



The Catholic Church in Jersey

Seven Churches, One Parish

Sunday 24 November 2019 ~ Christ the King ~ Year C

Canon's Corner

When you look after an old and beautiful building you never expect your work to be all done. Such buildings need much time and attention. St Thomas' Church is one such building. Since I replaced Mgr France just over a year ago, he who did so much to make the interior a place of beauty, I have appreciated why he considered the upkeep of this particular church to be an ongoing but pleasurable responsibility.

Last week some local media trumpeted a claim that the spire of St Thomas' is a risk to human life! The story was misleading. The steeplejacks, up there this spring to carry out routine maintenance, had advised us that the stone which holds the cross atop the 200 ft spire needs attention. Our architect immediately engaged with the States Planning Department to ascertain if the works could be carried out as an urgent repair. They advised that, because the church is a listed building and the spire is home to nesting peregrine falcons (a protected species), a formal planning application would be needed. Further advice was sought from Health and Safety Inspectors, surveys were done and reviewed and a few weeks ago we submitted our application. Let's hope after the recent media interest it will be approved. I have been assured that the spire remains in otherwise good order.

One consequence of the media interest was people stopping me in the street to say how much they love St Thomas'. I do too and you can be assured I will let you know more about the proposed works in due course. In the meantime, the church remains open and the Cross atop the spire stands tall as a sign of our faith in the Almighty and Eternal God.

Canon Dominic



Spirit on the Rock

This weekend lots of our young people are gathered for 'Spirit on the Rock.' It's an opportunity to be together with our parish clergy, catechists and speakers from the UK to reflect on and to celebrate our Catholic faith. Through drama, talks, activities and prayer they have reflected on these words of Jesus: 'You shall be my witnesses.' (Acts 1:8).

They've explored what it means to be missionary disciples, what the Church teaches about love and sexuality, the gender issue, the sanctity of life and why as Catholics we cannot support assisted dying. We thank the speakers from the UK: Sarah Keogh and Niall Farrell, Brenden Alejandro Thompson from Catholic Voices and Liz Parsons from Life UK and hope you've enjoyed your visit to us. And a big thank you to our parish youth workers under the leadership of Mary Cahill for making the event happen.

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

Sun:	'Spirit on the Rock' continues
Mon	Canon Dominic – day off;
Tues	Fr Johnpromise – day off; Canon Dominic at Diocesan Tribunal Judges meeting, Sandhurst, 11am; SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 2pm;
Wed	Fr Benjamin – day off; New Eucharistic Ministers training, CPS, 7pm
Thurs	Lectio Divina, CPS, 1pm; RCIA, St Thomas' Hall, 7pm;
Fri	Canon Dominic meets the Jersey Charity Commissioner, 10am; Catholic Grandparents' Association, CPS, 11am; Night of Light, Sacred Heart, 7pm – 10pm
Sat	Youth SVP meet at 10am; SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 10am.

Fr Brian Sandeman RIP

His coffin will be received into the Chapel at the Little Sisters of the Poor this Wednesday at 4pm and transferred the next morning (Thursday 28 November) to St Thomas' Church for the funeral Mass at 11am. Bishop Philip regrets that because he is attending the Bishops Conference of England and Wales he is unable to come. He has sent a message which will be read out at the start of Mass. He will be represented by Canon Michael Dennehy, Vicar General. Let us pray for Fr Brian that he may rest in peace and that his family may be comforted at this time by the assurances of faith.

Night of Light – Sacred Heart Church - Friday 29 November 7pm to 10pm

Encounter the living presence of Christ in this pre Advent evening of prayer and light. The Church doors will be open with passers-by invited to come in and light a prayer candle. We need people to be in the church to join in the singing and to pray for the needs of the community of our Island and to welcome those who may be drawn in. Our invitation for the evening is, 'Come and go as you please, the church is open for you'. This is an opportunity to show that our faith is alive, active and open to all, an opportunity for evangelisation. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament throughout. You do not need to stay for the whole event but your support at any time during the evening would be much appreciated.

Jersey Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

This month we are invited to pray for those working in Communication and Media and this week for Chaplains and congregation of the General Hospital Chapel and for all hospital chaplains led by Rev Maureen Turner.

Advent Service of Light at St Bernadette Sunday 1 December - 6pm

A traditional procession of light with Advent hymns and readings. It begins with the church in darkness then, led by the St Bernadette's congregation choir and then by everyone, candles are lit until the church is filled with light and song. A great way to get into the spirit of Advent. Mulled wine & mince pies afterwards in the Hall.

Advent Ignite Your Parish

Our Advent Project will start next weekend to help you take time to prepare spiritually in this special but busy time. We will be distributing CD's with music by the Vigil Project and talks by Fr Dave Pivonka of Wild Goose. They will be available next weekend. We are asking for a donation of £2 for each CD. We will also have an opportunity to meet together at Catholic Pastoral Services on Fridays, after the 12.15 Mass, to listen to the reflections and discuss and pray together. Fridays: 6, 13 and 20 December. Bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided.

This Week at The Oasis of Peace

- ❖ **Preparation for the Sunday Readings:** Monday 25 November - 7pm.
- ❖ **Adoration & Rosary:** Thursday 28 November – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 8.45am.
- ❖ **Morning Prayer** - Friday 29 November 6.30am.

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Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Cedric Emmanuel Perez.

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.

- ❖ John McClinton, aged 74, whose Funeral Mass will be held at Sacred Heart on Wednesday 27 November at 10.30am;
- ❖ Fr Brian Sandeman, aged 93, whose Funeral Mass will be held at St Thomas' on Thursday 28 November at 11am;
- ❖ Erna Troy, aged 88, whose Funeral Service will be held at St Patrick's on Friday 29 November at 11am;
- ❖ Joao Nunes, aged 71, whose Funeral Service will be held at the Crematorium on Thursday 5 December at 10.45am;
- ❖ Maureen Crago, aged 82, whose Funeral Mass will be held at St Thomas' on Friday 6 December at 10am.

Organist Needed at Our Lady, St Martin

The organist at Our Lady's Church won't be able to play for a while, therefore we are now looking to anyone who is available to play at 9am Sunday Mass to cover for her. If you can help, please contact the East office tel: 720235.

PASTORAL LIFE

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Canon Dominic will lead a 7-night pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 3 - 10 June 2020. The price is £745 per person inclusive of flights there and back from Jersey via Gatwick, all transfers and taxes, seven nights' accommodation in Medjugorje close to St James Church, sharing twin, double or treble rooms with private facilities and all breakfast and evening meals. Single rooms available at a supplement. Arranged with Joe Walsh Tours – who the Canon has been to Medjugorje with several times – they are offering a special early booking discount of £100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 6 December 2019. To register your interest and to receive more information please contact the St Helier Parish Office. In May 2019 the Vatican sanctioned pilgrimages to Medjugorje. Come and experience for yourself the messages of Our Lady, Queen of Peace, in a place that's been called the 'confessional of the world.'

Annual Soup Kitchen – Tuesday 3 December

There will be over 40 different soups on offer, including one from the Catholic Church in Jersey all in aid of The Shelter Trust. The soup will be available from 10.30am to 2.30pm in the Royal Square.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 7 December

Helpers and donations of good quality goods are still urgently needed for our Christmas Fayre in St Thomas' Hall. Please start collecting now.

East Christmas Lunch – Sunday 15 December.

Menus and booking forms will be at the back of Our Lady, St Martin & St Patrick churches this Sunday.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets will be sold after Sunday Masses at our Lady, St Martin this weekend in aid of CWL Charities.

World Day of the Poor

The Parish St Vincent de Paul Group would like to thank all those who donated warm coats and brought food to our churches on World Day of the Poor last weekend. The food and warm coats were gratefully received by many of our Islanders in need. And a big thank you to the team of volunteers for all their hard work.

Thank you from St Patrick's...

To all those who worked so hard and supported and baked cakes for last weekend's Table Top and Cake Sale. A total of £670 was raised to be donated to SVP Jersey.

Safeguarding Training – Saturday 25 January

Maureen Wiltshire, diocesan safeguarding minister, will be coming to Jersey to offer the following safeguarding training at Catholic Pastoral Services:

Child Protection – 10am – 12 noon - for all those involved in our church working with children and young people.

Vulnerable Adults – 1pm – 3pm – for all those in our church visiting vulnerable adults in their homes.

Apostleship of the Sea Christmas Appeal Supported by the Knights of St Columba....

Knitted woolly hats filled with small toiletry items can be left in boxes at the back of each church. This Christmas appeal finishes next Sunday 24 November however, collection boxes will still be in the churches until Sunday 1 December. Thank you.

Used Stamps

Thank you for donating used stamps to raise funds for Cafod. Please continue to leave stamps at St Patrick's Church or Churches in the West. Please note that the stamps need to be cut out with at least a quarter of an inch around the outside.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday's offertory of £3980, made up of cash: £2837.56 and Planned Giving: £1142.44.

MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

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Friday Friends - will not be meeting at St Thomas' next Friday 29 November, as we will be taking part in the Night of Lights in St Aubin. Please let us know if you need transport from St Thomas' at 6.30pm. You will be returned to St Thomas' at 9.30pm. Everyone else please meet us at Sacred Heart Church at 6.45pm. *Please wear warm clothing and waterproof jackets.*

Catholic Grandparents Association - next meet on Friday 29 November at 11am at Catholic Pastoral Services followed by 12.15pm Mass. All welcome.

Christ Alive! For young adults 16 – 30 years. Tuesdays 7pm - 9.30pm at St Thomas Hall.

Youth St Vincent De Paul - Please meet at 10am on Saturday 30 November in the Youth Room at St Thomas' for setting up the Christmas Giving Trees.

Advent Adventure - *is now cancelled - sorry.*

Praise and Play Groups

Meet on **Mondays**, 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's and on **Fridays** 3pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall – *Please note we will be closed on Friday 22 November and Friday 6 December.*

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Saint Vincent de Paul: 874008

Caritas Jersey: 768963

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 23 Nov			
First Mass for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe			
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Brenda Cook on the first Anniversary of her death RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	John & Christopher Lakeman RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Patricia Curtin RIP
Sunday 24 Nov			
		Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	2 Samuel 5:1-3; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Chris Rabet RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Gavino and Toniolo RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Sarah and Christopher Sparks RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Jim & May Steele RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Maria Fatima RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Margaret O'Driscoll RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Monday 25 Nov			
Optional Memorial: St Catherine of Alexandria or Feria			
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Fr Brian Sandeman RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Jackie, Tony, Kieiran, Chris and Durban Family
Tuesday 26 Nov			
Feria			
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>Sorry no Mass</i>
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Clinton Pringle RIP
Wednesday 27 Nov			
Feria			
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Joe Caldwell RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
Thursday 28 Nov			
Feria			
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Frank Drummond RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Funeral Mass Rev Fr Brian Sandeman RIP
Friday 29 Nov			
Feria			
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	For deceased relatives, friends and benefactors
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Intentions of Veronica Ashbrooke
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Saturday 30 Nov			
St Andrew			
	9:30 am	St Patrick	In thanksgiving to the Sacred Heart
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP

Catholic Trivia#14

Did you know that Catholic churches may have as their titles the Holy Trinity, or each of the Divine Persons, the mysteries or names of Christ or of Our Lady or any one or more of the angels and saints? There must only be one title, with the exception of the Trinity or of saints whose names are joined together in the calendar of saints (e.g. SS Peter & Paul). And once a church has been dedicated its title cannot be changed without papal permission. Of our seven churches, St Matthieu's is unusual in being dedicated to St Matthew the Evangelist but in memory of the Jersey martyr Matthieu de Gruchy (d. 1797) as yet not canonised.

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

Rosary

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



SAINT FOR THE WEEK The Martyrs of Vietnam

In 1988 St John Paul II canonised 117 martyrs of Vietnam but said the true number was much higher. A Portuguese missionary had brought the faith there in 1533. An imperial edict was issued forbidding Christianity, and it was not until 1615 that the Jesuits were able to start setting up missions. One of them baptised 6,700 Vietnamese before being expelled in 1630. That year the first Christian martyr there was beheaded. The Paris Seminary for Foreign Missions kept sending more priests but many were martyred alongside the locals. In 1833, Christians were ordered to renounce the faith, and to trample crucifixes underfoot. It is estimated that between 1857 and 1862, 115 native priests, 100 Vietnamese nuns, and more than 5,000 of the faithful were martyred. Churches, and schools were razed, and thousands of Catholics were simply exiled to starve in wilderness areas. The martyrdoms ended in 1862 after the French put pressure on the Vietnamese authorities.