



The Catholic Church in Jersey



One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

25/26 February 2017 ~ Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Is it too far-fetched to think of our Bishop as our mother, as well as our Father in God?

I ask this when reflecting on the First Reading of the Mass today: 'Zion was saying, "The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forsaken me". Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb? Yet, even if these forget, I will never forget you'.

The Bishop's task is also to cherish his spiritual children. According to the dictionary, to cherish is to nurture, to foster, to nurse, and to hold in your heart. Perhaps that's why the Bishop's motto is 'In Corde Jesu' (in the heart of Jesus)?

In addition to encouraging us, a Bishop may have to correct us, even at times rebuking his priests or people, like Pope Francis who is very fierce when addressing priests! (Lent, which begins on Wednesday, gives the same test to the whole Church.)

So far, Bishop Philip has been very encouraging in his support of our Island Church, while challenging us to discern new ways of faith sharing, within our community and for those outside the Catholic Church.

This weekend he has a meeting with the priests and deacons on Saturday evening to brief us about his diagnosis of our pastoral 'state of health' as he completes the third part of his Pastoral Visitation of Jersey.

For us clergy, the opening words of the Second Reading today, from Paul to the Corinthians, is appropriate: "People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust".

Bishop, priests and deacons will be called to account at Christ's Visitation on the last day. Please pray that we may not be found wanting.

Fr Nicholas



Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses with distribution of ashes:

Our Lady, St Martin 9.30am, St Bernadette 12 noon, St Thomas 12.30pm & 6pm,
Sacred Heart 6.30pm, St Patrick 7pm, St Mary & St Peter 7pm in Polish

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WELCOME TO BISHOP PHILIP THIS WEEKEND

When he will be focussing on the West, preaching at the Masses in Sacred Heart, St Bernadette and St Matthieu.

This **Saturday**, all are welcome to join the Bishop for Adoration at 5pm at Sacred Heart and during this time he will also hear confessions. **We congratulate Deanna Greene, who will be awarded a Diocesan Medal at the 6pm Mass for her work with the Oblate Pilgrimage to Lourdes, her many years as secretary to the Deanery Pastoral Council and her administrative support of Fr Peter & Fr Kevin.** Later in the evening Bishop Philip will meet with all the priests and deacons in St Thomas' to review the Visitation.

On **Sunday** after preaching at Mass in St Bernadette, Bishop Philip will have lunch at St Thomas' Presbytery with the Priests, together with Deacon David, Deacon Brendan and their wives. At 2.30pm he will meet representatives of the Portuguese Community in St Thomas' Hall and then will preach, through an interpreter, at the Portuguese Mass at 3.30pm.

Before leaving for the airport, Bishop Philip will have tea in the Welcome Centre, meeting more of the Portuguese Community.

This weekend will be 'part three' of the Bishop's Visitation to our Island Parish and we thank him for agreeing to this full programme to enable him to meet so many from our seven church communities.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

LENT STATION MASSES

On **Friday 3 March** we will begin our tradition of having one parish Mass on a **Friday at 7pm**. Each Mass will begin with **Evening Prayer and Adoration**. There will be the opportunity for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**. Station Masses will be the **only** parish Mass on Fridays during Lent:

- 3 March St Patrick
- 10 March St Bernadette
- 17 March Our Lady, St Martin
- 24 March St Thomas
- 31 March St Matthieu
- 7 April Sacred Heart

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady, St Martin - Sundays 4pm

St Thomas - Sundays 5pm

St Matthieu - Mondays 6.30pm

St Patrick - Tuesdays 7pm followed by Adoration

St Bernadette - Tuesdays 7pm

Sacred Heart - Saturdays 5.30pm

LENT LUNCHES

St Thomas' Church hall In aid of CAFOD, will begin on **Ash Wednesday, 1 March** and at St Martin's Public Hall will begin on **Friday 3 March** from 12 noon.

FAMILY LENT

Follow these links to help revive family prayer at home www.holyheroes.com/holy-heroes-lenten-adventure and www.cafod.org.uk/education/primary-schools

THURSDAY EARLY MORNING LENT MASS AT SMP

Will begin on **Thursday 2 March**, at 7am, at St Mary & St Peter's Church followed by breakfast in the hall.

THE SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Invite you to their chapel at Straven, St Clement (opposite the tennis courts) for silent private prayer, Fridays from 3pm and for vespers at 4pm.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES REMINDER

Wednesday 1 March Yellow Group session 6.30pm

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Thursday 2 March 7.30 pm at Mark Lewis' house: Les Noyers, Le Mont du Bu de la Rue, St Lawrence. Wellspring meets on a fortnightly basis in Lent, usually at Our Lady, St Martin's. Come and explore what it means to be living a life blessed by the Holy Spirit, focussing on scripture and the rich tradition of the Church. **Please contact Mark Lewis 07880006002 for more information.**

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY FRIDAY 10 MARCH

PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE ISLAND

Will take place on **Monday 10 April** at SMSP 7.30pm.

SEMINAR AT ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH

This is a rare opportunity to hear guest speaker Deacon Bernard Farrell-Roberts (Bioethicist and Director of Science and Faith Courses.) This seminar on **Thursday 16 March at 7pm is repeated on Saturday 18 March at 10am**. To book a place on either date please email: cps@catholicchurch.org.je or call 732583 or go to Facebook Catholic Church in Jersey. Topics will include several areas such as pro-life, marriage & sexuality, faith & science.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Margarida Baptisa.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Olga Baucher and Victoria Freire. May they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£770.77	£462.75
St Helier	£1849.00	£1044.96
West	£891.36	£521.42

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 25 Feb			
First Mass for the Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time			
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Patricia Paddock RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Barbara Pamplin RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Fr Amy RIP, Fr Peter RIP & Padre Eladio
Sunday 26 Feb			
Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time		Is 49:14-15; Psalm 61; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Matthew 6:24-34	
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Syd & Lucille Jordan RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Stanley John Stone RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Sadie O'Driscoll RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Peter Evans RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Manuel Abreu RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Thanksgiving, Rosa Ferreira Pestana RIP, & Manuel de Ascensão de Sousa RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter Lenzi RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 27 Feb			
St Gregory of Narek		Ecclus 17:24-29; Psalm 31; Mark 10:17-27	
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Gladys Eudoxie RIP
Tuesday 28 Feb			
Feria		Ecclus 35:1-12; Psalm 49; Mark 10:28-31	
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	João de Sousa Agrela RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Mary O'Brien RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
Wednesday 1 March			
Ash Wednesday		Joel 2:12-18; Psalm 50; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Matthew 6:1-6.16-18	
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	The People of the Parish
	12 noon	St Bernadette	The People of the Parish
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	St Patrick	The People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
Thursday 2 March			
After Ash Wednesday		Deut 30:15-20; Psalm 1; Luke 9:22-25	
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Helen McDonald RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Alfredo de Jesus Agrela RIP
Friday 3 March			
After Ash Wednesday		Is 58:1-9; Psalm 50; Matthew 9:14-15	
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	NO MASS
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	NO MASS
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
	7:00 pm	St Patrick	Station Mass
Saturday 4 March			
After Ash Wednesday		Is 58:9-14; Psalm 85; Luke 5:27-32	
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Thanksgiving for the Infant of Prague
Saturday 4 March			
First Mass for the First Sunday in Lent			
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Liam Lynn RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Patrick Joseph McGarry RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Mary Brophy RIP
Sunday 5 March			
First Sunday of Lent		Gen 2:7-9.3:1-7; Psalm 50; Rom 5:12-19; Matthew 4:1-11	
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Janet Kierulf RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Elizabeth Pickles RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Marguerite Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Veloza RIP, Manuel Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Donald Wellman RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Manuel & Maria de Sousa RIP, Conceição & Maria Fernandes RIP and for the intentions of Rui Teixeira dos Reis
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter Lenzi RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

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

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