



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

13/14 May ~ Fifth Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



We hear in today's Gospel the words of Jesus - "***I am the way, the truth and the life.***"

To be a follower of Jesus means to follow His way of living. He is our best guide to the Father in

heaven. And heaven is our final destination!

Now we are pilgrims on our journey towards it. Yet we are more than pilgrims, we are "***a chosen people, a holy nation, a community of priests called by God out of darkness into His wonderful Light.***"

When we follow Jesus, we will find the Truth and the Life, because in Him there is a fullness of God. Sometimes things are bad, our life is full of troubles and suffering and disappointment. This is when it is good to remember the words of Jesus:

"Let not your hearts be troubled, believe in God, believe also in me."

Christ is the only Way and the Mediator between the Father and human race who prepared a place in heaven and waits for us there. Even now we can be united with Him in a sacramental way, especially in Holy Communion!

This weekend will have a very Marian character - the celebration of the centenary of Fatima apparitions in 1917. We feel all the time a

special maternal loving touch of Mary, Mother of God. Mary waits for us in heaven because she is already there. Even now on earth she loves us, provides for us, leads us, defends us and intercedes for us.

If we want to be close to Christ and follow His way, Our Lady will help us. When we have a good devotion to Mary our way to God becomes an easy, a short, a perfect and a secure one.

This is the reason that so many saints have loved Mary and sought Her intercession. She was so transformed by the grace into Christ that he is living and reigning in Her - wonderful union of Hearts! She loves Christ more ardently and glorifies Him more perfectly than all creatures put together.

"Mary - the way which leads to Christ" (St Bonaventure)

"God wills that with all His gifts should come to us through Mary" (St Bernard)

Let us rekindle our love and devotion to Our Lady full of grace.

Mary, Holy Mother of God - pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Father Francis

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

**THIS WEEKEND IS THE
CENTENARY FESTA OF THE
APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF
FATIMA**

This weekend Fr Francisco OFM is coming for the centenary celebrations taking place at St Thomas'.



On **Saturday 13 May**, starting at 8pm, there will be Rosary and Confessions and at 8.30pm Mass will be celebrated in Portuguese, English and Polish. At 9.30pm the statue of the Virgin Mary of Fatima will be solemnly carried around the streets near St Thomas' Church. All our clergy will be taking part in this procession and hopefully many of you will come and join us.

On **Sunday 14 May** at 3pm there will be Rosary, Confessions and Mass, concluding with a 'Farewell to Our Lady' indoor procession.

First Holy Communion

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EAST

Warm congratulations to all the children that celebrated their First Holy Communion at Our Lady, St Martin's Church on **Saturday 6 of May**. May they always remember the importance of the day they received Jesus Christ in their lives. *This weekend First Holy Communion takes place at St Patrick's Church at 11am.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY & ST PETER

Rehearsals take place on **Saturday 13 May** at 3pm and **Saturday 20 May** at 3pm in St Mary & St Peter's Church.

The children will receive their First Holy Communion on **Sunday 21 May** at 11.30am.

A Thanksgiving Mass will take place on **Sunday 18 June** when the children will receive their certificates with refreshments afterwards.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AT ST BERNADETTE

Takes place on **Saturday 20 May** at 8.45am in St Bernadette's Church.

CONFIRMATION

Next **Wednesday 18 May**, the Blue Confirmation group session takes place at St Thomas' at 6.30pm – 9pm. This is a mandatory session for parents.

SUNG LATIN MASS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

On **Sunday 21 May**, we welcome the 'Cantabile' who will be singing at the 6pm Mass: Missa O'Quam Gloriosum by Tomas de Victoria (16th Century).

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Dylan Raphael Yu Sulit, Lara Marie Britton, Ciara Robyn Boydens and Mia Theresa Hartshorne.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Eugene Travert, Anthony Gouyette, Victor John Belton Hanby and Jean Taylor. May they rest in peace.

PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP EGAN

A pastoral letter from Bishop Philip Egan will be read this weekend. The letter is available on the Portsmouth diocese website:

www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk and the Catholic Church in Jersey website: www.catholicchurch.org.je.

There will also be a few hard copies available at the back of each church.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	CLERGY TRAINING FUND	PLANNED GIVING
East	£1,384.71	£300.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1797.00	£647.00	£1044.96
West	£1090.57	£423.21	£521.42

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR AIR CHIEF MARSHAL SIR STEPHEN DALTON AND LADY DALTON VISIT ST THOMAS'

On **Monday 15 May** we welcome Sir Stephen Dalton and Lady Dalton who will be visiting St Thomas' Church, Catholic Pastoral Services and The Welcome Centre, followed by lunch at the presbytery with various parish representatives.

MEETINGS:

- **Knights of St Columba** – **Monday 15 May** at 7pm at Catholic Pastoral Services.
- **St Helier Prayer Lighthouse** - **Wednesday 17 May**, at 8pm at the Salvation Army.
- **Clergy** - **Thursday 18 May** at St Thomas' Presbytery at 6pm for supper and pastoral meeting.
- **Office Managers** – **Thursday 18 May** at 11am at Catholic Pastoral Services.
- **Evangelisation Strategy Team** – **Saturday 20 May** at 8.45am at Catholic Pastoral Services.

YOUTH MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

We have a vibrant Catholic Youth Ministry here in Jersey and we are looking for someone to lead and develop this role. Do you have the faith and vision to mentor to our young Catholics?

This ministry seeks to communicate Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith in fresh and relevant ways. This includes areas of confirmation preparation, and social activities concentrating on the 11-17 age groups.

Applicants should have some experience working with young people and be a positive Catholic role model. He / she will be working closely with the Youth Chaplain, catechists and other parish groups to develop the mission and vision of the New Evangelisation in Jersey.

If you would like further information including a job description, hours and salary, please contact Fr Benjamin Theobald, Youth Chaplain:

Email: btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone 720235.

Closing date for letter of application is **Friday 26 May 2017**

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The renowned jazz duo "L'Estranges in the Night" will be performing in St Thomas' Church on the evening of **Monday 12 June**. Performing with them will be Jersey's Holmchase Choir. A 'not to be missed' opportunity to enjoy talented artistes! Tickets, priced at £20, £15, £10, will shortly be on sale. All proceeds to St Thomas' Church.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Samantha Richmond
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Thursdays Youth 2000 - at 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the JaCy Youth Room for school years 10+. If anyone wants to order takeaway with us remember to bring some money.

Fridays – JaCy Youth Night at 7pm – 10pm in the Youth Room. Years 7+ welcome. If anyone has not yet handed in their consent form they need to do so as soon as possible.

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

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill
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Mary is currently out of office until 22 May.

Catholic Grandparents Association on 17 May and 7 June is cancelled.

Friday Faith, Fun and Food – next week's session is postponed.

Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers
Term time every Monday 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Church Hall.



DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 18-25 AUGUST 2017

Led by Bishop Philip. There are many different opportunities to participate in this Pilgrimage - travel as a Pilgrim, assisted Pilgrim, nurse or helper. For brochure and full details please contact: Deacon Iain tel: 01534 725963/email: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com).

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 15 May at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings.

Thursday 18 May at 9am - Adoration & Rosary - prior to Mass in St Matthieu's Church followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 19 May at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

Everybody is warmly welcome to attend any of the above.



THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

Gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are available from the Catholic Gift Shop at the Welcome Centre.

This year there is a selection of gifts especially bought for you from Fatima. Please come and browse.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 13 May	First Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Easter		
	11:00 am	St Patrick	First Holy Communion Mass
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Babs Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Barbara Pamplin RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Helene Marie Elizabeth Leguillare
	8:00 pm	St Thomas	Our Lady of Fatima Festa
Sunday 14 May	Fifth Sunday of Easter		<i>Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; 1 Pet 2:4-9; John 14:1-12</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Charles Le Vesconte RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish RIP
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Maria de Jesus & Alfredo Gouveia RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Bill Ayles RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Raymond McCann RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Madalena Pinto RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Catherine Butler RIP
	3:00 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima Festa
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 15 May	Of the 5th Week of Easter		<i>Acts 14:5-18; Psalm 113B; John 14:21-26</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Francis Hamon RIP & Nanette Renault RIP
Tuesday 16 May	Of the 5th Week of Easter		<i>Acts 14:19-28; Psalm 144; John 14:27-31</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Leo Connolly RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Joan Roche RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Gerard Quin RIP
Wednesday 17 May	St Dunstan		<i>Acts 15:1-6; Psalm 121; John 15:1-8</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Rowcliffe Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Carol McGrinder RIP
Thursday 18 May	St John I		<i>Acts 15:7-21; Psalm 95; John 15:9-11</i>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Lloyd Quenault RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Lloyd Quenault RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Patrick Byrne's Intentions
Friday 19 May	Dedication of the Cathedral of St John, Portsmouth		<i>Acts 15:22-31; Psalm 56; John 15:12-17</i>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Pat Connolly RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Kathleen Russel RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 20 May	St Bernadine of Siena		<i>Acts 16:1-10; Psalm 99; John 15:18-21</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	
Saturday 20 May	First Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	For the repose of the souls of Annette Crapp and Elsie Le Cuirot
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Maurice Power RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass for Claudia Briz-Regachelo
Sunday 21 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter		<i>Acts 8:5-8,14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Pet 3:15-18; John 14:15-21</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Pat Cassidy RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Harry Davison RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Holy Souls
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Simone & Rosemary RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	First Holy Communion Mass
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving for recovery from illness, José Manuel Castro RIP, Maria Clemência RIP & Ermelinda da Cruz RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	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.je.

Catholic Pastoral Services	732583	cps@catholicchurch.org.je
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Caritas Jersey	768963	info@caritasjersey.je
Marriage & Family Life	07797742767	m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je/naturalfertility@catholicchurch.org.je
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