



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

3 & 4 February 2018 ~ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



The proposed new Marriage Law for Jersey was in the news again last week. I wasn't surprised that the amendment, which would have allowed individuals or their businesses to refuse their services to a couple in a same-sex marriage, was defeated in The States. This had been requested by the Jersey Evangelical Alliance, a group of Protestant churches, but it was not an issue that anyone in our Catholic churches had raised with me. However, out of a sense of ecumenical cooperation, I did, somewhat half-heartedly, support that amendment. Without prejudice we shall now have to recognise the law when it is promulgated.

There was a matter of more concern to me and my fellow Catholic clergy, as I explained to The States' Scrutiny Panel, when I made my submission to them before Christmas. This was our desire to clarify for all concerned, the distinction between a civil marriage, recognised by governments everywhere and a church wedding, recognised by the Catholic Church. This is what we understand and believe to be the celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.

Currently, the Superintendent Registrar appoints all our clergy as Authorised Persons to conduct the civil part of the Wedding Rite. The two marriage rites are currently integrated. Before the 2002 Jersey Marriage

Law allowed this, a local Parish registrar had to be present at a Catholic wedding to witness the vows and conduct the signing of the certificates.

I am very concerned that, sometime in the future, we may be accused of exercising this authority to carry out the civil side of the wedding, when we do not accept 'marriage' as recognised by the Jersey Marriage Law 2018. For which reason, it might be wise for us, even now, to withdraw from carrying out the civil effects of a wedding and perhaps return to the pre-2002 situation. This is the consensual view of your local Catholic clergy. An alternative might be for us to adopt the continental custom of there being two weddings, one a civil marriage ceremony in the Registry Office on the same day or a different day from the Church wedding ceremony. The latter would be essential for the validity of a Catholic's marriage.

This radical approach would need to be explained carefully to our congregations. However, the proposal has first to be considered by our Bishop, who might wish to consult with his fellow Bishops of England and Wales, before he might grant us his permission.

Father Nicholas

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday 10 February** in St Thomas' Church, at 11am. This Mass will be led by Fr Francis and Deacon Iain and will conclude with a procession carrying candles to the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes. During the Mass two Knights of St Columba will be invested.

EAST FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

For parents and children - takes place on **Tuesday 6 February** at 6pm in the Berni Hall.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

The International Rosary will be prayed at 8pm on **Friday 16 February at St Mary & St Peter's Church**. Decades of the rosary will be prayed in Irish, Filipino, Polish, Portuguese and English. Rosary booklets will be given out for you to keep, courtesy of Aid to the Church in Need, to whom we express our sincere thanks.

NEXT WEEKEND

Fr Nicholas will be away on his post-Christmas break. We wish him a relaxing time.

Next **Saturday 10 February**, Fr Wieslaw will be celebrating the 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart and on **Sunday 11 February** the 11.15am Mass at St Bernadette's. Deacon David will celebrate a Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion at St Matthieu at 9.30am as Fr Wieslaw has a Polish Mass at 9am at St Mary & St Peter's.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Rose Morris and John-Henry Kerr. May they rest in peace.

AND LENT BEGINS.....

On **Ash Wednesday 14 February**. Each Friday during Lent we will continue with our tradition of having one parish Mass at 7pm at a different church each week. Each Mass will begin with Evening Prayer and Adoration and will offer the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- 16 February - St Thomas
- 23 February - Our Lady, St Martin
- 2 March - St Patrick
- 9 March - Sacred Heart
- 16 March - St Matthieu
- 23 March - St Bernadette

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

- ❖ Our Lady, St Martin Sundays at 4pm
- ❖ St Thomas Sundays at 5pm
- ❖ St Matthieu Monday at 6.30pm
- ❖ St Patrick Tuesdays at 7pm
- ❖ St Bernadette Tuesdays at 7.30pm
- ❖ Little Sisters Fridays at 5pm
- ❖ Sacred Heart Saturdays at 5.30pm.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Will take place on Monday of Holy Week, **26 March** at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7pm.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 IN DUBLIN

There will be an information meeting this **Sunday 4 February** at 2pm in St Thomas' Hall for anyone interested in attending this special World Meeting of Families taking place on **Tuesday 21 August - Tuesday 28 August** in Dublin. This is open to all ages of family members with a separate youth group option. For more information or to book, please contact Mary Cahill or Moyra Journeaux.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£798.75	£462.75
St Helier	£1,494.00	£1041.23
West	£1,033.92	£521.42

JACY 500 CLUB

New members are still welcome to join the 500 Club. Forms are available at the back of all the churches and also by contacting Moyra: m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je. Please do consider joining. Over the years the 500 club helped to fund the following:

- New DVD faith formation programmes to teach our young people the faith
- Equipment
- Rosaries to hand out and to use
- Resources for activities and events
- Spirit on the Rock youth weekend events
- Sponsorship support to enable young people to go on pilgrimage.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CONGRATULATIONS TO.....

Elizabeth Dulake, who was sworn in as Jurat of the Royal Court last Monday. A Jurat is a distinguished post and we thank Elizabeth for being willing to serve our Island in this special way. Elizabeth is currently a member of the Catholic Church St Helier Area Finance and Property Committee and a member of the Friends of St Thomas' Committee.

CONSULTATIVE GROUPS

Fr Nicholas writes, "We want to set up consultative groups for each area and/or individual churches, in order to consult with congregations about matters pertinent to that area or church. If you would be interested to learn more about a consultative group for St Thomas' Church, please come to a meeting in St Thomas' Small Hall on **Saturday 10 March** at 9.30am."

(St Mary & St Peter's Church already has an effective group chaired by Angela Le Sueur).

Fr Benjamin invites congregations from the East to a meeting on **Thursday 8 February** at 7.30pm in St Patrick's hall.

Fr Francis invites congregations from the West to a meeting on **Thursday 1 March** at 7pm in St Bernadette's Hall.

COFFEE MORNING AT LITTLE SISTERS

Everyone is invited to a Coffee Morning at The Little Sisters of the Poor on **Wednesday 7 February** between 9am - 12 noon. A great chance to meet with friends and enjoy refreshments. Fancy goods, bric-a-brac, books, cakes and refreshments will be available on the day.

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST PATRICK'S

Takes place next weekend, **10 & 11 February**, in St Patrick's Hall after Masses, All money raised will go to charity. Please come along and support.

Lost Property (including coats, glasses, scarves etc) is held at the back of St Patrick's Church – please take a look to see if any of it belongs to you.

LENT MOVIE NIGHTS AT ST PATRICK'S HALL

Excerpts from 'Jesus of Nazareth', a beautiful and spiritual movie which follows the life of Jesus from birth to the Resurrection, will be shown in St Patrick's Hall in one hour episodes each Saturday during Lent from **Saturday 17 February** after the 6pm Mass (7.15pm to 8.15pm).

LIVING WAGE DISCUSSION

On **Tuesday 6 February** at 6pm - 7pm in the Main Hall, St Paul's Centre, St Helier with speakers:

- ✚ Graham Griffiths (Living Wage Foundation)
- ✚ Deputy Sam Mézec
- ✚ Deputy Andrew Lewis



Come and join a frank discussion about the importance of a Living Wage, how this will affect every day people living and working in Jersey. For further details contact John Scally - Caritas Executive Director johnscally@caritasjersey.je during office hours Tel: 768963.

JERSEY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2018

Flyers with the cost and information about this year's pilgrimage will be available at all Masses on the weekend of **17 & 18 February** (and at the Feast Day Mass for Our Lady of Lourdes on **Saturday 10 February**). Please be sure to get your copy and see if you might be interested in joining us.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.
www.jacy.org.je

FRIDAY EVENINGS IN THE YOUTH ROOM

7pm - 10pm. Join us for faith based activities and chill-out time with friends.

YOUTH 2000 - Thursdays from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Join us for Taize prayer time during January.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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PRAISE & PLAY BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Monday at 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall.

FAMILY FAITH & FUN

For babies, toddlers and primary age children - Fridays after school until 5.30pm in St Thomas' Hall.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Our next gathering is at the new time of 11am on **Wednesday 7 February** at Catholic Pastoral Services. We will also attend Mass at St Thomas' at 12.30pm and those who wish to can stay for lunch in the Welcome Centre. As part of the CGA action we will be hosting the following new initiative: **Family Friendly Adoration EVERY Friday** - we need grandparents to commit to a rota for Adoration at 4pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Church. This will be a family friendly hour helping parents to introduce children to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. We will have appropriate prayer resources available.

CATHOLIC PARENTING PROGRAMME and a programme to support parents with sex education for their children in a Catholic setting are two new programmes soon to be offered: contact Mary for more information.

MAGNIFIKID

We continue to offer the Catholic Comic for our children to use at Mass and at home with their parents. Please take them home with you.

MARRIAGE

We continue to offer a Marriage Formation programme. Bishop Philip recommends that ideally 12 months' notice is required to arrange a wedding, with formation taking place at least 6 months before. We offer Marriage Support for couples in difficulty, and we will be starting a programme for divorced and separated Catholics. Please contact Mary in confidence.

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS

For girls and women who want to know their own bodies and couples seeking family planning – please contact Mary who is a RGN and Natural Fertility Awareness Practitioner.

OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – **Monday 5 February** at 7pm.

Adoration & Rosary – **Thursday 8 February** at 9am - prior to Mass at St Matthieu.

Morning Prayer - **Friday 9 February** at 6.30am, followed by breakfast.

For the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Confession, please see church notice boards.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 3 Feb	First Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Patricia Paddock RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	McMahon Family RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	António Lima RIP
Sunday 4 Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Sean Tigue RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Maria Lidia & Family living and dead
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Louis Gouedart RIP -3 rd Anniversary
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Frances Noonan RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Living and deceased members of Manuel de Sousa and Rosa Ferreira Pestana families & Martinha Vieira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John Bennett RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 5 Feb	St Agatha		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 6 Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Aurelie & Eugene Doublet RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	NO MASS
Wednesday 7 Feb	Feria		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	St Joseph in Thanksgiving
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria De Jesus Dos Pasos RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 8 Feb	St Jerome Emiliani		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	NO MASS
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Jim McParlane RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	John Smith RIP
Friday 9 Feb	Feria		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Charles Moser RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Eileen Murphy RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 10 Feb	St Scholastica		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Anthony Martin RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Tara O'Brien RIP
Saturday 10 Feb	First Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Jacques Birrell RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Maureen Ward RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Carmel O'Gorman RIP
Sunday 11 Feb	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Anthony Martin 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	Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Olga Baucher RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Candida De Camha RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Adrian Lynch RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese Martinho dos Santos RIP & Maria Manuela Velosa RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Timothy O'Sullivan 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
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Caritas Jersey	768963	info@caritasjersey.je
Marriage & Family Life	07797742767	m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je/naturalfertility@catholicchurch.org.je
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	874008	svp@catholicchurch.org.je
The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
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