



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

27 & 28 May 2017 ~ The Ascension of the Lord ~ Year A

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



*'Go, make disciples of all the nations; I am with you always; yes, to the end of time ...'*

This weekend we celebrate the Ascension of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to His Heavenly Kingdom. It is a truly wondrous time.

In the period leading up to Easter we witness, in His teaching and concern for those He loves, His desire to explain, to comfort and to console so that we might believe. For all of us, as a family, we have commemorated with our children the wonder of the celebration of First Holy Communion. For this *is* a commemoration - we follow Jesus' instruction and *'Do this as a memorial of me.'*

As we journey along 'in this vale of tears,' struggling to come to terms with these great truths, just like the Disciples on the Road to Emmaus, shocked by the trauma of the events of Calvary, stunned by the callousness and violence of our world - by Manchester, by Westminster, by Syria - seeking to see in this

the Love of Jesus, His personal care and concern for each and every one of us - 'Forgive them Father ...' We recognise Him in the 'breaking of bread' - Jesus Christ our Risen Lord, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament - The Bread of Life - we gaze in adoration, like St Thomas, the questioning and doubting Disciple, falling to our knees in the presence of Our Lord and Our God!

On this day we are commissioned by Jesus to, *'Go therefore, and make disciples of all of the nations and baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit ...'*

This is the challenge of our Bishop when he invites us to become 'Intentional Disciples'. It is the subject of our great Diocesan Convocation next month. This is also the invitation of our Evangelical Strategy Group to all of us and most especially for those who participated in the Sycamore Project and those who are in discernment following the Called and Gifted Project.

This is our opportunity to respond to Jesus and, *'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Good News.'*

**Deacon Iain**

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# LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS



## **HOLY POLISH CATHOLIC MISSION**

This **Sunday 28 May**, thirty five children will be receiving their First Holy Communion at 12 noon in St Thomas' Church. Please keep them all in your prayers.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST THOMAS**

The next parents' meeting takes place on **Tuesday 30 May** at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church.

### **REHEARSAL**

Red and Purple Groups meet on **Saturday 3 June** in St Thomas' Church at 9.30am for a rehearsal.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS AT ST THOMAS**

First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 4 June** at 12.30pm for the red and purple groups. *Please note that on this day the Welcome Centre will be open from 9am until 3pm - there will be no Portuguese Mass at 3.30pm.*

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MATTHIEU**

Will be celebrated on **Sunday 4 June** during the 9.30am Mass.

*Please pray for all the children who are receiving their First Holy Communion.*

## **CONFIRMATION**

### **YELLOW GROUP**

Is required to attend the final preparation session on either **Wednesday 31 May** or **Wednesday 7 June** at 6.30pm until 9pm, in St Thomas' Church Hall. These sessions will include a rehearsal for Confirmation Day Mass.

### **RITE OF ELECTION MASS**

Will be celebrated on **Sunday 4 June**. *All first year Confirmation candidates need to attend this Rite of Election Mass at 6pm in St Thomas' Church.*

## **POST SYCAMORE NEWS FROM FR BENJAMIN.....**

Earlier this year many people took part in the Sycamore Programme to learn the basics of the Christian faith. Many were left with a deeper sense of faith, a greater love of the Bible and of Jesus Christ. We have developed a faith-building and faith-sharing programme, led by Fr Benjamin, to delve more deeply into the mysteries of the Christian faith. Fr Benjamin will hold an evening presentation to explain how this will take place. It's different, so please come and see.

Please come to **St Thomas' Church** on **Monday 5 June** at 7.30pm to see what we have planned.

This is open to all, so you need not have attended the Sycamore programme. Why not bring a friend?

## **COLM CAHILL - ORDINATION**

Colm has expressed his thanks for the prayers and support of so many parishioners during his time at seminary. He is due to be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood on **Saturday 3 June** in the Cathedral of St Louis, New Orleans at 16:00 hours BST. He will return to Jersey for a brief visit in the middle of June and will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday 18 June** at 11.15am at St Bernadette's Church, the church where he was an altar server, received his first Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and was Confirmed. He especially asks for your prayers as he approaches his Ordination day and looks forward to seeing all those who can join him for the Mass on **18 June**.

It should be possible to view the ordination service on the Archdiocese of New Orleans YouTube channel  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/ArchdioceseOfNO/videos>

## **GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MEETING**

Takes place on **Sunday 28 May** at 2pm at St Thomas'. Please contact Nick Le Cornu for further information – email: [niclec1@gmail.com](mailto:niclec1@gmail.com)

### **Baptisms**

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Kyle Genée-McDermott, Shema Byrne and Keza Byrne.

### **Funeral**

Please pray for the soul of Jennifer Walton. May she rest in peace.

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

## **ST HELIER FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE**

Meets on **Thursday 1 June** in St Thomas' Presbytery.



## **FUNDRAISING CONCERT FOR ST THOMAS' CHURCH**

The renowned jazz duo "L'Estranges in the Night" will be performing in St Thomas' Church on the evening of **Monday 12 June** at 8pm. Performing with them will be Jersey's Holmchase Choir. *Tickets, priced at £20, £15, £10, (cash or cheques, payable to the 'Friends of St Thomas')* are currently on sale from **Monday to Saturday, 10am – 4pm** from St Thomas' Church. All proceeds to St Thomas' Church. Please come and support.

## **THE OASIS OF PEACE**

**Monday 29 May** at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings.

## SUMMER FETE - SATURDAY 1 JULY

Come and join in a family fun day taking place at Our Lady, St Martin from 2pm to 7pm organised by the local Polish Catholic Mission. Including: Bouncy Castle, Face Painting, Raffle Tickets, Traditional Polish Food, BBQ, Cakes and Kids' Games. Everyone is very welcome to a fun packed afternoon.

### YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

#### THE CARITAS JERSEY - ANNUAL LECTURE

This year's topic will be 'The Eradication of Poverty in Jersey – Aspiration or Delusion?'

Earlier this year Fr Nicholas and Manuela Santos, Administrative Assistant for the Portuguese Catholic Community in Jersey, met Dr Eugenio Fonseca, President of Caritas International, in Lisbon. Dr Eugenio is now coming to Jersey and included in his programme he will be attending our Annual Lecture which will take place on **Tuesday 13 June** at the Radisson Blu Hotel at 12.30pm. The topic will be 'The Eradication of Poverty in Jersey – Aspiration or Delusion?'

The first speaker will be Chief Minister, Senator Ian Gorst and the second will be the former Anglican Dean, the Very Reverend Robert Key.

A sandwich lunch will be provided. If you can attend please rsvp John Scally: 738477 (m) 07797782436 or email: [johnscally@caritasjersey.je](mailto:johnscally@caritasjersey.je)

Caritas is a worldwide organisation concerned with ending poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity.

We hope you will give serious consideration to supporting this event.

## YOUTH NEWS

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### PENTECOST YOUTH EVENT

On **Saturday 3 June**, the Pentecost Youth Event will be held in the Berni Centre, St Martin, for school years 7+, between 3pm – 8.30pm, with the option to stay on and watch a movie afterwards.

### JERSEY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017

Leaving Jersey on 15 September returning 23 September - £775 sharing and £960 single. We still have a few places left to fill. For more information please call Deanna on 638973 or e-mail: [deannagreene49@gmail.com](mailto:deannagreene49@gmail.com) for further information.

## MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

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Catholic Grandparents Association on **7 June** is **cancelled**. The next gathering will be at Catholic Pastoral Services on **Wednesday 21 June** at 10.30am.

**LGBTQ Prayer & Support Group** - next meet at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 5 July** at the Oasis of Peace. Contact Mary in strict confidence for more information.

**Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers** - Term time every Monday 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Church Hall. **Closed on Monday 29 May for Bank Holiday and re-opens on Monday 5 June.**

**Friday Family Faith and Fun** – *is cancelled for the month of June. More details to follow.*

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£844.60	£462.75
St Helier	£2139.00	£1044.96
West	£1004.34	£521.42

### SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications Network (CCN). The CCN provides professional support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues. Please help us to assist this crucial work by your generosity to this collection enabling the Church to continue this work of Communication.

### NEXT WEEK IS HALF-TERM

We wish all the children, students and teachers a very pleasant and relaxing break.

## 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

### 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
<b>Saturday 27 May</b>			
<b>First Mass for The Ascension of the Lord</b>			
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Judy Garland RIP & Olga Baucher RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Denzil Pick RIP and Holy Souls
<b>Sunday 28 May</b>			
<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>			
<b><i>Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Eph 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20</i></b>			
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Albert & Beatrice Evans RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Thomas Kerr RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Anniversary of Ordination
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Stan Gauvin RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Tommy McGuigan RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Beatriz Barbado RIP, Vicente Pedro de Jesus RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, João and Maria Gorete Rodrigues RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 29 May</b>			
<b>Of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>			
<b><i>Acts 19:1-8; Psalm 67; John 16:29-33</i></b>			
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Fr Tom Magee RIP
<b>Tuesday 30 May</b>			
<b>Of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>			
<b><i>Acts 20:17-27; Psalm 67; John 17:1-11</i></b>			
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	For people who have nobody to pray for them
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Alain Pelletier RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Manuel Serrão RIP
<b>Wednesday 31 May</b>			
<b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>			
<b><i>Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Luke 1:39-56</i></b>			
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	António Lima RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	James Marsden RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 1 June</b>			
<b>Of the 7<sup>th</sup> Week of Easter</b>			
<b><i>Acts 22:30.23:6-11; Psalm 15; John 17:20-26</i></b>			
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Birthday intentions of Madeleine Ryan
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Tom Fagan RIP
<b>Friday 2 June</b>			
<b>SS Marcellinus &amp; Peter</b>			
<b><i>Acts 25:13-21; Psalm 102; John 21:15-19</i></b>			
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Holy Souls
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Tony Pezet RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 3 June</b>			
<b>St Charles Lwanga &amp; Companions</b>			
<b><i>Acts 28:16-20.30-31; Psalm 10; John 21:20-25</i></b>			
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Germaine and Suzanne Stephan RIP
<b>Saturday 3 June</b>			
<b>First Mass for Pentecost</b>			
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Reg and Babs Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Aurelie & Eugene Doublet & Family RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria Venticinque RIP
<b>Sunday 4 June</b>			
<b>Pentecost Sunday</b>			
<b><i>Acts 2:1-11; Psalm 103; 1 Cor 12:3-7.12-13; John 20:19-23</i></b>			
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Rico Jordi RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	First Holy Communion
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Daphne Burr ridge RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Giovani and Virginia Rebando RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	First Holy Communion
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<b>NO MASS</b>
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Phyllis de La Haye 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](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je).

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