



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

24 & 25 March 2018 ~ Palm Sunday ~ Year B

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

### Palm Sunday

And so we come to Palm Sunday and the commencement of Holy Week, which marks not only the climax of the Lenten season but also the high point of the Church year. Today we have two Gospels rather than just one. Given that The Gospel of Mark has been described as 'a passion narrative with a long introduction' and our second Gospel to be read today is Mark's account of the Passion of our Lord, then all too often our first Gospel is overlooked.

This is a great pity since Jesus deliberately acts out a passage from the Old Testament as he enters Jerusalem at the commencement of this momentous week, 'Shout with gladness Jerusalem your king comes to you; humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey' (Zechariah 9:9). If Jesus has gone to the trouble of acting out this ancient passage, then it must be significant enough for us to seriously consider and reflect upon.

Jesus had visited Jerusalem on other occasions, but not like this. Only last Friday during our station Mass at St Matthieu we

heard of Jesus going to Jerusalem in private, because he did not wish to draw attention to himself. But now in this triumphal entry into Jerusalem He receives the acclamation of the crowd and shows that He is their longed for King, The Messiah. However, in choosing to act out this passage, Jesus demonstrates how his Kingship is different to the popular understanding, for He is a humble servant King. *Humbler even to accepting death, death on a cross*, the most brutal punishment and abject humiliation possible.

But actually both of our Gospels show Jesus as King. His death upon the cross was not a defeat and humiliation but victory over the powers of sin and death. The cross, a symbol of oppression, becomes the ultimate sign of God's love for us and also teaches us how we should seek to live by seeking to follow lives of humble service in accordance with the will of God. As we enter into Holy Week it would do us all no harm to consider and reflect whether we have followed the lead and example of our King, the humble servant.

*Deacon David*

### PARISH PENITENTIAL SERVICE THIS MONDAY

At St Mary & St Peter's Church on **26 March** at 7pm with the opportunity for individual Confession. Parking available at SMP and Beaulieu.



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We have now entered that period of the Church's Year called Passiontide, or late-Lent, when our thoughts are very much focused on the events of Holy Week and Our Lord's Passion, suffering and death on the Cross for our salvation. Please remember that Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

### CHRISM MASS IN PORTSMOUTH

#### TUESDAY 27 MARCH

On Tuesday our Priests and some Deacons will join Bishop Philip and the clergy of our diocese, to celebrate the Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Here the Bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism - which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. *The only Mass being celebrated on the Island that day will be at the Little Sisters of the Poor at 11am.*



### EASTER TRIDIUM

Please remember to take a copy of the Holy Week and Easter Mass and Liturgy times leaflet with all the times of Masses, Stations of the Cross, Solemn Liturgies of the Lord's Passion, Easter Vigil Masses and Easter Day Masses. *Times are also available on our website: [www.catholicchurch.org.je](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je)*

### ADORATION AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will finish for Easter on **Friday 23 March** and recommence on **Wednesday 4 April**.

### OASIS OF PEACE

**Monday 26 March**- 6.30pm - Stations of the Cross  
**Tuesday 27 March**- 2pm – 4pm - Afternoon of Adoration.  
**Wednesday 28 March**- 5pm - Evening Prayer.  
**Maundy Thursday 29 March** – 9am Adoration & Rosary and at 9pm until Midnight Watching at the altar of repose.  
**Friday 30 March** – 7pm – 9pm - Prayer around the Cross.  
**Saturday 31 March** – 9.30am Office of Readings & Morning Prayer.

### EASTER SERVICE FOR JERSEY COLLEGE FOR GIRLS

Fr Nicholas welcomes JCG students to St Thomas' Church for their end of term Easter Service at 2pm on **Monday 26 March**.

### LENT LUNCHES IN ST THOMAS' AT 12 NOON

The final Lent lunch will be served on **Wednesday 28 March**. All funds raised will go to CAFOD.

### Baptism

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Gianni Curmaci.

### Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Joseph Rooney and Donald Treanor. May they rest in peace.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### SPIRIT ON THE ROCK 2018

'Be The Light' 10th Anniversary - Spirit On The Rock 2018 restores the old format of off island speakers, activities, overnight community spirit with prayer and formation. 21/22 April hosted at St Mary & St Peter's Church, Wellington Hill, together with Beaulieu School.

We invite all young Catholics year 7+ to join us from 8.30am Saturday until 1.15pm Sunday for an action packed, faith filled witness to faith. Together with our 1st year confirmation candidates with our 2nd years alongside, we ask other young Catholics to register using the packs in the churches. For more information see the packs. We are hopefully joined by our neighbours from Guernsey.

Calling our adults: To make this work, as it has done in the past, we need willing volunteers: DBS checked adults from our Church to help care for the participants, help with shopping, admin, cooking and catering, registration, security, walk stewards, drivers and so much more. Please contact [m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je) to help and [m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je) to participate. We also need cakes please and most of all prayers.



### THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN

The World Meeting of Families - A pilgrimage for all ages, married, single, with or without children, young adult or teenage as well as grandparents, aunts and uncles. This pilgrimage is being led by Fr Benjamin. We hope each church will help at least one family and teenager to attend. Pope Francis will be attending this meeting.

We need to fundraise to make this possible. Please could you take a jar from the back of church and fill with coins. These can be returned to any of the youth team at any of the Masses, dropped into Catholic Pastoral Services for the attention of Moyra or dropped into the Youth Room at St Thomas's Hall on a Friday evening from 7pm. Monies will go towards supporting the young members of our parish to represent us.

### AN ISLAND PARISH LUNCH SUNDAY 29 APRIL

Takes place at the Hotel Ambassadeur in St Clement. It is being organised by the Friends of St Thomas'. Letters with menu and information about purchasing tickets are now available at the back of each church. Please purchase your tickets asap. If anyone can donate to the raffle please contact Rosemarie on 854281. Thank you.

### DATE FOR YOUR DIARY IN JUNE

FCJ Past Pupils' Association are holding a soirée to mark the school's 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on **Friday 15 June** at Government House commencing at 6.30pm. To purchase tickets please contact Carole-Anne Robins tel: 864407.

## YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux  
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

*Youth Room - Closed for Easter. We will reopen in the summer term. Watch this space for exciting plans.*

*We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the Easter Liturgies being held in all our churches.*

**Musicians and Singers** - We are interested in hearing from you if you would like to become part of a Youth Music Group. Please contact Moyra: m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je or come on a Friday evening to get more information.



### SPONSORED WALK THIS BANK HOLIDAY

#### MONDAY FOR APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AOS)

Please come and join our Sponsored 'Walk on Water' to France, on **Monday 7 May**, in support of Seafarers, at St Catherine's Breakwater starting at 9am until 2pm. The Parish Clergy will be taking part in the walk and are looking for sponsorship. Members of AOS and Knights of St Columba (KSC) will be collecting sponsorship for our Clergy walkers after all Island Sunday Masses from 7/8 April to Sunday 6 May. 80% of Proceeds will go to the AOS, GB to support our work locally and the UK, and 20% to KSC Jersey Charities Fund. Sponsorship forms are available from the back of each church.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£806.10	£462.75
St Helier	£1,726.00	£1,090.60
West	£1,001.66	£521.42

### COLLECTION ON GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

As Christians in the Middle East continue to suffer innumerable hardships, the Good Friday Collection will benefit Christian communities in the Holy Land.

The collections at all Easter Masses are your gifts to our priests, as a sign of our appreciation for their ministry throughout the year.

### THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP AT THE WELCOME CENTRE.....

Have in stock very reasonably priced Easter Cards and Friends of the Holy Land Easter Donation Gift Vouchers.

*The Gift Shop will be closed from 29 March and will re-open on Sunday 8 April.*

The Welcome Centre will be *closed on Good Friday and will re-open on Tuesday 3 April.*

Catholic Pastoral Services will be *closed on Thursday 29 March until Monday 16 April (inclusive).*

A double newsletter will be printed on Wednesday 28 March which will cover both Easter weekend and the weekend of 7 and 8 April.

*For the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Confession, please see church notice boards.*

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 24 March</b>			
<b>First Mass for Palm Sunday</b>			
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Antonio de Jesus Dos Passos RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Jones O'Leary & Sean & Caitlin MacAmhlaioish RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Virginia Hogan RIP
<b>Sunday 25 March</b>			
<b>Palm Sunday</b>			
<b><i>Mk11:1-10; Is 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Phil 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47</i></b>			
	8:45 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Jim Kearns RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Peter and Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Dennis Gouedard RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Mario Dugini RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Jordão Cassiano RIP, Domingos Nóbrega RIP, João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, Xavier dos Reis RIP and Zélia Mendonça RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Teresa Baptista Freitas RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 26 March</b>			
<b>Of Holy Week</b>			
<b><i>Is 42:1-7; Psalm 26; John 12:1-11</i></b>			
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Pamela Tod RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
<b>Tuesday 27 March</b>			
<b>Of Holy Week</b>			
<b><i>Is 49:1-6; Psalm 70; John 13:21-33.36-38</i></b>			
<b>NO MASS – Clergy in Portsmouth for Chrism Mass</b>			
<b>Wednesday 28 March</b>			
<b>Spy Wednesday</b>			
<b><i>Is 50:4-9; Psalm 68; Matthew 26:14-25</i></b>			
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
<b>Thursday 29 March</b>			
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>			
<b><i>Ex 12:1-8.11-14; Psalm 115; 1 Cor 11:23-26; John 13:1-15</i></b>			
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Family Mass of the Lord's Supper
	6:00 pm	St Bernadette	Family Mass of the Lord's Supper
	6:15 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Family Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8:00 pm	St Matthieu	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8:00 pm	St Thomas	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8:00 pm	Our Lady, St Martin	Mass of the Lord's Supper
	8:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Polish - Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday 30 March</b>			
<b>Good Friday</b>			
<b><i>Is 52:13-53:12; Psalm 30; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42</i></b>			
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
	10:00 am	St Bernadette	Children's' Stations of the Cross
	10:30am	St Thomas	Stations of the Cross
	10:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Children's' Stations of the Cross
	11:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Children's' Stations of the Cross
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Children's' Stations of the Cross
	11:00 am	St Matthieu	Stations of the Cross
	3:00 pm	St Bernadette	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	3:00 pm	St Thomas	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	3:00 pm	Our Lady, St Martin	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	3:00 pm	St Patrick	Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
	7:00 pm	The Oasis of Peace/St Matthieu	Prayer Around the Cross by Candlelight
	7:00 pm	St Thomas	Polish - Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
<b>Saturday 31 March</b>			
<b>Holy Saturday</b>			
<b><i>Gen 1:1-2:2; Psalm 103;</i></b>			
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
<b>Saturday 31 March</b>			
<b>Vigil Mass for the Resurrection of the Lord</b>			
<b><i>Rom 6:3-11; Psalm 117; Mark 16:1-7</i></b>			
	8:00 pm	St Patrick	Easter Vigil Mass
	8:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Easter Vigil Mass
	8:30 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish - Easter Vigil Mass
	9:00 pm	St Thomas	Easter Vigil Mass
<b>Sunday 1 April</b>			
<b>Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>			
<b><i>Acts 10:34.37-43; Psalm 117; Col 3:1-4; John 20:1-9</i></b>			
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	The People of the Parish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St Patrick	The People of the Parish
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	The People of the Parish
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	12 noon	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese – The People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	6:30 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish