



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island

Sunday 3 February 2019 ~ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"... comfort one another with assurances of faith ..."

St Paul is really wonderful and his letters so appropriate and full of helpful guidance. Today's extract from his First Letter to the Corinthians will be familiar to many as it is a favourite choice for weddings. But I first heard it when I was 12 at my father's funeral! Love has to be the foundation of all human relationships if they are truly to reflect the intention of the Creator. Love is the basis of Christianity; Jesus goes to the cross simply out of love and commands us to do the same - "... as I have loved you so must you love one another." (John 15:12) Loving God and our neighbour is the fundament of Christianity.

Death viewed according to the senses can terrify and does cause fear; but when viewed with the eyes of faith, it consoles and becomes desirable, "*At the end of our labours death is the consummation of victory, the gate of life.*" (St Bernard of Clairvaux). Anyone who wishes to see God must necessarily pass through this gate. Interestingly, Death was never part of God's original plan. Death exists because of the intransigence of man - sadly, we rarely admit this fact.

The human mind can struggle with death. But St Paul, in that beautiful passage about Love, points out, "*... Our knowledge, is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes all imperfect things will disappear ... The knowledge I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.*" (1 Cor: 13).

In the Prayer of Committal during the Funeral Liturgy, we pray, "*Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers: open gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ ...*"

Or as St Paul puts it in another of his letters, "*Only faith can guarantee of the blessings we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present time remain unseen.*" (Heb 11:1).

This is the message of hope and love that we as Christians, people of faith, have the calling to proclaim. The promise of Jesus Christ that Eternal Life is His gift - freely available to all who ask!

Deacon Iain

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CLOSURE OF ST THOMAS' CAR PARK

Due to wet weather conditions affecting the maintenance work at St Thomas' Church, the car park will remain closed until next **Saturday 9 February**. During this time, the church will be open for Mass times only. For weekend Masses please use the car park at St Mary & St Peter's Church or Minden Place. 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. Please accept our apologies for any inconvenience.

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

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

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 on **Monday 11 February** at 12.15pm with Blessing of the Sick and Procession to Our Lady of Lourdes Chapel.



ROSARY AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

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

WEEKDAY MASSES

As advertised previously we will from this week try out our revised weekday Mass schedule. This provision ensures two Masses every weekday when sufficient priests are available. When, as sometimes happens, only one priest is available, the Mass retained will usually be the 12.15pm at St Thomas'. Please see the back page of the newsletter for the revised times.

SILVER JUBILEE

Canon Dominic celebrates his silver jubilee of priestly ordination on **26 June**. It is the custom of the seminary, where he trained, to invite their jubilarians each February to a Thanksgiving Mass. He will be away at this on Tuesday of this week.

ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

Green and Purple Groups – the meeting this **Monday 4 February has been cancelled** due to the ongoing maintenance work at St Thomas' Church. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 18 February**. *Please ensure all homework is completed for your next session.*

Red and Blue Groups meet on **Monday 11 February**.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – **Monday 4 February - 7pm.**

Adoration & Rosary – **Thursday 7 February – 8.45am** before 9.30am Mass in St Matthieu.

Morning Prayer - **Friday 8 February - 6.30am.**

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

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

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of Mrs Vivian Durham-Waite whose Requiem Mass will take place on **Friday 15 February at 10am** at Sacred Heart Church.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CATHOLIC YOUTH ASSEMBLY VISITS

This weekend our Catholic Youth Assembly are visiting each Mass in the East to introduce some of the youth stewards as well as to sell Grand Spring Draw Tickets in aid of Youth and Family Life Ministry. Please do support them. Can all tickets taken to sell at last weekend's Masses in Town please return named stubs, unsold tickets and money by **9/10 February** to the boxes at the back of the Church. Boxes are to be locked away after each Mass. Thank you.

Next weekend the youth will be visiting the churches in the West.

SCHOOL CATECHISTS MEETING

All school catechists are invited to a meeting on **Tuesday 12 February** at 7pm in Catholic Pastoral Services.

ST PATRICK'S TABLE TOP SALE 23/24 FEBRUARY

Do you have any unwanted Christmas gifts? If so, please consider donating them to the Table Top Sale. We are also in need of raffle prizes. Please leave donations in the collection box at the back of St Patrick's church. All proceeds will go towards helping to fund a parishioner's Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

PANCAKE PARTY SUPPER & QUIZ

You are invited to a Pancake Party Supper & Quiz Night on **Saturday 16 February** in St Thomas' Hall commencing at 7.30pm. Please bring your own drinks and cups. All proceeds are to be shared between Youth and Family Life Ministry and the St Vincent de Paul Society. The Grand Spring Draw Raffle will be drawn at this event.

To book a table for family and friends please take a form from the back of each church. Please return with cheques to Mary Cahill at: Catholic Pastoral Services, 19 Val Plaisant, St Helier JE2 4TA, by **Saturday 9 February** – *Cheques should be payable to JaCy.*



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

UK Training and Support Days: Saturday 30 March, 10am to 2.30pm at St James, Reading OR Saturday 15 June, 10am to 2.30pm at St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford.

Book a place through the Diocesan E-news: <http://www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk/enews/issue214.php>

MARRIAGE YOUTH & 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.

Can you help with our family playgroups to keep them running? We would like to set up rotas for helping with activities - including 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 in St Bernadette's Hall.



FRIDAY FAMILY FAITH & FUN - in St Thomas' Hall - *Closed until Friday 8 March* - We will re-open with a new format and hopefully more help for babies, toddlers and primary age children.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION - next meet on **Friday 8 March** (*please note change of date*) at 11am at Catholic Pastoral Services followed by 12.15pm Mass in St Thomas' Church.



JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC YOUTH - *Closed until Friday 15 February*.

TOGETHER ON TUESDAYS - *Closed until Tuesday 12 February at 6.30pm - 8.30pm when it re-opens with Youth St Vincent de Paul (YSVP)* - Bring money for hotdogs & pizza. Come and explore God's word with music and discussion. Social time included to chill with friends.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

Come and join Canon Dominic on Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi
11 - 21 October 2019

For full details contact Deacon Iain or Cheryl
email: blessings41@gmail.com
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or The Catholic Gift Shop in the Welcome Centre

LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Thank you to everyone who has offered to help to form a monthly group for those people living with dementia. A meeting will be organised in March to discuss plans. Please contact Mary Cahill at Catholic Pastoral Services if you would like more information: 732583.

BEAULIEU GCSE OPTIONS EVENING -

Takes place on **Tuesday 26 February**, at 7pm in St Mary and St Peter's Church. Come and learn about the three-year GCSE programme, beginning in Year 9, which provides every opportunity to succeed in an academically inclusive and supportive environment. For further information on this GCSE evening, or on possible vacancies in other year groups, please contact the Registrar, Mrs Whyte, on 731280 or whytea@beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk.



KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA GRAND BALL - SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2019

At the Pomme D'Or Hotel.

Have you bought your tickets yet? Booking forms are available at the back of all churches. Please post forms with payment or drop off to Catholic Pastoral Services, For more information please contact Brother Paul Cowieson: 07797716526.

Please note the booking form has the incorrect date on - please contact Danny O hEarchai on 07829703774 if you'd like a booking from emailed to you or further clarification on the date, thank you.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	Cash	Second Collection	Planned Giving
East	£870.77	£360.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1494.00	£590.00	£1113.60
West	£929.58	£287.20	£521.42

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