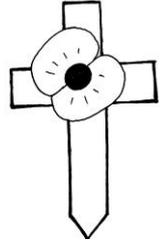




The Catholic Church in Jersey



Seven Churches, One Parish

Sunday 10 November 2019 ~ Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Canon's Corner

This Sunday it will be my privilege to represent our island Catholic parish at the Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph in St Helier. When I did this last year my Anglican colleague, the Dean of Jersey, the Very Reverend Mike Keirle, asked that the leaders of the island's Jewish, Muslim, Methodist and Catholic communities walk with him as one in the procession. It was a gesture noticed by lots of people. We will no doubt repeat it this Sunday.

Standing together, united in remembrance, we will offer united prayer to the Lord God. We often forget that Jews, Muslims and Christians have much common ground in prayer. We identify ourselves and each other as the children of Abraham, who the Lord God told would have descendants as many as the grains of sand on the seashore. All three of us have love of God and of neighbour as the cornerstones of faith and we strive to put this love into practical action. In 1986 St John Paul II invited faith leaders to join him in Assisi for the first annual day of prayer for peace. At that gathering he said: 'It is urgent that a common invocation rise to heaven from earth, to beg from Almighty God, in whose hands is the destiny of the world, the great gift of peace, the necessary condition for every serious endeavour at the service of humanity's real progress'."

As we remember this Sunday those who died in war, let us recommit ourselves to being ready to pray with and to walk alongside all who share the desire to serve 'humanity's real progress.' That common invocation remains urgent. So, anytime a Muslim, Jewish or fellow Christian friend, neighbour or work colleague invites us to pray with them, let us do so willingly and by the way, we all end our prayers with the same one word: Amen!

Canon Dominic

World Day of the Poor

Sunday 17 November is the 'World Day of the Poor' and our parish groups of Saint Vincent de Paul and Caritas Jersey would like to highlight this by asking for focus on bring your donations to the altars of our churches on that day to highlight the needs of the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. Offer them to the Lord that through our parish groups they can be distributed to those in need.

Warm Coats - SVP are looking for donations of good quality unwanted warm coats in all shapes and sizes (for both adults and children) to donate to people struggling to afford warm clothing. Please send coats to either St Thomas' Presbytery or to Dawn Cowieson at Catholic Pastoral Services by Wednesday 13 November. The coats will be distributed on Saturday 16 November in St Thomas' Hall with a free bacon roll and tea/coffee. Please help those in need to keep warm this winter.

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

- Sun: Canon Dominic at Act of Remembrance, Cenotaph, 11am & Lunch at Government House, 1pm
- Mon: Fr Johnpromise away for Mass at St John's Seminary, Wonesh, Guildford;
Canon Dominic – day off
- Tues: Fr Johnpromise – day off;
Canon Dominic at First Communion Parents meeting, St Bernadette's, 7.30pm;
SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 2pm
- Wed: Fr Benjamin – day off;
States' Schools Catechists' Meeting, 7pm, CPS
- Thurs: Lectio Divina, CPS, 1pm;
RCIA, St Thomas' Hall, 7pm
- Fri: 'Friday Friends', St Thomas' Hall, 7pm
- Sat: SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 10am;
St Patrick's Table Top & Cake Sale after 6pm Mass

SACRAMENTS & LITURGICAL LIFE

Remembrance Sunday

At 11am this Sunday we pause with people of good will across the world to honour those who gave their lives in war that we now live in peace. The States of Jersey Act of Remembrance will take place at the Cenotaph in St Helier, the service being led by Island faith leaders including our own Canon Dominic.

This Week at The Oasis of Peace

Preparation for the Sunday Readings: Monday 11 November - 7pm.

Adoration & Rosary: Thursday 14 November – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 8.45am.

Morning Prayer - Friday 15 November - 6.30am.

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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:

- ❖ Henrique De Jesus, aged 27, whose Funeral Service will be held at St Thomas' Church on Thursday 14 November at 9.30am.
- ❖ Erna Troy, aged 88, whose Funeral Service will be held at St Patrick's on Friday 29 November at 11am.

Jersey Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

This month we are invited to pray for all those working in Communication and Media and this week we pray for Samares Methodist Centre and for Rev Danny Wheadon.

Confessions this Saturday Morning

Please note there will be no confessions this Saturday morning as the clergy will be attending a Safeguarding Course.

PASTORAL LIFE

St Thomas Church Spire

A planning application has been posted on the church railings advising that we hope to make repairs to the spire in the spring. The cross at the top of the spire sits in a stone ball which is wrapped in iron strips. All of this is showing the inevitable signs of wear and tear. The proposed repairs are intended to ensure the cross stays where it is providing us all with a prominent sign of faith. More on this in due course.

St Patrick's Table Top & Cake Sale

Please stay after Masses to support the Table Top and Cake Sale in St Patrick's Hall next weekend.

The Oasis of Peace AGM

Will be held on Thursday 21 November, at 10.30am, after the annual Mass for the Friends of the Oasis. Mass is at 9.30am at St Matthieu's and the AGM at the Oasis of Peace. All welcome.

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.

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.

Readers

We are blessed in this parish with many audible and reliable readers at Mass. Will they please though introduce the readings as given in the lectionary, i.e., 'A reading from the Prophet Isaiah.' Lately, some readers have chosen to change this such that we have heard, 'From Isaiah we read' to 'Listen to the prophet Isaiah' to 'On page 154 of the Parish Mass Book we find the first reading which is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.' As ministers we are the stewards of the Church's liturgy and as such it is not for any of us on a personal initiative to omit, alter or change anything in the liturgical books.

States' Schools Catechists' Meeting

We are proud of the dedicated group of parishioners who volunteer to go into our States' Schools to provide our Catholic children with regular catechesis. Fr Johnpromise invites them to meet him on Wednesday 13 November at 7pm at Catholic Pastoral Services, partly to thank them on behalf of the parish and also to see what ongoing support they need.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 7 December at St Thomas

Helpers and donations of good quality goods are still urgently needed. We are in need of 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.

Missions Lunch

The Annual Missions Lunch is on Saturday 16 November 12 - 2pm at St Martin's Methodist Church Hall. All are most welcome. There will be a Bring & Buy Stall. All proceeds to Missions.

Wellspring Prayer Meeting

Next meet at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin's on Thursday 14 November at 7.30pm.

The Catholic Gift Shop

Come and visit the display of Christmas Gifts, Christmas cards, Catholic diaries, candles, cribs, ceramic light domes, donation gift vouchers for the Holy Land and much more. The Team will be delighted to help you choose that special gift. Open: Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday from 10am – 1pm and Sundays from 10.30am – 11am.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday's offertory of £4001.39 made up of cash: £2858.95 and Planned Giving: £1142.44. The total amount raised in our second collection for Bamenda Sunday was £1976.22.

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Community Christ of Bethany: 722970

Padre Pio Prayer Chain: 636772

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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.

Pope Adds New Feast of Our Lady to the Calendar

Pope Francis has decreed that Our Lady of Loreto be inserted into the Calendar as an optional memorial every 10 December. The Holy House of Mary, in which she was born, raised and greeted at the Annunciation, is held by tradition to be preserved in a basilica in Loreto, Italy. The House is said to have been transported from Palestine to Italy in the thirteenth century. Pope Francis says in the decree that Loreto "recalls the mystery of the Incarnation, leading all those who visit it to consider 'the fullness of time,' when God sent his Son, born of a woman." The Holy Father visited Loreto in March this year, during which he called Loreto "a privileged place where young people can come in search of their vocation. The Holy House of Mary is the 'home of the family' [and] in the delicate situation of today's world, the family founded on marriage between a man and a woman takes on an importance and an essential mission."

MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

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Praise and Play Groups

Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's.

Fridays at 3pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall, for babies, toddlers and school age up to year 2.

Spirit on the Rock 2019 'Be My Witness 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. 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. Contact 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.

Christ Alive!

For young adults 16 – 30 years. Tuesdays 7pm - 9.30pm. Bring cash for a takeaway.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 9 Nov	First Mass for Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Dr Jack O'Sullivan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Intentions of Carla
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The Mulray Family RIP
Sunday 10 Nov	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3.5; Luke 20:27-38</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Peter Evans RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Olga and Len Hamon RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Cristina Marques Gomes RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Jack and Gemma McFarlane RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Denis Hynes RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Maria Fernandes and Manuel Pestana RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Asuncion Andicoy RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Monday 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of the Smith & Hunter Families
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Fernando Pinto Correia RIP
Tuesday 12 Nov	St Josaphat		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Maria Olga Fernandes Limos RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Intentions of Aileen Landers
Wednesday 13 Nov	Feria		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Fr Colin Ward RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
Thursday 14 Nov	Feria		
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Conceicao Sousa Agrela RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Albert Rowcliff RIP
Friday 15 Nov	St Albert the Great, <i>optional memorial</i> or Feria		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Maria De Jesus Dos Passos RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Robert and Norma Lewis RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Saturday 16 Nov	St Edmund of Abingdon		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Johnny McCann RIP
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Intentions of the Cowieson Family

Catholic Trivia#12



Burial or cremation? It was in 1963 that the Catholic Church permitted its members to be cremated. Previously, all Catholic funerals had to be burials in consecrated land. These days, about half of Catholic funerals are cremations. Whether we bury or cremate our loved ones the Church asks us to ensure that everything is done with dignity and in conformity with our Catholic beliefs concerning death, resurrection and eternal life. Thus, all prayers, music and readings at a Catholic funeral Mass or service should be appropriate. If cremation is chosen, the ashes should be kept intact, not separated or scattered but buried or interred in a suitable place. And our next of kin should know well beforehand just what our funeral wishes are.



This Week Saturday Confessions

St Thomas: 5pm - 5.45pm

Sacred Heart: 5.15pm - 5.45pm

St Patrick: 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

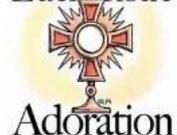
St Thomas - Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass

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

St Lawrence O'Toole (14 November)

At ten years old his father delivered him up as a hostage to the Irish king of Leinster, who gave him into the care of the Bishop of Glendalough, Wicklow. The Bishop was also abbot of a monastery there and here Lawrence grew up. In 1150 and aged twenty-five he was chosen as abbot. Ten years later he became Archbishop of Dublin. In 1171 he travelled to Canterbury. While there and on his way to the altar to offer Mass, a man struck him a violent blow on the head. Those present feared he was mortally wounded; but Lawrence asked for water, blessed it, and having his wound washed with it, the blood stopped, and the Archbishop celebrated Mass. In 1175 he acted as peacemaker between the English king Henry II and Roderic, monarch of Ireland, impressing both men with his charity and prudence. He died November 14, 1180, and was buried in the abbey at Eu, Normandy.