



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

9 & 10 September 2017 ~ Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are all more security conscious in these days of terrorism, cyber-attacks and border controls. So it was, when God told Ezekiel the Prophet to be a sentry, bringing warnings in God's name to his own people in Israel.

Catholic priests used to think that was their primary role, being sentries on the walls of the Church - warning people in the name of God to avoid sinful behaviour at home and in the workplace and, each week without fail, practise their faith in word and worship.

Responding to changes in social culture and trying to be more positive in promoting virtue rather than condemning sin, we took down the walls to go out into the world with love in our preaching. However, it seemed to some, that the spirit, morals and behaviour of the world were more persuasive. Through the walls we have been invaded. Perhaps it's time for a new think?

Instead of us being challenged by people expecting baptism without accepting any

obligations; perhaps we should be challenging them by expecting a better understanding of what baptism involves. The purpose of baptism is to make all the baptised active disciples, rather than passive non-playing members of the Church.

This autumn in our preparation for all the Sacraments we shall focus on the Catholic formation of adults, especially parents, not just children. I hope this will 'rub off' on all our parishioners, making them take more seriously their commitment to weekly Sunday Mass, giving it priority over all else. This is what Bishop Philip is asking in calling Catholics in his diocese to be intentional disciples.

So old Ezekiel, the Sentry of Israel guarding Jerusalem, has something to say to us Priests and Deacons, who guard the people of the New Jerusalem, the Holy Catholic Church of Jesus Christ today.

*Father Nicholas*

### FATHER NICHOLAS WRITES...

*"This weekend I am sending an Island Wide Autumn letter to all our parishioners via our database - PAMIS (Pastoral Administration Management Information System); there will be some hard copies also available in each of our churches. If you would like to receive my letters by email and have not yet signed up, do please complete a PAMIS form available in each church and return to your area Office Manager who will then add you to our database. My letter will also be available on our website and will be sent out as an attachment to all those of you who already receive our weekly newsletter by email."*

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# LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Parents and children in school year 4 and above are invited to come and register on the dates and venues listed below - *Please try to bring your child's Baptism certificate to the registration meeting.*

**ST THOMAS' CHURCH:** After 9.15am Mass on Sunday 17 or 24 September at 10.30am.

**POR FAVOR NOTE BEM:**Primeira Comunhão 2017/18 Na Igreja de St Thomas Novo Programa de Inscrição. Não haverá fichas de inscrição na parte de trás da igreja. As inscrições terão lugar no Salão Paroquial de St Thomas (St Thomas' Hall) depois da Missa das 9.15 am nos seguintes dias: **17 ou 24 de Setembro**. Idade mínima 8 anos, completados até 01 de Setembro 2017 e que se encontrem a frequentar o 4 ano escolar, ou mais velhas.

**ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH:** After 11.30am Mass on Sunday 17 or Sunday 24 September.

**OUR LADY, ST MARTIN AND ST PATRICK:** On Tuesday 26 September at 6pm in the Berni Hall.

**ST MATTHIEU, ST BERNADETTE, SACRED HEART** After 11.15am Mass at St Bernadette on Sunday 24 September.

## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2017/18

Parents of children year 9 + are invited to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation at one of the following meetings: **Tuesday 12 September** at 7pm **OR Sunday 17 September** at 2pm - both at St Thomas' Hall. It is essential that both young person and at least *one* parent attend for registration.

### Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Nahomi Dos Santos and Evelyn Vann.

### Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Simone Dorey, Tommy Graham and Maureen Ward. May they rest in peace.

### Weddings

Congratulations to Ciara Jones & Christopher Burton and Gorete Estevao & Hugo Vieira who were recently married.

## THE FUNERAL OF CARDINAL CORMAC MURPHY-O'CONNOR

Father Nicholas will be attending the funeral in Westminster Cathedral on **Wednesday 13 September**. In 1970 Fr Nicholas succeeded Father Cormac as Chaplain (Secretary) to Bishop Derek Worlock. In 2008 the Cardinal came to rededicate St Thomas' Church after its major restoration. Father Nicholas was last with the Cardinal at Bishop Crispian's 80th birthday dinner in Windsor last November.

## PRAYERS FOR PILGRIMS TO LOURDES

Please pray for Fr Francis and all the pilgrims who set off from Jersey on **Friday 15 September until Saturday 23 September** joining with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Anglo Irish Pilgrimage.

# OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£793.99	£462.75
St Helier	£1,409.00	£1044.96
West	£906.44	£521.42

## ASSISE D'HERITAGE

On **Monday 11 September**, as Catholic Dean, Father Nicholas will be attending this ceremony in both the Royal Court and the Town Church. It marks the annual re-dedication to the Law of the Crown in Jersey by the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff, Commissioners, Jurats, Judges of the Court of Appeal and the Solicitor General, the Viscount and Deputy Viscount, the Advocates and Solicitors, the Judicial Greffier and all the staff at the Royal Court.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY VISITATION

On **25 - 28 September**, Deacon Stephen Short, from Portsmouth Diocese, will be in the Island carrying out health and safety visits, focusing especially on fire risks. The Knights of St Columba assist the priests and deacons in carrying out this crucial ministry. It has been recommended at this stage that each church has a nominated fire warden. Training is being provided by Deacon Stephen on **Tuesday 26 September** at 7pm in St Thomas' Hall. Please register your interest and further enquiries to Danny on the number below.

If any parishioner has any comments or suggestions in improving health and safety in our churches and buildings, or indeed knows of any potential hazard, please contact the Island Parish Health and Safety Coordinator, Danny O hEarchai on 07829703774.

## LADIES 'QUIET DAY' AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

All ladies are invited to a 'Quiet Day' at the Oasis of Peace on **Monday 25 September** from 10am - 3pm or for just part of the day. Please bring a packed lunch; tea/coffees are provided. All welcome but please telephone 859060 to confirm your place.

## CHRISTIAN UNITY GROUP INVITES YOU TO A SIX SESSION PROGRAM FOR 2017/2018

*'If you want to walk on water, you've got to get out of the boat'* - by John Ortberg - An introductory evening takes place on **Monday 11 September** at St Columbas' Church, Midvale Rd at 7.30pm.

## MEETINGS

### CARITAS JERSEY 'THINK TANK'

Friday 15 September at 12.30pm - 2pm at CPS.

### EVANGELISATION STRATEGY TEAM

Saturday 16 September 8.45am at CPS.

### CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES TEAM

Tuesday 19 September at 11am at CPS.

### OFFICE MANAGERS

Wednesday 20 September at 11am at CPS.

## **YOUTH NEWS**

**Contact:** Moyra Journeaux  
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'

**Youth 2000** - returns on **Thursday 14 September** 6.30pm – 8.30pm for school years 10 upwards. If you want an opportunity to explore, discuss and develop your faith in a friendly environment then please join us in the youth room above St Thomas' Hall. There is an opportunity to order takeaway.

**School year 7 and upwards** - the youth room will be open on Friday evenings for 'chill out' time with friends. Come along and have fun with other young Catholics from across the Island schools. Come to meet your youth stewards and hear about the planned activities available during the autumn term.

**Youth Pilgrimage** - We are planning a youth pilgrimage to Ireland, joining the youth programme at the World Meeting of Families in Dublin. Pope Francis will be there. If any youth/parents are interested please contact Moyra for further details.

**Calling Young Musicians** - Are you interested in giving a small performance? We are planning a youth concert towards the end of November. If you have rehearsed a piece for the Jersey Eisteddfod why not think about performing it again for our Catholic parish? If you enjoy playing an instrument or singing for fun please think about taking part and let Moyra know.

## **THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS.....**

**Scripture Reflection & Adoration** on Mondays at 7pm - 8.15pm Informal friendly group and all welcome.

**Adoration and Rosary** on Thursdays – Why not join us in praying for family life at 9am - 9.45am. Take a chance to relax after Mass with our tea and coffee group.

**Morning Prayer, Adoration and Breakfast** on Fridays at 6.30am. *Start your day with the Lord and still beat the traffic!*

## **OASIS OF PEACE JERSEY - CELEBRATION TIME**

Next month, the Oasis of Peace celebrates the 10th Anniversary of its dedication by the late Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor and Bishop Crispian. There will be a week of celebrations planned from **Sunday 15 October**, with a Mass at 9.30am in St Matthieu's Church, an open afternoon with afternoon tea and much more during the week. On 21 October, we have a guest speaker, Professor Nathan Eubank, Professor in New Testament Studies Keble College, Oxford University. Next week we will have more details and a chance to buy a draw ticket for the Oasis of Peace Birthday Draw.

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

## **MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je  
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**Praise & Play Baby & Toddler Group** – Meet on Mondays at 9.30am -11.30am at St Bernadette's. New families very welcome.

**Friday Family Faith & Fun** - Term-time Fridays 3.30pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall. This group is opening again this month. We have a growing team of volunteers but would still like more please. It can be just helping in the kitchen or with games and crafts. Contact Mary if you can form part of a team.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** - Mary Cahill will be completing the short update sessions about the purpose and guidelines for these liturgies for children at one of the following times: **Sunday 17 September** after 9.30am Mass at St Matthieu and after 11am Mass at St Patrick's. All those involved who haven't yet attended are asked to come along. We would also love to meet anyone who feels they could help with this important ministry.

**Celebration of Marriage & Significant Anniversaries Saturday 23 September** at St Thomas' Church followed by a reception in the hall. Please let Mary have a copy of your wedding photos and dates of marriage by **21 September**. This is not just for couples with significant anniversaries but all married couples. Families are welcome to attend. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Crispian who is visiting Jersey that weekend.

**BINGO IN THE WEST** - Takes place in the hall at St Bernadette on **Thursday 14 September** at 7.30pm.

**BINGO - CWL JERSEY EAST** - Come along to the Berni Centre on **Friday 22 September** at 7pm - in aid of Parkinson's Jersey and CWL Charities. Tickets are available after Sunday Mass at Our Lady, St Martin. Contact Millie at 861830, or 07797762543, or email [horman.millie@gmail.com](mailto:horman.millie@gmail.com).

## **BAMENDA BALL**

An Island celebration for the whole Catholic Parish  
**FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER - MERTON HOTEL**  
Dinner – dancing – live music – grand raffle  
In aid of the Island Parish Bamenda Project  
Guest of Honour Bishop Michael Auxilliary Bishop of Bamenda

**TICKETS £30 PER PERSON**

FULL DETAILS AND TICKETS FROM:

**DEACON IAIN** [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto:blessings41@gmail.com) Tel: 725963

**MagnifiKid!** Please be sure to collect your free copy at Mass this week for primary age children. You have all you need for Mass and activities to keep you in touch with Jesus all week. From next week, they will be available but we will be asking for a 40p donation. If you would like to pay by monthly standing order please contact Mary Cahill.

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 9 Sept</b>	<b>First Mass for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Simone Dorey RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Intentions of Joan & Sephton
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 10 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b><i>Ezek 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Rom 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20</i></b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of CWL
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Collette Deegan for her wellbeing
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbet RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Frederick Smith RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	The repose of the Souls of Jack and Gemma McFarlane
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Isaura Ponte Andrade RIP, António Fernandes RIP, António Lima RIP and José Manuel Serrão RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Michael and David Brannigan RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 11 Sept</b>	<b>Feria</b>		<b><i>Col 1:24-2:3; Psalm 61; Luke 6:6-11</i></b>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
<b>Tuesday 12 Sept</b>	<b>The Most Holy Name of Mary</b>		<b><i>Col 2:6-15; Psalm 144; Luke 6:12-19</i></b>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Little Sisters of the Poor
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Vincent O'Brien RIP
<b>Wednesday 13 Sept</b>	<b>St John Chrysostom</b>		<b><i>Num 21:4-9; Psalm 77; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17</i></b>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Mick Reilly RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 14 Sept</b>	<b>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</b>		<b><i>Heb 5:7-9; Psalm 30; John 19:25-27</i></b>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Luisa Lobo for her wellbeing
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Fernando Pinto Correia RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Tom and Mary Graham RIP
<b>Friday 15 Sept</b>	<b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>		<b><i>1 Tim 1:1-2-14; Psalm 15; Luke 6:39-42</i></b>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	<b>NO MASS</b>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	David Forde RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 16 Sept</b>	<b>Ss Cornelius</b>		<b><i>1 Tim 1:15-17; Psalm 112; Luke 6:43-49</i></b>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Suzanne & Germaine Stephan RIP
<b>Saturday 16 Sept</b>	<b>First Mass for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Patricia & Tom McMahon RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Isabel Andrade Vieira RIP
<b>Sunday 17 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b><i>Ecclus 27:30-28:7; Psalm 102; Rom 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35</i></b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Lollie Rabet 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	60th Wedding Anniversary of Tony and Heather Lloyd
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Fernando Pinto Correia RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: José Manuel Serrão RIP, Family of Domingas Sousa, Américo Abreu RIP, Maria Patrocínio Rodrigues RIP and António Queirós Antunes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Martin Roche RIP, Mark O'Callaghan RIP, Ellen Sherry RIP, Eileen O'Hanlon RIP and Ethna O'Doughan 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.je](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je).

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