



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

18 & 19 March 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Lent ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman
John 4

In July I will have been a Deacon for 50 years. The evening before that ordination, Bishop Derek Worlock, acknowledging that I would be able to preach for the first time, gave me this warning: *"Remember always to preach Jesus Christ, not Nicholas France."*

Over the years it's been a good reminder to me that I'm only the messenger, not the message. In addition, I have usually tried to speak about 'we' rather than 'I' in whatever guidance I have offered in my homilies.

I was reminded of all this in the story in this Sunday's Gospel about the woman who meets Jesus by a well. It's an amazing encounter, as she is both a woman and a foreigner, someone a pious Jew would not normally have spoken to, especially as the apostles weren't around to chaperone him.

Sitting by the well, Jesus reveals his insight about her many husbands and her current live-in partner. The well makes it easier for Jesus to speak about water as symbolising the fullness of life that he was offering her. She had approached him with her empty bucket, symbolising the emptiness in her life. For us it is also easy to see this well as representing the font of baptism.

The story ends with the woman leaving the water jar behind, just as the apostles had left their fishing nets behind, in order to run and tell others about this amazing man she has met, who could look into her very soul. The locals return with her, but after meeting Jesus they say, *"Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him for ourselves we know that he really is the saviour of the world."*

That has to be my aim too. Not you believing me, but in the One who sent me.

Father Nicholas

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LENT

STATION MASSES

Station Masses continue on

the following Fridays at 7pm:

- 24 March St Thomas
- 31 March St Matthieu
- 7 April Sacred Heart

ST BERNADETTE – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross will be prayed at St Bernadette's Church throughout Lent at 11am on Wednesday mornings commencing from **22 March**. This is to provide an extra opportunity for those unable to attend on Tuesday evenings.

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 and Wednesdays 11am
Little Sisters – Friday 5pm
Sacred Heart – Saturdays 5.30pm

THURSDAY EARLY MORNING LENT MASS

Is celebrated at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7am, followed by breakfast in the hall.

LENT LUNCHESES

St Thomas' Hall - Wednesdays at 12 noon.
St Martin's Public Hall - Fridays at 12 noon.
Grouville Parish Hall - Saturdays 12 noon – 2pm.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE ISLAND

Monday 10 April at St Mary & St Peter's Church, 7.30pm.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

By air from Southampton led by Bishop Philip from **Friday 18 to Friday 25 August 2017**. For details and brochure please contact Deacon Iain: dcniain@catholicchurch.org.je tel: 725963.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE ROADSHOW

Fr John Cooke will be in Jersey this week to promote the Portsmouth Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on the following days:

Monday 20 March – All Island Gathering at St Mary and St Peter's Church 7.30pm for anyone who may be interested in joining as a pilgrim or a helper.

Tuesday 21 March – An evening for young people who may be interested in learning more about being a young helper or pilgrim at Lourdes. Meet at 7.30pm in the Youth Room at St Thomas' to find out more.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Arlo Collins, Elijah Knight, Finn Lemagnen and Jake Sousa.

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of Alan Frank Le Brocq. May he rest in peace.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

STAFFING CHANGES

We thank Sarah Wakeling, Youth Ministry Coordinator, for her significant contributions to the Youth Ministry during the last eighteen months. This area of work is continuing to develop and we are sorry that Sarah has now decided to step down to further her teaching career. The schools will benefit considerably from her skills. We wish Sarah every success for the future.

Please be assured that the Confirmation Programme, Youth 2000 and JaCy activities will be continuing as normal. **We have appointed a temporary part-time Youth Ministry Assistant, Samantha Richmond, who will work closely with Fr Benjamin, Youth Chaplain.** Mary Cahill, Marriage and Family Life Coordinator, will take on a supporting role for Samantha during this interim period until a permanent Youth Ministry Coordinator is appointed for September.

Kathryn Filipponi, who a few months ago took on the role of Finance Manager, is hoping to relocate with her husband and family to Florida. We thank her for her contributions to our Island Parish and wish her and her family every success and happiness in Florida, USA. **We are pleased to report that Dawn Cowieson has been appointed as Island Finance Manager from 11 April.** Dawn will be based at Catholic Pastoral Services and looks forward to working with clergy, the chairs of the Finance & Property Committees and all administrators.

We extend our best wishes and thanks to Sarah Pendergast as she leaves her role as Office Manager for the East to return to the Finance sector. Sarah has been a great support to the clergy and parishioners of the East and we wish her well in this next step in her working life. Therefore there is now **a vacancy for the post of Office Manager - East.** This role entails managing the office for the East district of the Catholic Church in Jersey and to effectively manage all activities required to facilitate the ministry of the clergy and acting as a first point of contact for parishioners. The hours required will be: Monday/Wednesday/Friday 9.30am – 12.30pm and it is hoped that the successful candidate will be in post in April. If you are interested in applying for this position and **for further information please contact Delia Hardiman, Manager of Catholic Pastoral Services tel: 732583 or email d.hardiman@catholicchurch.org.je - Closing Date for applications Friday 24 March 2017.**

LADIES' FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Meet this **Monday 20 March** at 2pm in the hall at St Bernadette.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, EASTER APPEAL

Please don't forget to write an Easter card to our seafarers this Easter. The AoS and Mission to Seafarers will be visiting crews of ships that deliver essential goods to Jersey, to thank them at this special time of year and handing out your cards? *We hope to receive 200 cards – please leave them in the box provided in each church.*

CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES REFLECTION DAY

On **Tuesday 21 March** at the Oasis of Peace.



EAST - Catholic Women's League –

Takes place on **Friday 24 March** in the Berni Centre at 7pm, in aid of Jersey Cheshire Home. Tickets available to buy before Sunday Mass at Our Lady, St Martin. Cost: £5 adults, £2 children under 12 - supper included. Call Millie Horman: 861830 horman.millie@gmail.com.

WEST - Thursday 23 March at 7.30pm in the hall at St Bernadette.

CAKE SALE AT ST PATRICK'S

Come and support our Cake Sale on **Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 April** after Mass, in aid of St Vincent de Paul Society. Donations of freshly baked or shop bought cakes would be appreciated.



THE LAST HALF-MARATHON FOR SOUTH SUDAN

Ellen Barr's long illustrious long-distance running career comes to an end on **2 April**, when she competes for the last time in the Liverpool Half Marathon. She will run in aid of CAFOD's South Sudan Appeal and is looking for your support. Sponsorship forms will be available at all Masses in St Thomas' and St Mary and St Peter's Churches over the next three Sundays and in the Welcome Centre during opening hours. Please be generous in supporting this worthwhile and urgent appeal.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ISLAND LUNCH

Come and join us at the Hotel Ambassadeur on **Sunday 23 April**, at 1pm for 1.30pm. Enjoy a four course lunch - £20 for adults £10 for children (age 4 – 11). Ticket request forms can be found at the back of each church. Please fill one in and return to St Thomas' Presbytery addressed to the Chairman of the Friends of St Thomas' Church. For more information call Daphne Minihane on 861178.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	CAFOD	PLANNED GIVING
East	£862.98	£1,526.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1685.00	£2934.00	£1044.96
West	£1,008.32	£1,506.37	£521.42

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
Tel: 07797742767/732583

Friday Family Faith and Fun - Term-time every Friday from 3.30pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall. Babies, toddlers and pre-school welcome with an adult. Primary age children to be signed in or accompanied. £2 per family donation.

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

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Samantha Richmond
Tel: 07797787090/732583

Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Thursday 23 March – Youth 2000 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Youth Room. Year 10+ welcome.

Friday 24 March – JaCy Youth Night - 7pm – 10pm at the Youth Room Years 7+ welcome for faith, friendship and fun.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Monday 20 March at **7.15pm** - Preparation for the Sunday Readings

Tuesday 21 March Lent Adoration at 2pm – 4pm - an afternoon of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending with evening prayer

Thursday 23 March at 9am Adoration & Rosary cancelled this week

Friday 24 March at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast

THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

New Stock has arrived: Mother's Day Cards, Easter Cards, Olive Wood Goods - hand made in Bethlehem - large selection of Books for Children, Books and Rosaries for Fatima Centenary and Portuguese/English Simple Prayer Books, First Holy Communion & Confirmation Cards and Gifts. *Why not come along to browse and enjoy a fresh coffee from the Welcome Centre Café.*

PEREGRINAÇÃO CENTENÁRIA A FÁTIMA

Direct flight from Jersey **28 April - 2 May** we have managed to secure a few extra rooms - *book quickly before they all go* - £750 per person sharing twin accommodation. Full board, transfers and coaching. Travel insurance £28 pp. For more details contact: Deacon Iain 725963/email: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com)

JERSEY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017

Friday 15 September to Saturday 23 September
Full board £775 sharing, with £185 single supplement. Joining with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Anglo Irish Pilgrimage. Call Leslie on 483855 or Deanna on 638973 for more details.

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

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 18 March	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Special Intentions
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Dermot Troy RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter and Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
Sunday 19 March	Third Sunday of Lent		Ex 17:3-7; Psalm 94; Rom 5:1-2.5-8; John 4:5-42
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Francis Hamon RIP & Nanette Renault RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Elizabeth Gillian Clayton RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Maria de Jesus Agrela RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Agnes Guibout RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Veloza RIP and Manuel Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Cheryl and Iain MacFirbhisigh Anniversary
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Francisco and Alda Luis RIP, Raul Velosa RIP and Manuel de Castro RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Anastasia Bogucka RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 20 March	St Joseph		2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 41; Luke 4:24-30
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Judy Garland RIP & Olga Baucher RIP
Tuesday 21 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		Dan 3:25.34-43; Psalm 24; Matthew 18:21-35
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Special Intentions
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Judy Garland RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter Tonkin & Tony Tyszeakivht
Wednesday 22 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		Deut 4:1.5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5:17-19
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Carol McMillan RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Marcelino Sá Diogo in Thanksgiving
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 23 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		Jer 7:23-28; Psalm 94; Luke 11:14-23
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mary Murphy RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	In Thanksgiving
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Rosa Maria Ferreira RIP
Friday 24 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent		Hos 14:2-10; Psalm 80; Mark 12:28-34
	7:00 pm	St Thomas	Station Mass – Fr Nicholas Private Intention
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 25 March	The Annunciation of the Lord		Is 7:10-14.8:10; Psalm 39; Heb 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special Intention
	11:00 am	St Thomas	For the refugees
Saturday 25 March	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Ernestina de Jesus RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Folan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter & Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
Sunday 26 March	Fourth Sunday of Lent		1 Sam 16:1.6-7.10-13; Psalm 22; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
	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	Margaret Brady RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Câmara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Kathleen Ann Brennan 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.

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