



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

25/26 November ~ The Feast of Christ the King ~ Year A



Today, on the last Sunday of the liturgical year, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King.

This beautiful Feast is less than 100 years old. Pope Pius XI promulgated an encyclical on Christ the King titled "Quas primas" on 11 December 1925 to mark the Council of Nicea in 325 AD.

At the same time the Feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ was instituted.

It was a direct Catholic response to the rise of secularism, communism and nationalism in Europe. When the Pope instituted this Feast the great devastation of World War I was in people's minds; Mussolini had just seized power in Italy and Stalin had seized control of the Soviet Union. In 1933 Hitler would be the Chancellor of Germany.

European governments were in economic chaos, unemployment was rampant and people sometimes were literally starving to death.

Pope Pius XI, by the introduction of the new Feast of Christ the King, wanted to remind the

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Church and the world who was the True Leader and King of Nations - Jesus Christ.

The Holy Father stressed that all nations have to publicly recognise Christ as their King and His Law as a base of their civil laws.

He noted that "*manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of men thrust Jesus Christ and His holy law out of their lives; that these had no place either in private affairs or in politics.*" Without submitting to the rule of the Saviour there would be no lasting peace among nations.

Our King Jesus Christ is a strange kind of king.

He came not to dominate but to liberate, not to rule but to serve!

And we, His subjects, show loyalty to Him by serving one another in love!

Christus vincit, Christus regnat, Christus imperat.

(Christ conquers, Christ rules, Christ commands).

*Father Francis*

### THIS SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING IS NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY

Pope Francis, when addressing young people, said that they have something to say in the Church. To help us listen to insights of the young people in our parish, we are inviting young people, from year 7 upwards, to join us for National Youth Sunday. *'Every young person has something to say to others. He or she has something to say to adults, something to say to priests, sisters, bishops and even the Pope. All of us need to listen to you!'* (Pope Francis)

Please come and meet at St Patrick's Church Hall at 1pm and bring a packed lunch - drinks and snacks will be provided. This event is also part of the 2nd year Confirmation programme but open to everyone from year 7 upwards. Our young people will carry the Jersey World Youth Day Cross on a 'Walk of Witness', followed by a special Youth Mass celebrated in St Thomas' Church at 3.30pm.

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### **NEW RECIPIENTS OF BISHOP'S DIOCESAN MEDAL**

Peter Farrell, Gio Pollano and Leslie Crapp were told last week that Bishop Philip Egan of Portsmouth has awarded them the Diocesan medal in recognition of their devoted service within the Catholic Church in Jersey. Peter for his work with the SVP, Knights of St Columba and the Catenians, Gio for his long years as President of SVP Jersey, and Leslie Crapp for his many years as a Governor at FCJ School and as KSC Grand Knight.

It is hoped that the Medals will be bestowed by the Catholic Dean, on behalf of the Bishop, at the 11am Mass on **Saturday 6 January**, followed by a reception.

## **ADVENT**

### **NIGHT OF LIGHT**

Encounter the living presence of Christ in this pre Advent evening of prayer and light at Sacred Heart Church on **Friday 1 December** at 7pm to 10pm. The church doors will be open with passers-by invited to come in and light a prayer candle. We need people to be in the church to join in the singing and to pray for the needs of the community of our Island and to welcome those who may be drawn in.

Our invitation, *'Come and go as you please, the church is open for you'*, is an opportunity to show that our faith is alive, active and open to all, an opportunity for evangelisation. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout. Your support at any time during the evening would be much appreciated.

### **ADVENT SERVICE OF LIGHT**

Hosted by the congregation of St Bernadette's Church, will take place on **Sunday 3 December** at 6pm. All are welcome to a traditional procession of light with Advent hymns and readings. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

### **LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR CHRISTMAS BAZAAR – SATURDAY 2 DECEMBER**

Come and support the Little Sisters of the Poor from 9.30am until 3.30pm for a fun filled Christmas Bazaar. All very welcome.



### **JERSEY FESTIVAL CHOIR IN ST THOMAS'**

The Annual Festival of Carols takes place on **Wednesday 13 December** at 8pm. The retiring collection is in aid of the Jersey Child Care Trust.

### **'A NIGHT WITH THE LORD' AT THE OASIS OF PEACE**

We will be holding a night of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament in anticipation of turning our focus towards Christ's birth. The 'Night with The Lord' will commence on **Friday 15 December** at 7.30pm and conclude at 7.30am on **Saturday 16 December**. We will begin with Evening Prayer and finish with Morning Prayer, followed by breakfast.

The Oasis of Peace will be open throughout the night for anyone to call in and join us for the time of Adoration and prayer for as long as they wish, be that a few minutes, an hour, or for the whole night! Tea and Coffee will also be available throughout the night in the Garden Room.

### **FAMILY NATIVITY AND BAMBELLINI BLESSING SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER AT ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH AT 2.30PM**

This year at the request of the Catholic Grandparents Association, we invite children to come dressed as shepherds, sheep and angels to take part in our family Nativity and also have your own Baby Jesus blessed for your home at Christmas. Refreshments will be served and a Christmas Raffle will take place.

### **EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH 17 DECEMBER**

Everyone is invited to the Christmas Lunch at 1pm at the Hotel Ambassadeur. Menus are now available at the back of East churches, please complete and return the tear off slip to your church office by **Monday 11 December**. *Any donations for raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.*

### **CWL ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS DRAW**

The Catholic Women's League Hamper draw will take place on **Sunday 3 December** after 9am Mass in the Presbytery Our Lady St Martin. Tickets are available at St Patrick and Our Lady, St Martin churches. Cost £1 per ticket.

### **THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP AT ST THOMAS'**

The gift shop will have extra opening for Christmas on Thursdays: 7 & 14 December from 10am -12 noon. Christmas Cards, Cribs, Porcelain LED light Domes, Christmas Candles, Wreaths, LED light Angels, Advent Calendars, Tree Decorations, Olive Wood goods and much more.

### **FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND (FHL) CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS**

Vouchers are available in denominations of £5, £10 or £15. £5 covers the cost of 5 pints of milk or 3 kilos of rice, £10 will pay for lunch for 2 days a week for 5 weeks for a widow attending St Martha's House, £20 will cover the cost of a family's essential living cost for one week. Available from the Catholic Gift Shop or email: Deacon Iain: [fhljersey@gmail.com](mailto:fhljersey@gmail.com)  
Tel: 725963.

### **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, JERSEY, CHRISTMAS APPEAL - SUPPORTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

We are asking you to knit woolly hats (copies of the knitting pattern available at the back of your Church). We wish to fill these hats with small toiletry items: bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and a Christmas card from you "to a Seafarer" thanking them for their work. A collection box will be available in all our Churches. We thank you for your continuing kind generosity in helping us with our ministry to seafarers.

## **LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS**

### **RECOMMISSIONING OF LAY MINISTERS AT SMSP**

Will take place this **Sunday 26 November** at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 11.30am Mass. Beaulieu girls will also be presented with blankets to be taken out to Romania. A Bring and Share lunch will follow Mass.

## WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

Wellspring meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings to pray and praise at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin's Catholic Church. The next meeting takes place on Thursday **30 November** at 7.30pm. *Wellspring is a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group dedicated to living in a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper life in the Holy Spirit. Please direct any queries to Mark Lewis tel: 07880006002.*

### Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Maria Santa Venticinque, Ricardo Simoes and Anthony Troy. May they rest in peace.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA CENTENARY BALL

Takes place on **Friday 2 February 2018**, at the Pomme D'Or Hotel. Sign-up and information sheets are available at all churches. For more information contact Grand Knight, Danny OhEarchai: email [daineal.ohearchai@javen.co.uk](mailto:daineal.ohearchai@javen.co.uk) or tel 07829703774.

### DOMESTIC ABUSE CAMPAIGN:

Domestic abuse is a sin in all its forms. This week the Jersey Police and the White Ribbon Campaign seek to make us aware that domestic abuse accounted for 13% of all recorded crime here in Jersey. Please keep the victims and their children in your prayers and be always ready to support them and give them courage to report the crime.

### A TALK ON 'WOMEN IN POLITICS' 28 NOVEMBER

The Community Care Trust is hosting a talk on 'Jersey Women in Politics' from 1pm - 2pm in the Royal Yacht Hotel. Caritas has a few free tickets. We would particularly like to encourage women from our Portuguese speaking and Polish communities to attend. If you are interested contact [johnscally@caritasjersey.je](mailto:johnscally@caritasjersey.je) or phone 07797 782436.

### EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM (EST)

Meet on **Saturday 2 December** at 8.45am at CPS.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£918.70	£462.75
St Helier	£1842.00	£1044.96
West	£1,037.72	£521.42

### RED MISSION BOXES

Could the red mission boxes in: St Matthieu, St Bernadette and Sacred Heart Church be returned for emptying please - they will be returned to each Church the following weekend. Thank you.

## YOUTH NEWS

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### YOUTH CONCERT - Sunday 10 December

At St Mary and St Peter's Church at 2pm - 4pm (including refreshments). Please come and support your youth. We have a fantastic programme of talented youth.

**YOUTH 2000 THURSDAYS** 6.30pm - 8.30pm - With the 'Life in Christ' programme, including some time in Adoration.

**YOUTH ROOM OPEN FRIDAYS** - for chill out time as we continue to prepare for our 'Giving Tree Advent Project' between 7pm and 10pm.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill [m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je)  
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**Mondays - Baby & Toddler Praise & Play** from 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's Church Hall.

**Fridays - Family Faith & Fun** at St Thomas' Church Hall from **3.30pm - 5pm**, with games crafts and baby and toddler area. All children up to school year 6 are welcome.

**Friday 1 December - 'Advent Adventure' at 3.30pm - 5pm** in St Thomas' Church Hall - We will be making Advent Wreathes, Sacrifice Mangers, and all kinds of Advent goodies for your homes. Wreathes cost £5, Sacrifice Mangers cost £2 and donations for food and other items. Second hand faith books will be on sale.

*We especially encourage families currently taking part in First Holy Communion Programmes to make these opportunities a priority.*

**MAGNIFIKID** - Each week in our churches we have the MagnifiKid comic available for children and it's free! Parents please pick up a copy.

**DIVORCED OR SEPARATED?** In the New Year we will be running a special programme for those Catholics who are divorced or separated to find healing and move forward. If you are interested then please contact Mary for more information.

### OASIS OF PEACE

**Monday 27 November** 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings - an opportunity to read, reflect and pray using the reading for next Sunday.

**Thursday 30 November** 9am - Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea and coffee.

**Friday 1 December** 6.30am - Morning Prayer.

*Next weekend is the first Sunday of Advent and our Christmas Mass times leaflet will be available to take home.*

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 25 Nov</b>	<b>First Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Frank Nicholson RIP
<b>Sunday 26 Nov</b>	<b>First Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>		
	<b><i>Ezek 34:11-12.15-17; Psalm 22; 1 Cor 15:20-26.28; Matthew 25:31-46</i></b>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Peter Evans RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Sarah and Christopher Sparks RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Liam Lynn RIP on his first anniversary
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	John Renouf RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	International Mass Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Augusta de Jesus RIP, Margarida Baptista RIP, João Vieira Ventura RIP, José Vieira Ventura RIP, Maria and José dos Santos RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass for 35th Wedding Anniversary of Regino and Claudia Briz-Regachuelo
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 27 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	<b><i>Dan 1:1-6.8-20; Dan 3:52-56; Luke 21:1-4</i></b>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
<b>Tuesday 28 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	<b><i>Dan 2:31-45; Dan 3:57-61; Luke 21:5-11</i></b>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Maria Jose Cartaxo Lourenco RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Angela Harrison
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
<b>Wednesday 29 Nov</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	<b><i>Dan 5:1-6.13-14.16-17.23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Luke 21:12-19</i></b>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Bob Byrne RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Mass for the Dead
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 30 Nov</b>	<b>St Andrew</b>		
	<b><i>Rom 10:9-18; Psalm 18; Matthew 4:18-22</i></b>		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	John McCann RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Sonia Isabel Gomes Da Rocha RIP
<b>Friday 1 Dec</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
	<b><i>Dan 7:2-14; Dan 3:75-81; Luke 21:29-33</i></b>		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	NO MASS
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Myra Ann Cullinan RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 2 Dec</b>	<b>Our Lady on Saturday</b>		
	<b><i>Dan 7:15-27; Dan 3:82-87; Luke 21:34-36</i></b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	The Rowcliffe Family RIP
<b>Saturday 2 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass for the First Sunday in Advent Year B</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Eurico Correia Duarte RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Snowdon & Gladys Pallot RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria José Freitas RIP
<b>Sunday 3 Dec</b>	<b>First Sunday in Advent Year B</b>		
	<b><i>Is 63:16-17.64:1.3-8; Psalm 79; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mark 13:33-37</i></b>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Wynford Sydney Richardson RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Eileen Marrinan's recovery of health
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Ann Le Marquand RIP and deceased members of the Le Marquand family
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Margaret Franks RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Yvonne Gouyette RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, Xavier dos Reis RIP, José Correia RIP & Holy Souls
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thomas Sexton RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Little Sisters: Mass at 11am each weekday and 10.30am every Sunday. For the addresses of the above churches, please call one of our parish offices (phone numbers on the front page of this newsletter) or visit our website: [www.catholicchurch.org.ie](http://www.catholicchurch.org.ie).

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