



The Catholic Church in Jersey



One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

11/12 February 2017 ~ Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



"Pray for us O Holy Mother of God ..."

When Catholics say, 'Mary is our Mother,' these are not just empty words. They mean rather that we recognise Mary for who she is and also for her role in the plan of God.

That Mary was the mother of Jesus the God-Man, is almost universally accepted among all Christians and probably many non-Christians as well. Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it. This union of the mother with the Son, in the work of salvation, is made manifest from the time of Christ's virginal conception up to his death. It is made manifest above all at the hour of his Passion; thus the Blessed Virgin advanced in her pilgrimage of faith, and faithfully persevered in her union with her Son unto the cross. There she stood, in keeping with the divine plan, enduring with her only begotten Son the intensity of his suffering, joining herself with his sacrifice in her mother's heart, and lovingly consenting to the immolation of this victim, born of her: to be given, by the same Christ Jesus dying on the cross, as a mother to his disciple, with these words: *'Woman, behold your son.'*

For it is only in recognising her as our true Spiritual Mother, that we will be lead to an

authentic response to Mary.

This year, we in Jersey, will have a number of opportunities to express our special devotion to Our Lady by travelling on Pilgrimage.

There are still a few places left on the direct flight Pilgrimage to Fatima - departing on **28 April** as a part of the Centenary Celebrations. On **20 March**, Fr John Cooke will be in the Island to promote the Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, with particular opportunities for the participation of young people.

If you can't actually personally travel on these Pilgrimages and would like to be spiritually involved why not make a donation towards the cost of enabling someone less fortunate to travel?

Other worthwhile devotions are the recitation of the Angelus and, of course, the Rosary and there are a number of special opportunities throughout the parish to take part in these - not least the International Rosary which is prayed from time to time at St Mary and St Peter's Church.

The Church has never claimed or taught that Mary is on an equal level with God. But, nonetheless, because we are her spiritual children, she looks tenderly on us and after us with a love so profound that we are moved to plead, *'Oh Blessed Mother, pray for us, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.'*

Deacon Iain

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

FR NICHOLAS WRITES:

Bishop Philip enjoyed another full programme last weekend, preaching at the Masses in the East. He also had a meeting with lay representatives from our many Catholic organisations and met with the lead catechists of the sacramental programmes. We look forward to Bishop Philip returning on the weekend of **25/26 February** when he will be in the West.

On **Saturday 25 February** at 5pm at the Sacred Heart Church, you are all invited to Adoration during which the Bishop will hear Confessions.

Thank you to everyone once again who were involved in preparing for last weekend and to all those who contributed in any way to the Sunday Liturgies at St Patrick's and Our Lady, St Martin.

SYCAMORE UPDATE FROM FR BENJAMIN

There has been an extremely positive response to this programme. All the efforts underway are already bearing fruit. Thank you to all who are participating and those who are contributing in preparing for the programme each week. *A reminder that next week's session on Tuesday 14 February is in St Thomas' Hall and not at St Mary & St Peter's Church.*

OASIS OF PEACE TUESDAY FAITH TALK AT 2PM

On the Gospel of St Matthew on **21 February**.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Jacqueline Le Guilcher, Michael Cahill, Peter Zambon, Theophile Le Flour, Neville Whelan and Norah Brown. May they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£789.44	£462.75
St Helier	£1667.00	£1044.96
West	£1029.22	£521.42

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY - SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice. This is to raise awareness of our responsibility to eradicate racial discrimination in all its forms within the church and wider society. The theme for 2017 is quite simply 'Our Community'.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3 March is Women's World Day of Prayer. The annual service will take place at the Town Church at 12.30pm. Refreshments will be served afterwards. The Christian women of the Philippines have written this year's service which will be delivered by a local ecumenical group. All are invited - *it is not a women's only event.*

CWL EAST – LENT LUNCHESES - CAN YOU HELP?

To set up and serve Lent Lunches on both **Friday 3 and 10 March**. Ten to fifteen people are required. Helpers are asked to be at St Martin's Public Hall by 10.30am. If you are available to help on either of the dates, please could you call Marguerite Birch: 862127 giving your name, contact number and your availability. Thank you.

HAVE YOU ACCEPTED THE INVITATION FROM THE FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' ?....

To lunch at the Hotel Ambassadeur on **Sunday 23 April** at 1pm for 1.30pm. Tickets are priced at £20 per person and £10 for children aged between 4 and 11 years old. You and your families are warmly invited to attend. Application forms for tickets are available at the back of all churches (menu on back – no need to pre-order). Please complete and return forms to The Friends of St Thomas' c/o St Thomas' Presbytery, marked for the attention of Mrs Daphne Minihane. **Please book early as tickets are limited to 200.**

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Sarah Wakeling
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Sunday 12 February – All young people as part of our YSVP are welcome to meet 2pm – 3.30pm at the Little Sisters of the Poor to play Bingo with the residents. Confirmation candidates could come along as their Monthly Service Activity.

Thursdays – Youth 2000 at 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Youth Room at St Thomas' - Year 10+ welcome. We start with a time of Adoration and prayer followed by formation using the 'Altaration' programme and social time with a takeaway. This is a perfect way for those on the 2nd Year Confirmation Programme to stay in touch with Jesus and us.

Friday 17 February – JaCy Youth Night at St Thomas' Hall 7pm – 10pm Years 7+. Join us for a 'No Device Night'. Our 'Love and Life Group' will also be meeting to discuss the first chapter of the book '*How to find your soulmate without losing your soul*'. If anyone did not receive a copy of the book and would like to join the group, please contact Sarah or come along to JaCy.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 13 February at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings – An opportunity to reflect, discuss and pray.

Thursday 16 February 9am Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 17 February at 6.30am Morning prayer followed by breakfast.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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This weekend our engaged couples will be receiving a special blessing as they prepare to be married. We wish them well and ask you keep them in prayer.

Thinking of getting married? We ideally like to have contact with you 12 months before your wedding to be able to help you prepare both personally and for preparing documentation. Arrange to meet with a member of our clergy by contacting them personally or through our area offices. If you are marrying outside of Jersey, you may well still need to arrange documents and access formation. We look forward to being part of your exciting preparations.

Catholic Grandparents Association: Our Jersey branch meet at Catholic Pastoral Services at 10.30am on **Wednesday 15 February**. We will be looking at the topic '*Why are we here?*'

Friday Faith, Fun and Food weekly 3.30pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall. Babies Toddler and pre-school welcome with an adult. Primary age children to be signed in or accompanied. Play, food, pray, crafts and fun. £2 per family

donation.

Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers Mondays 9.30am - 11.30 at St Bernadette's

Natural Fertility Awareness Qualified practitioner available for confidential appointments to explore your fertility and natural family planning. Also, available for support for parents with sex education. Ideal also for young teens to learn about puberty their monthly cycle. Group talks also available on contraception and church teaching on sexuality and love. Contact Mary Cahill RGN.

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Wellspring will be meeting to pray and praise on **Thursday 16 February** at 7.30pm at the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin. Wellspring will be meeting on a fortnightly basis on the run up to Lent. During this period we will be exploring what it means to be living a life blessed by the Holy Spirit focusing on scripture and the rich tradition of the Church.

Wellspring is a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group dedicated to living in a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper life in the Holy Spirit. Everybody is very welcome. For more information call Mark Lewis 07797746496.

ST HELIER PRAYER LIGHTHOUSE MEETING

Takes place on **Wednesday 16 February**, at St Mark's Church at 8pm.

PILGRIMAGES

CENTENARY FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Direct flight from Jersey **28 April – 2 May 2017**
£750 per person sharing twin accommodation, full board, transfers, coach. Travel insurance £28 per person.

Special Appeal - Would you consider assisting a pilgrim to travel on the pilgrimage who could not otherwise afford to go? If you can help then please write a cheque to 'Catholic Church in Jersey' and send to Deacon Iain.

For further information and bookings please contact:
Deacon Iain: 01534 725963 [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com)
PEREGRINAÇÃO CENTENÁRIA A FÁTIMA

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

By air from Southampton led by Bishop Philip - **Friday 18 to Friday 25 August 2017**. For full details and brochure please contact Deacon Iain:
[dcnaiain@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto: dcnaiain@catholicchurch.org.je) tel: 01534 725963.

JERSEY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017

"The Almighty has done great things for me!"

Friday 15 September to Saturday 23 September
9 days full board for £775 sharing with a £185 single supplement. Joining with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Anglo Irish Pilgrimage and staying at Hotel Ste Rose, just two minutes' walk from the Domaine. We already have a number of bookings for this year so places may be limited. For further details please call Leslie on 483855 or Deanna on 638973.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday 4.30pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.10pm
The Oasis of Peace – every Thursday at 9am
Sacred Heart, St Aubin – every Wednesday at 6pm
St Bernadette – Every Thursday at 7pm
St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – every Friday at 8pm
St Patrick – every Tuesday - 7pm to 8pm
St Thomas – every Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 6pm

ROSARY

The Oasis of Peace every Thursday at 9am
Sacred Heart every Wednesday at 7pm after Mass
St Patrick every Saturday at 9am before Mass
St Thomas every Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass

CONFESSION - SATURDAY

Sacred Heart 5.15pm - 5.45pm
St Patrick after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
St Thomas 11.30am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm
or by arrangement with a priest

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Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 11 Feb	First Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Jacques Birrell RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Roger Hayes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Jack Doyle RIP
Sunday 12 Feb	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		<i>Eccius 15:15-20; Psalm 118; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Matthew 5:17-37</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Frank & Steve Marquer RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Agnes Gibout RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Thierry de Boisanger RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Anthony Martin RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Gomes RIP, Conceição Gomes RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Jack Doyle RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Thanksgiving Mass to Our Lady of Fatima and Rosa Maria Ferreira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Bert RIP & Intentions of the Tortolano Family
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 13 Feb	Feria		<i>Gen 4:1-15.25; Psalm 49; Mark 8:11-13</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Leslie Perchard RIP
Tuesday 14 Feb	St Cyril		<i>Gen 6:5-8; 7:1-5.10; Psalm 28; Mark 8:14-21</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls and the Souls in Purgatory
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special Intention
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Bro Alfred Calcot RIP, Andrew and Tommy McGuigan
Wednesday 15 Feb	Feria		<i>Gen 8:6-13.20-22; Psalm 115; Mark 8:22-26</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Tara O'Brien RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Cristina Perestrelo, who is ill
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 16 Feb	Feria		<i>Gen 9:1-13; Psalm 101; Mark 8:27-33</i>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Peter and Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special Intention
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Antonio de Jesus dos Passos RIP
Friday 17 Feb	The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite		<i>Gen 11:1-9; Psalm 32; Mark 8:34-9:1</i>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	For Patrick RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	José Nicodemos Teixeira RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 18 Feb	Our Lady on Saturday		<i>Heb 11:1-7; Psalm 144; Mark 9:2-13</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	James Dearsley RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Morrissey and John O Riordan RIP
Saturday 18 Feb	First Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Stefania Webb RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Cecil Perkins RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
Sunday 19 Feb	Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time		<i>Lev 19:1-2.17-18; Psalm 102; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Matthew 5:38-48</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Fr Peter Quin SJ RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Lorraine Brown RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbet RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Julie Le Fondre RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Tony Pezet RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Silvana Andrade RIP, José Diogo RIP & Silvano Diogo RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass to St Joseph
	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.

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