



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

21/22 October ~ Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Are you fed up with us asking for your support for Catholic places outside of Jersey? I hope not, as our concern for our fellow Catholics across the world is what allows us to call ourselves Catholics and not local Congregationalists. St Paul first learnt this when he started raising a collection to help Christians in Jerusalem who were experiencing poverty. It helped him see the spiritual link which united all the small church communities as one universal church.

It is over 40 years since Bishop Derek Worlock established our links with a diocese in Cameroon, West Africa. This became our sister diocese, Bamenda. At the time our Bishop promised to send out two English priests every second year to build up a number of about six or eight; we joked that perhaps one day, in the distant future, the African Bishop would send us priests. That is now the truth and currently we have a number from Cameroon and Nigeria working alongside us. It may happen that an African priest will follow a Polish priest in Jersey.

After many years of a stable government,

things have become difficult in the west of Cameroon, in the English-speaking area.

Bishop Philip's letter to us last week asked for our prayerful support. One of the Bamenda priests, Fr Bernadine Nsom, was discussing these issues with me when I met him at a meeting in Bishop's House last Tuesday. Fr Bernadine Nsom will be accompanying Bishop Michael of Bamenda during his visit to us on **3 November**.

Today is Foreign Missions Sunday, when we are asked to pray for all missionaries, who come in all nationalities and colours and work in a variety of countries including England. We embrace them and their difficult experiences, alongside our outreach to Venezuela.

We call this universal work 'Foreign' Missionary activity. That should remind us that we ourselves are Home Mission territory and that we are called to be missionaries in our daily lives. That's the call of Jesus Christ, that's the challenge to us today.

Father Nicholas

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

COMMITMENT SUNDAY FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN IN TOWN

Takes place during the 9.15am Mass at St Thomas' Church on **Sunday 29 October**.

The First Holy Communion Team welcomes you to the start of your spiritual journey as a family. After Mass please go to St Thomas' Small Hall to meet your catechist. You will be given information about your child's group colour and programme. Please be patient with the Team and remember they are volunteers of our church. *Please remember all these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.*

WELCOME TO FR HUGH SOMERVILLE-KNAPMAN

From Douai Abbey, Reading, who will celebrate Masses in town this weekend while Fr Nicholas is away.

CENTENARY FESTA OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Our thanks to Fr Bernardino Trindade SCJ, who came to lead the Centenary Festa with Fr Nicholas and our clergy last weekend. It was lovely to see so many people who participated in both the outdoor candlelight procession on Saturday evening and the 'Farewell' indoor procession on Sunday afternoon. This week's Portsmouth E-News is displaying photographs of this special celebration. Over 300 people of all nationalities attended. (www.portsmouthdiocese.org.uk)

THE OASIS OF PEACE

Many thanks to all those who contributed in some part to the 10th Anniversary Celebrations last week. The Oasis of Peace will re-open on **Monday 30 October**.

MICHAEL, AUXILIARY BISHOP OF BAMENDA

Bishop Michael will be celebrating a special Mass for our Island Catholic Schools at St Mary & St Peter's Church on **Friday 3 November** at 11am. All are welcome.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Ariane Coxshall and Jackson Godfrey.

Marriage

Congratulations to Matthew Godfrey & Kirsty Good who were recently married.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£924.06	£462.75
St Helier	£2,206.00	£1044.96
West	£1148.33	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION WORLD MISSIONS

World Mission Sunday is your chance to support missionaries and the Church in proclaiming the Gospel of peace to those who suffer around the world. By supporting Missio, the Pope's official charity for overseas mission, you will be sharing the peace and love of Christ with all people by helping everyone in need, regardless of background or belief. Today, your prayers and your donations will help a spirit of peace spread across South Sudan and around the world. Please give what you can. Thank you.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

With over 25 years of dedicated service collecting and delivering donated furniture, Gloria and Dave Holley have now decided that it is time to 'hang up' the van keys. We cannot thank them enough for their exemplary and unrivalled commitment to this essential support service which has helped countless parishioners over the years. We wish them a well-deserved rest. The responsibility now passes to Jonathan Higgins with support from both SVP and Knights of St Columba (KSC) members. Please visit the new SVP link on the Catholic Church in Jersey website (www.catholicchurch.org.je) for information on donating items, reserving furniture and offering valuable support if you are able.

The SVP is always in need of non-perishable (in date) food items to be distributed to the many people in need who visit the food bank each week. Please continue to donate. There are food collection points at the back of each of our churches.

If you would like to set up a standing order to the SVP, please call Peter Farrell on 874008.

MEETINGS

ISLAND FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thursday 26 October at 10am in St Thomas' Presbytery.

'LINK' EDITORIAL

Friday 3 November at 9.30am at Catholic Pastoral Service.

CARITAS JERSEY THINK TANK

Monday 30 October in the Welcome Centre Gallery for a luncheon meeting at 12.30pm.

TABLE TOP AND CAKE SALE AT ST PATRICK

Takes place this weekend after Masses at St Patrick. Please come along after Mass and support.

EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Everyone is invited to the Christmas Lunch for the East of the Catholic Church on **Sunday 17 December** at the Hotel Ambassadeur. More details to follow.

JERSEY POPPY APPEAL

As part of the Jersey Poppy Appeal a limited edition of Parish Pins will be available on **Monday 30 October** between 10am & 12 noon at the following Parish Halls: St Clements, St Martin (Public Hall), St Mary, St Ouen, and Trinity. Island and Parish Pins will be available from Piquet House in the Royal Square from **Saturday 28 October**.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
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For more information on what is happening in Youth Ministry please visit our website on www.jacy.org.je
The new Twitter is now available @JaCy2005
To keep updated 'like' us on Facebook - Jersey Association of Catholic Youth

SCHOOL YEAR 7 AND UPWARDS, THE YOUTH ROOM - Is open on Friday evenings for 'chill out' time with friends. Come along and have fun with other young Catholics from across the Island schools. Next Friday we will be continuing the preparation for our Advent 'Giving Tree' project as our service to the community.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

National Youth Sunday offers us the opportunity to welcome young people into the heart of our parish community. Youth from year 7 upwards are invited to join us for a 'Walk of Witness' celebration (details to follow). For more information about National Youth Sunday please visit www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk or follow @NYS_HeisMercy on Twitter or liking the National Youth Sunday page on Facebook Youth 2000 -

YOUTH CONCERT - SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

In St Mary & St Peter's Church at 2pm. Please come and support us.

500 CLUB - Please consider being part of our 500 Club draw, which is an important source of our income. We will be renewing membership for the 2018, 500 Club in November - please consider joining.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER LEADERS/HELPERS

We are looking for more volunteer leader/helpers. Can you spare a regular hour a week to come onto the rota of helpers. We also need extra help with occasional larger organised events. If you would like to get involve please let Moyra know.

THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP AT THE WELCOME CENTRE....

Now have in stock a large selection of Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars and Catholic Diaries at reasonable prices. Please come and support the Island Parish Gift Shop. Opening times:
Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday - 10am until 3.45pm; Friday 10am until 3.30pm; Sunday 10.30am until 11.30am and 4.30pm until 5.30pm.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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Please note that Mary will be taking a break between 22 and 29 October. She will respond to messages on her return.

ANGELS & SAINTS PARTY

On Saturday 4 November at 2pm - 4pm in St Thomas' Hall. Come dressed as angels or saints. Plenty of fun with messy crafts, 'Prayer Pumpkins' and lots of treats. £2 payable at the door. Primary age children can be signed in and collected at 4pm. Babies and pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Donations of mini sweets and treats welcomed.

MAGNIFIKID COMICS

Are available in church for free, to help parents to teach their children to follow the Mass. Due to the half-term break there will be three editions to be collected on arrival at Masses this weekend.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Next gather together on **Wednesday 1 November** at Catholic Pastoral Services at 10.30am - 12 noon.

FRIDAY FAMILY FAITH & FUN AND PRAISE & PLAY TODDLERS - *Will both be closed during half term.*

LAST CHANCE

PARISH PARTY

THE BAMENDA BALL

Friday 3 November - Merton Hotel

Live Music/Dinner & Grand Raffle

Tickets £30 per person

All enquiries and further information

Deacon Iain - [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com) Tel: 725963

Please come and enjoy this Parish event

Booking Forms with payment to Deacon Iain A.S.A.P

THE REAL ADVENT CALENDAR

The 'Real' Advent Calendar is a great way to share the real meaning of Christmas with younger children. The calendar comes with a Christmas story activity booklet, designed for use each day of Advent. The chocolate is quality Fairtrade and there is a donation to charity from every sale. Details are available at www.meaningfulchocolate.co.uk. Mike Lange-Smith is offering to place bulk orders, which will save the cost of carriage if you were to try to order individually. The calendars are £4 each with payment on collection. Please contact Mike at langesmith@tgis.co.uk. The order deadline is **Sunday 29 October**.

BINGO IN THE WEST

All welcome for a game on Bingo on **Thursday 26 October** in the hall at St Bernadette at 7.30pm.

HALF TERM BREAK

We wish all children, students and teachers an enjoyable and restful break.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 21 Oct	First Mass for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Dino Durbano RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Holy Souls
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Sean Flanagan RIP
Sunday 22 Oct	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Is 45:1.406; Psalm 95; 1 Thess 1:1-5; Matthew 22:15-21
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Laura and Syd Jehan RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Lily Flanagan RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Odette Parker RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Margaret Franks RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: José Martinho Baptista da Mata RIP, Clementina Rodrigues RIP and José Ferreira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	José Marques and Family RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 23 Oct	St John of Capestrano		Rom 4:20-25; Luke 1:69-75; Luke 212:13-21
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	NO MASS
Tuesday 24 Oct	St Anthony Claret		Rom 5:12.15.17-21; Psalm 39; Luke 12:35-38
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Marguerite Lucas RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	NO MASS
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Antonio Emanuel & Sandra Santos RIP
Wednesday 25 Oct	Feria		Rom 6:12-18; Psalm 123; Luke 12:39-48
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	José da Mata RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Joan Harvey RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 26 Oct	Ss Chad & Cedd		Rom 6:19-23; Psalm 1; Luke 12:49-53
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Elizabeth Voisin RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	NO MASS
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Dominic Alcock RIP
Friday 27 Oct	Feria		Rom 7:18-25; Psalm 118; Luke 12:54-59
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Maria De Jesus Agrela RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	José da Mata RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 28 Oct	Ss Simon & Jude		Eph 2:19-22; Psalm 18; Luke 6:12-19
	9:30 am	St Patrick	NO MASS
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
Saturday 28 Oct	First Mass for the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Louise Berrell RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The people of the Parish
Sunday 29 Oct	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		Ex 22:20-26; Psalm 17; 1 Thess 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	George & Rosalie Le Bacle RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Odette Parker RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Holy Souls
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	For the Falla family
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Hugh Loughnane RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: José da Mata RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner 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.

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