



The Catholic Church in Jersey

Seven Churches, One Parish

Sunday 27 October 2019 ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Canon's Corner

Last week I was in Guernsey for the induction of Fr Bruce Barnes, their new Catholic Dean and parish priest. It was good to participate in welcoming him to the Channel Islands. At the end of the Mass I was very touched when their parish deacon in his words of thanks to all who had come and welcomed me back saying, "We're so proud you are now the Catholic Dean of Jersey but we will always claim you as ours because we had you first." Indeed, they did; I served my diaconate with them in 1993 and stayed on there as a priest for another year.

What was particularly humbling was meeting those parishioners after Mass who remembered my ministry. A dad whose wedding I had officiated at introduced me to his five teenage children – who seemed astonished that I had been at their parents wedding. And an elderly woman told me I had anointed her husband in hospital on the day he died and then walked her home in the pouring rain! She quoted back to me all sorts of things she said I had then said to her. I have no memory of that, but it brought home to me the lesson that what we say and do can often have a long-lasting effect on others. We won't always get it right of course. By the end of my hopefully long time here, I will no doubt have said and done plenty which will have annoyed some of you, but that shouldn't stop me or you setting out each day with the confidence of St Paul. In his second letter to Timothy (this Sunday's second reading), he writes 'the Lord stood by me and gave me power so that through me the message of Christ might be proclaimed.' I learnt last week of a few times when that power made a positive difference. I pray the Lord leads all of us to the same truth many times in the days to come.

Canon Dominic



All Saints Day

This Friday is the Solemnity of All Saints Day, a holy day of obligation. There are three Masses in the parish that day, one in the East, one in the West and one in town:

9:30am – Sacred Heart

12:15pm – St Thomas

7:00pm – St Patrick



'Connections' - People Living with Memory Loss

Our next Connections afternoon tea will be held on Wednesday 6 November at 2.30pm - 3.30pm at Catholic Pastoral Services. This group is for anyone living with dementia or memory loss and their carer or companion. Come and join us for tea/coffee and cake with a singalong and activities.

PARISH CONTACTS

PRIESTS:

Canon Dominic Golding (Parish Priest & Dean)

Fr Benjamin Theobald (Assistant Priest)

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

- Sun:
- Mon Canon Dominic – day off;
- Tues Fr Johnpromise – day off;
St Vincent de Paul Group, 2.30pm, St Thomas' Hall;
Christ Alive Youth Group, 7pm, St Thomas' Hall;
Canon Dominic at Chapter of Canons,
Cathedral, Portsmouth, 10.30am
- Wed Fr Benjamin – day off;
Canon Dominic hosts local Church leaders lunch at 1pm
- Thurs Fr Benjamin at Coordinating Pastors Meeting,
Bishop's House, Portsmouth, 10.30am;
Lectio Divinia, CPS, 1pm;
RCIA, St Thomas' Hall, 7pm
- Fri All Saints Day – Holy Day of Obligation
'Friday Friends', St Thomas' Hall, 7pm
- Sat St Vincent de Paul Group, 10am, St Thomas' Hall

SACRAMENTS & LITURGICAL LIFE

The Oasis of Peace

Re-opens on Tuesday 5 November.

Jersey Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

This month we are invited to pray for those in the Construction Industry and this week for St Aubin & St Ouen's Methodist Churches and for Rev Jenny Pathmarajah.

Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for the comfort and consolation of those who mourn them:

- ❖ George Merhet, aged 84, whose Funeral Service will be held at St Matthieu on Tuesday 29 October at 11.30am;
- ❖ Rosario Le Blancq, aged 87, whose Funeral Service will be held at the Crematorium on Thursday 31 October at 1.15pm;
- ❖ Romano Ricci, aged 71, whose Funeral Mass will be held at St Thomas' on Friday 8 November at 12.15pm.

Youth Drama Production: 'Be My Witnesses'

You are all warmly invited to come along on Friday 22 November, at 7pm, to St Mary & St Peter's Church, where our Youth Team will be presenting a wonderful production looking at the lives of some of our young saints and their stories. Please do support them as they open the 'Spirit on the Rock' event. There will be a raffle in aid of the costs of the weekend.

PASTORAL LIFE

Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Training on 'Creating a Safe Environment' will take place on Saturday 9 November in St Thomas' Small Hall at 10am – 12.30pm. This training is for all clergy, safeguarding ministers and all those involved in co-ordinating sacramental programmes and events who have not attended this training in the past three years.

States School Catechists' Meeting

All states school catechists are invited to a meeting with Fr Johnpromise on Wednesday 13 November at 7pm at Catholic Pastoral Services. If anybody would like to know more about this ministry please come along to meet the team.

St Patrick's Table Top & Cake Sale

Will take place on the weekend of 16 & 17 November in St Patrick's Hall after both weekend Masses. Raffle prizes, donations and nearly new goods would be greatly appreciated.

Advent Procession of Light – Help Needed

This year the Advent Procession of Light will be held at St Bernadette's Church, on Sunday 1 December, at 6pm. This is a candlelit service of Advent readings and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Help in the following areas would be appreciated: welcomers, candle lighters, readers, singers and serving refreshments. Please contact Siobhan (07797 739720) or Deacon Brendan if you would like to volunteer. This is a Parish-wide event; an opportunity for all parishioners, family and friends to celebrate the start of Advent looking towards Christmas.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 7 December,

It is less than seven weeks to the Christmas Fayre at St Thomas'. Helpers and donations of good quality goods are urgently needed. Please start collecting now – good clean books and toys, bottles, new gifts, Christmas gifts, collectables, cakes, raffle prizes and, in fact, anything that will help us make the Fayre a success. *A meeting to recruit helpers will be held in St Thomas' Hall at 7 pm on Tuesday 29 October.*

Apostleship of the Sea Christmas Appeal

27 October to 24 November - Supported by KSC

Every working day of the week, an average of four vessels berth at the Port of Jersey, bringing nearly 99% of all the goods that are necessary for the island's daily life, plus passengers and cars to boost our economy. Therefore, around 90 seafarers come to our shores, but rarely have the opportunity to leave their ships. At Christmas time, the Apostleship of the Sea and the Mission to Seafarers, visit the ships on your behalf with practical gifts for the crews, to say thank you for being our life line. No crews, no ships, no goods! We are asking you to knit woolly hats (copies of the knitting pattern available at the back of church). Please fill these hats with small toiletry items: bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and a Christmas card from you 'to a Seafarer' thanking them for their work. A collection box will be available in your Church. Thank you.

Friends of St Thomas' Meeting

Takes place on Tuesday 29 October in St Thomas' Hall at 7pm.

Organist Needed

We are looking for an organist to play at the Sunday morning Mass at Our Lady, St Martin. Please contact the East office if you can help. Tel: 720235 option 4.

Volunteers Needed

Youth Ministry, including Confirmation, needs more volunteers for our youth groups. Just a couple of hours a month would help. Please Contact m.ashbrooke@catholicchurch.org.je.

Catholic Pastoral Services

Will be closed during half term and will reopen on Monday 4 November.

The Catholic Gift Shop

Will be closed from 27 October and re-open on Tuesday 5 November at 10am to 1pm on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays & Saturdays.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday's offertory of £4173.26 made up of cash: £3030.82 and Planned Giving: £1142.44. Last weekend's second collection for World Missions amounted to £1173.85

Second Collection Next Weekend

Bamenda Sunday

Every year we have a special collection to support the projects driven by our friends in our twinned Diocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. Please take a copy of the Bamenda Newsletter (*available next weekend*) to understand the mutual benefits of our twinned relationship and how much your help is needed in these troubled times.

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

In an Emergency

Should you wish a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to a hospital patient, please call the hospital switchboard on 442000 and ask them to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. If the sacrament is requested for someone ill or dying at home or elsewhere, please call the priests at St Thomas' on 720235, option 1. You may have to leave a message but we will respond as soon as we can.

Saint Vincent de Paul: 874008

Caritas Jersey: 768963

Community Christ of Bethany: 722970

Padre Pio Prayer Chain: 636772

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MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

Mary Cahill, Parish Coordinator of Pastoral Ministries:
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JaCy Junior: 2 November is moving to Sunday 10 November at 1pm - 3pm at St Thomas' Hall for the Annual Angels & Saints Party - This event is for children of all ages of children and their parents. Start planning your Angels & Saints dressing up costume with ideas from www.catholicicing.com.

Spirit on the Rock 2019 'Be my Witnesses' Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November

All young people in school year 7+ are welcome to register to attend. (Confirmation candidates are already registered) Donation to participate is £20. Please book your place or for more information contact Mary. We really encourage parents to book your young people on this weekend. They will encounter a dynamic weekend exploring the moral and social teachings of the Church. We have excellent speakers from the UK and we hope you won't miss this opportunity. Please contact Monika: m.ashbrooke@catholicchurch.org.je for a booking form and programme.

Volunteers Needed for Spirit on the Rock

Please contact Mary if you can give up some time to help with this event. If you can help as a leader, with registration and security, or in hospitality or cleaning. We will also need drivers to help with transporting our guest speakers.

Youth Ministry Groups - School years 6 + meet in the Upper Youth Room in St Thomas' Hall.

Friday Friends - 7pm - 10pm

All young people are welcome for a relaxed evening of Faith, Friendship & Fun. Bring money for snacks.
We will remain open during half term.

'Christ Alive' - For young adults between 16 - 30 years. Tuesdays at 7pm - 9.30pm. Bring money for a takeaway.

Praise and Play Groups - *Closed during half term.*

THIS WEEK'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 26 Oct	First Mass for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Dino Durbano RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Clary Dupre RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Jose Abreu RIP and Nicholas Hayward RIP
Sunday 27 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18; 2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-19; Luke 18:9-14</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Fr Colin Ward RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Lily Flanagan RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Intentions of Deanna, Leslie, Mary, Tony and Vanessa – Lourdes Pilgrim organisers 2019
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Anne McNally
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Deceased Members of Knights of St Columba
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Miguela Jose Moreaia De Sousa
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Mary Dunleavy RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Monday 28 Oct	Ss Simon & Jude		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Caroline Wright RIP
Tuesday 29 Oct	Feria		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>No Mass</i>
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Felipa Andicoy RIP
Wednesday 30 Oct	Blessed Winchester Martyrs, or Feria		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Evelyne and David Maloret Golden Wedding Anniversary
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Louise Birrell RIP
Thursday 31 Oct	Feria		
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Jess De Castro RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Betty O'Ridan RIP
Friday 1 Nov	All Saints		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Intentions of Michael De Gruchy on his 80th Birthday
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Daphne Dunn RIP
	7:00 pm	St Patrick	Dom Nicholas Broadbridge RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Saturday 2 Nov	All Souls		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Myra Cullinan RIP

Catholic Trivia#9

Every Sunday, it is our custom at the end of the Prayers of the Faithful, to seek the prayerful intercession of Our Lady by reciting the Hail Mary. This custom has, in our territory, the force of Church law behind it: 'a custom apart from canon law acquires the force of law when it has been lawfully observed for a period of thirty continuous and complete years' (canon 26). When your parish priest was studying canon law in Canada many moons ago, a professor had him explain what we did at the end of the prayers of the faithful and declared, 'that is the only example of this law in practice anywhere in the Catholic world.' Woe betide then anyone who tries to suppress it!



Confessions, Saturdays

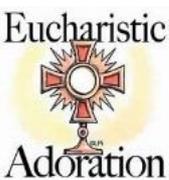
St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm
 Sacred Heart, - 5.15pm - 5.45pm
 St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass

Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament

St Thomas – Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm – 6pm
 Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday at 5pm
 followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
 The Oasis of Peace – Thurs at 8.30am
 Sacred Heart – Wed at 6pm (when Mass is at 6:30pm)
 St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – Fri at 8pm
 St Patrick – Tues at 7pm to 8pm

Rosary

St Thomas - Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass
 Sacred Heart - Wed at 7pm (when Mass is at 6:30pm)
 St Patrick – Sat at 9am before Mass
 Oasis of Peace – Thursday at 8.45am



Eucharistic Adoration



SAINT FOR THE WEEK – ALL SAINTS 1ST NOVEMBER

Originally this feast was kept in the East to honour the many martyrs of the Church, including those not known by name. The feast was then kept on the first Sunday after Pentecost, and this practice spread to the West, as we know from a sermon by St Maximus of Turin. A further development was the Christian dedication in 610 of the Emperor Hadrian's pagan Pantheon in Rome, the 'temple of all the gods' in honour of 'St Mary and the Martyrs.' Later that century the feast is described as being 'of all saints' and the first dedication by the title All Saints was a chapel in St Peter's, Rome, by Pope Gregory III (731-741). St Bede, who died in 735, mentioned the feast in the margin of his list of saints days and with its present date, 1st November. There are more churches in England dedicated to All Saints than to any other person except Our Lady.