



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

8 & 9 September 2018 ~ Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



This is my last 'Thought for the Week'. I started writing these weekly 'thoughts' back in 1977 when I first became a parish priest. I

have done so ever since, although I now share it on alternative weeks with my fellow clergy.

The opportunity to write a 'Thought' has enabled me to reach many more people than those who attend Mass or listen to my homily. It has also been a way in which I could explain my pastoral policy. Tackling difficult subjects, whether on moral issues or matters of doctrine, has also been possible through the 'The Thought'.

In an interview with the JEP at the end of my first year, I remarked on how the Island seemed divided between haves and have-nots. It is the same today, if not more so. St James is concerned about

this in the second reading this Sunday, worried about the human habit of judging people on how they look and dress, let alone their accent or their poor English. He challenges us by saying that "*the making of distinctions between classes of people*" is incompatible with faith in Jesus Christ.

To this challenge we often reply "*I don't behave like that.*" Through our support of Caritas Jersey, the SVP weekly appeal for durable stuff for their Food Bank and the charitable activities of the Knights of St Columba and the Catenians, we can enable those who are hands-on in bridging the divide that many experience in Jersey.

For my small part in promoting this work and at times, being a voice for the voiceless, I thank God and you for the opportunity to do this in my fidelity to the Gospel.

Farewell!

Father Nicholas

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MANY CONGRATULATIONS TO FR NICHOLAS...

Who, at a Vin d'Honneur, hosted by the Bailiff, was presented with the Bailiff's Silver Medal, personally engraved, in recognition of his commitment to the Island as Catholic Dean.

Well done and thank you, Fr Nicholas for your outstanding ministry for 19 years in Jersey to all people of all nationalities.

THANK YOU CONSTABLE SIMON CROWCROFT

Who hosted a happy dinner in honour of Fr Nicholas at the Town Hall last Thursday. Portuguese dancers and singers provided entertainment at the beginning and end of the evening. Over 150 people attended and Fr Nicholas said *"It was another very happy and memorable farewell evening and wonderful to see so many people there - excellent food and lovely to have the traditional Portuguese dancers and music who were outside welcoming us in the Town Hall and then once again entertained us at the end of the evening."*

THIS SUNDAY IS THE FAREWELL AND THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR NICHOLAS

We look forward to welcoming a very large gathering of all our Catholic Community, especially to say thank you and give a fond farewell to Fr Nicholas who leaves our Island the following day to begin his retirement.

After Mass you are all warmly invited to the Queen's Hall to say your personal farewells to Fr Nicholas. You will also have an opportunity to view the Caritas showcase – where many of our Catholic Organisations will be showing all they do for outreach in Jersey and further afield too.

We look forward to seeing you at Fort Regent at 10.30am, where there will be ample free parking.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Calvin de Louche, who last weekend received his silver medal from Fr Nicholas, in recognition of his 10 years altar serving in St Thomas' Church at the Saturday 6pm Mass. *Well done Calvin and all good wishes as you start University to study medicine.*

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation programmes start from **Saturday 15 September** with the combined first year and second year retreats. Parents please check your dates. First year parents' meetings take place on **Thursday 20 and 27 September** at St Thomas' at 7pm. Please ensure you attend one of these meetings.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – Monday 10 September at 7pm.

Adoration & Rosary - Thursday 13 September at 9am

Morning Prayer - Friday 14 September at 6.30am, followed by breakfast.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Roux Marlee Le Fleur, Leo Moulson and Bianca de Abreu.

Marriages

Congratulations to Scarlett Lapidus & Patrick Bingley who were recently married.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Samuel Hargrove, Kevin Kelly, Yvonne Le Breuille and Violet Curran. May they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£729.49	£462.75
St Helier	£1532.00	£1138.67
West	£1109.69	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

There will be a second collection next weekend for Home Mission Sunday. This is an opportunity to inspire Catholics and help them to engage with the mission of the Church, whilst supporting the work of the Home Mission Office.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FILIPINO CHOIR

Who celebrated their 8th Anniversary last weekend. The choir sing at the 6pm each Sunday in St Thomas' Church and their music is really appreciated by all. Last weekend, Claudia and the choir members organised a party to celebrate their anniversary and to wish Fr Nicholas every happiness in his retirement. Fr Nicholas says *"Thank you Claudia and to all choir members for your commitment during the last 8 years and of course, Fr Benjamin, Manuela and myself really appreciated the party. It was a very special evening."*

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je

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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

The JaCy youth upper room above St Thomas' Hall will open on **Friday 14 September** at 7pm – 10pm for volunteers to help with cleaning and reorganisation. All help gratefully accepted. Pizza will be served for our workers.

Launch of New Youth Ministry Programme - Friday 21 September at 7pm - 10pm. Parents and young people are welcome to come and visit to see what is on offer for year 7+ in our church. Please come and join us for prayer at 8.30pm.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill

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PRAISE & PLAY GROUP - Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's. Friendly group for babies and toddlers with their parents or carers.

FRIDAY FAITH & FUN – for babies, toddlers and primary age children from 3.30pm - 5.30pm in St Thomas' Hall. Crafts, games, faith sharing and food available. A great way to start the weekend.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY INITIATIVES will be available again week commencing **17 September**. Contact Mary for marriage and family support, natural fertility appointments or any queries regarding Catholic parenting support.

COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT (NIGHT PRAYER)

Will take place at The Chapel of St Ann, Rozel Manor on **Wednesday 3 October** at 9pm. Plainsong, and 16th century English music by Byrd Holmes, Sheppard & Tallis.

Cantabile – Graham Caldbeck – director and Rev Martin Dryden – officiant.

PASSION PLAY IN OBERAMMERGAU 2020

Bontour are currently working on a conducted tour to Oberammergau to go and see the Passion Play in 2020. Nestled at the western edge of the snow-dusted Bavarian Alps in a forested valley is the picturesque town of Oberammergau. It bears the façade of a sleepy alpine community but comes alive once every ten years with countless visitors anticipating its unique passion play, a spectacle unlike any other. Since 1634, the play has been performed faithfully by the town's residents in gratitude for the divine intervention that spared them from death during the plague. It's a polished production today, but at the heart it remains a powerful act of worship symbolising an unwavering commitment to an ancestral vow.

This Thursday, Bontour will be launching the tour. It is a 3 night direct trip from Jersey / Guernsey to Oberammergau and the Passion Play with Blue Islands. Costs £1,549pp based on two people sharing. Please contact Bontour for more information.

UNITY GROUP MONTHLY MEETING

Takes place on **Monday 10 September** at 7.30pm at St Andrew's Anglican Church, First Tower. This is an interdenominational discussion group.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday at 5pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

The Oasis of Peace – every Thursday at 9am

Sacred Heart, St Aubin – every Wednesday at 6pm

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

St Bernadette – every Friday at 11.30am

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

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 8 Sept	First Mass for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	NO MASS
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	NO MASS
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	NO MASS
Sunday 9 Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Is 35:4-7; Psalm 145; Jas 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37</i>
	10:30 am	Fort Regent	All Island Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass for Fr Nicholas
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Monday 10 Sept	Feria		<i>1 Cor 5:1-8; Psalm 5; Luke 6:6-11</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	CWL & Deacon Tony Ward in Thanksgiving
Tuesday 11 Sept	Feria		<i>1 Cor 6:1-11; Psalm 149; Luke 6:12-19</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	NO MASS
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Deacon Iain MacFirbhisigh & Family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Intentions of Bill Caulfield
Wednesday 12 Sept	The Most Holy Name of Mary		<i>1 Cor 7:25-31; Psalm 44; Luke 6:20-26</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Jean Ann Thebault RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	NO MASS
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 13 Sept	St John Chrysostom		<i>1 Cor 8:1-7.11-13; Psalm 138; Luke 6:27-38</i>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	NO MASS
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Holy Souls
Friday 14 Sept	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross		<i>Num 21:4-9; Psalm 77; Phil 2:6-11; John 3:13-17</i>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	NO MASS
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Fernando Pinto Correira RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 15 Sept	Our Lady of Sorrows		<i>1 Cor 10:14-22; Psalm 115; Luke 6:43-49</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Tony Percy and Family RIP
Saturday 15 Sept	First Mass for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunery Camara RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Maurice Richard Power RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Clinton Pringle RIP
Sunday 16 Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Is 50:5-9; Psalm 114; Jas 2:14-18; Mark 8:27-35</i>
	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	Fiona Honey RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Holy Souls
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Dan Murphy RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Sister Theresa Rossingrave RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Isabel Vieira RIP, Maria Jose Freitas RIP, Julia Pestana RIP, Agostinho Rodrigues RIP, Manuel Rodrigues RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Deirdre Gordon 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.

Catholic Pastoral Services	732583	cps@catholicchurch.org.je
The Welcome Centre	767997	thewelcomecentre@catholicchurch.org.je
Caritas Jersey	768963	info@caritasjersey.je
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Saint Vincent de Paul Society	874008	svp@catholicchurch.org.je
The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
Community Christ of Bethany	722970	ccb@catholicchurch.org.je (m) 07797727625
Padre Pio Prayer Chain	636772	lorraine.pppc@gmail.com

In an emergency (when someone seems to be near death) phone the General Hospital: 442000 and ask them to page the Duty Priest.

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