesday and Friday at Sacred Heart Church, St Aubin's with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 6pm and Rosary after Mass.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### Bishop's Pastoral Letter

Available to read this weekend from the back of our churches with video and audio versions currently available at the diocesan website: [www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

### Table Top Sale at St Patrick's Church

This weekend is the Table Top sale at St Patrick's. Everyone is invited to come along and buy raffle tickets and lovely things. All proceeds to go towards funding people's Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

### Knights of St Columba

Will join us at the 1215 Mass at St Thomas this Saturday during which their new officers will be installed. Their Ball will take place next Saturday evening (2<sup>nd</sup> March) at the Pomme D'Or Hotel.

### Finance Sunday

Next Sunday our Parish Finance Committee will make available a summary of last year's parish accounts and a brief presentation about them will be made at the end of our Sunday Masses.

### Grand Spring Draw & Pancake Party

Thank you to everyone who came along to last weekend's Pancake Party and to all of you who bought tickets for the draw in aid of Youth & Family Ministry. We are pleased to announce the winning tickets were 1st Prize 02271, 2nd Prize 02184 3rd Prize 00127 4th Prize 01030. Winners have been notified. Funds raised £2221 so well done to JaCy for organising it and for providing Fr Benjamin with a lovely birthday cake, baked by one of their members.

### The Real Easter Egg

There is a new version of the Easter story inside each box and the original and dark eggs are now plastic free. Please consider buying an extra egg to donate to our parish SVP Food Bank. Full details and order forms are available at the back of our churches or from the Catholic Gift Shop at the Caritas Welcome Centre at St Thomas'. Orders to be received no later than 11 March.

### Family fast day: Friday 15th March

This is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15th March can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat? Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>

### All Island Parish lunch

This is being organised to take place on Sunday 12 May at the Hotel Ambassadeur. Further details and booking forms to follow. For more details please contact Rosemarie Hill direct, Friends of St Thomas.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

From 13-21 September. £790 sharing and £180 single supplement for 9 days Staying at Hotel Ste Rose just a few minutes' walk from the Sanctuary. Travelling by boat and coach with night stops staying in a seaside hotel in St Palais sur Mer. We take part in the Anglo - Irish Pilgrimage and already have a number of confirmed bookings and only a limited number of places so if you want to know more please call Deanna as soon as possible on 638973 for more details.

### Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi

Led by Canon Dominic. 10 night's half board £1,600pp sharing twin room. Single rooms at a supplement. Come and pray at places associated with SS Peter & Paul & St Francis of Assisi. To book a place please contact Deacon Iain or Cheryl MacFirbhisigh by email: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto:blessings41@gmail.com) or Tel: 725963

### Offertory Collections

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday's offertory of £5282.85 made up of cash: East: £853, West: £840.24 and St Helier: £1463 and Planned Giving: East £462.75; West: £521.42 and St Helier: £1142.44. Also last week's second collection marking Racial Justice Sunday which totalled £870.08.

## St Thomas Church Clock

As lots of you have pointed out, the clock in the tower stopped working several weeks ago. Those able to repair it can't come to Jersey until June so alas, until then the clock will continue to be stuck at 0945.

## Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage led by Bishop Philip is now half-full - so if you are thinking of going, please act soon! The 5 day pilgrimage is from 25- 29th July 2019 with 4 nights' accommodation near the Grotto in the Hotel La Solitude. We fly from Southampton to Bordeaux, then there is a coach transfer from there to Lourdes. The cost, which includes breakfast, lunch and dinner each day with a full pilgrimage programme, facilitated by Joe Walsh Tours in conjunction with the Diocese of Portsmouth, is £645. This also includes the usual airline taxes and charges, UK government levy and Lourdes city tax. In conjunction with the main pilgrimage is our diocesan youth pilgrimage. The youth will be leading some of the liturgies and generally assisting, as well as having their own programme of formation, prayer and fun. The youth pilgrimage lasts 7 days from Wednesday 24th to Tuesday 30th July and travels by coach. They will be staying with us in Hotel La Solitude. The youth pilgrimage costs £475 per person. For more details, contact Fr. PJ Smith on 07780 221686 or by e-mail at [fatherpj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk](mailto:fatherpj@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

## 2020 - Year of the Bible

The God Who Speaks: A Year of the Word. This is advance notice about a Year of the Bible to be held in the Church in England and Wales next year to mark the 10th anniversary of *Verbum Domini* - Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord' and the 1,600th anniversary of St Jerome's death.. In 2020 we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new initiative. It will be an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to The God who Speaks. Throughout the year, there will be a range of events, activities and creative resources to participate in. To enable participation each diocese has been asked to appoint a Scripture Champion to act as bridge builders between the dioceses and the national planning team. Bishop Philip hopes later this year to take up this theme in a Pastoral Letter to help us all prepare for the Year, give new energy to the Ministry of Reader in our parishes and encourage us all to study the Word of God in the holy scriptures.

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## MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

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### Flame

Please pray for Fr Benjamin, Mary and the other adults and young group of our parish who are travelling this Friday to take part in Flame, the largest annual gathering in the UK of young Catholics which takes place next Saturday at Wembley Arena, London.

### Help needed

We need help with our family playgroups to be able to keep them running. We would like help in organising rotas for setting up, helping with activities and snacks and help with clearing up.

### Praise and Play Group

meets on Monday, 9.30-11.30am at St Bernadette's.

### Friday, Faith and Fun

Re-opens Friday 8 March, 3.30-5.30pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall.

### Catholic Grandparents Association

Next meet on Friday 8 March at 11am -12.15pm at Catholic Pastoral Services followed by Mass.

### Jersey Association of Catholic Youth (JaCy)

Invites all young people year 7+ to a wide range of faith filled opportunities. We have a youth room above St Thomas' Hall. Come along and see.

### Together on Tuesdays

Tuesday 26 February, 6.30-8.30pm in St Thomas' Hall. Bring money for hotdogs & pizza. Social time included to chill with friends. This week's theme is 'Life in Christ'.

### JaCy Fridays

7- 10pm for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer. 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 Friday 1 March*

*Please feel welcome to 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.*

# This week's Parish Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 23 Feb</b>	<b>First Mass for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Colin Peter Troy RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Angela Harrison RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	(Gertie) Gertrude McClymont
<b>Sunday 24 Feb</b>	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>1 Samuel 26:2,7-9 12-13.22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Luke 6:27-38</b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Jane & Ricardo Kierulf RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Joao Ferreira RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthew	Sadie O'Driscoll
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Giovanni Dibella RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Sarah and Noel Sparks RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Fatima Serrao and Beatrice Fortnato RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
<b>Monday 25 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Angela Harrison RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Intentions of Fr David Sillince
<b>Tuesday 26 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Simon Priestly RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Intentions of Jimmy Spriggs (70th Birthday)
<b>Wednesday 27 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Joao De Sousa Agrela RIP
<b>Thursday 28 Feb</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	9:30 am	St Matthew	<i>No Mass today</i>
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
<b>Friday 1 March</b>	<b>St David</b>		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Clements Schmidal RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Joao Hipolito Camacho RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
<b>Saturday 2 March</b>	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Priest's intention
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving for the Knights of St Columba
<b>Saturday 2 March</b>	<b>First Mass for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Patricia Paddock RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	The People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Philomenia Quinn RIP
<b>Sunday 3 March</b>	<b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Sirach 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45</b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Deceased members of the Baxter & Jordan Families
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	PJ and EM Hardiman RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthew	Jackie, Anthony, Kieran and Christopher Durbano RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Kevin & Patrice Romeril Ruby Wedding Anniversary
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Noel and Sarah Sparks RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Denis Audrain RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Alice Camozzi RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>



## 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 - 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



## SAINT FOR THE WEEK

### St Walburga: 25th February

She was born in Devon to devout parents – her father on setting out on pilgrimage to the Holy Land entrusted her to the nuns of Wimborne Abbey. She spent 26 years there, becoming a member and training in medicine. Her mother's brother was St Boniface, the apostle of Germany. He co-opted his niece to help him in his missionary work. Later she was chosen as abbess of Heidenheim, a monastery of monks and nuns. She died in 779 and is buried in Eichstatt, the diocese founded by her brother who like his sister, another brother and their father are all now saints – what a holy family they must all have been.