



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

2/3 September 2017 ~ Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Do you know whose birthday it is this coming Friday? It's Our Lady's birthday.

Did you even know that we remember her birthday every year on 8 September? Its proper title is the "Nativity of Mary".

Of course we don't know exactly when Our Lady was born but from the very earliest days of the Church her birthday was celebrated on 8 September. Why?

Because 8 September is nine months after 8 December and 8 December is the day we celebrate that great solemnity of Mary's Immaculate Conception, that moment when she was conceived free from original sin by virtue of the foreseen merits of her son, Jesus Christ.

Actually, it's very unusual that we remember a saint on their birthday. Usually we place their feast day on, or as close as possible to, the date of their death.

Apart from Mary (and Jesus of course), the only other saint whose birthday we celebrate is St John the Baptist.

The reason for this is that Mary and St John the Baptist each played a special part in our redemption. Also, each of them was holy *in their very birth*, Mary by her Immaculate Conception and St John the Baptist in his mother's womb (see Luke 1:15).

Our Lady is a powerful intercessor with her son on our behalf. Remember to thank her on Friday.

Deacon Christopher



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the Apostleship during the month of September is: Parishes: That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen.

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OUR CLERGY: GOINGS AND COMINGS.

Last week we said farewell and many thanks to Father Pawel (Paul) Rochman, who has been with us for two months covering clergy holidays. Currently, we welcome Father Pawel (Paul) Tycczykowski, who has come from Rome to cover the holiday of Father Wieslaw.

This weekend, while Father Francis is away on holiday, the Masses in the West of our Island Parish are being celebrated by Father Paul Rowan. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, on loan to the Diocese of Portsmouth and currently Assistant Headteacher for Catholic Life and Formation at Beaulieu Convent School. Father Paul, who is also known in his teaching role as Dr Paul Rowan, is now leasing the first floor flat in the Sacred Heart Presbytery in St Aubin.

This weekend we welcome Father Claro Conde, a Filipino priest, who is coming to celebrate the 6pm mass in St Thomas' this Sunday to mark the seventh anniversary of the start of the Filipino Choir.

Also this Sunday, Father Nicholas will be celebrating masses in the East of Jersey and Father Benjamin in Town.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Lorenzo Lucas, Daisy Ferreira, Anna Pereira, Eduardo Freitas, Enrique Rodriegus, Luna Gouveia, Thoomas Fewster, Ryan Cadoret, Noah Ferreria, Ezra Hall, Michael Teixeira, sofia Pestana and Rayha Doherty.

Marriages

Congratulations to Hernani Fernandes & Danielle Volante, Filipe de Sousa & Marcia Coelho, Toby Clyde- Smith & Sophie Hickey who were recently married.

Funerals

Please pray for the soul of Alan Howard Sagar, Marie Therese Cornic and Alan Lucas. May they rest in peace.

Death of Deacon Tony Ward's wife, Maureen – the funeral Mass will take place on **Tuesday 5 September** at 11am at the Little Sisters' Chapel. We offer Tony our prayers at this time for him and his family

NEW ANGLICAN DEAN

Father Nicholas will be present on Thursday, both at the ceremony in the Royal Court in the morning and in the Town Church in the evening, at the Induction of the Very Reverend Mike Kierle as Dean of Jersey and Rector of St Helier. We offer him a prayerful support in his new office. Formally he was Vice Dean of Guernsey.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

Wellspring meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings to pray and praise at the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin's. The next meeting will take place on **Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm**. All are welcome.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION DATES

2017/18 Parents and children in school year 4 and above are invited to come and meet the catechists and hear about the programmes on these dates:

ST THOMAS' CHURCH: Please remain after **9.15am Mass** on one of the following dates **Sunday 17 or 24 September 10.30am**

POR FAVOR NOTE BEM:Primeira Comunhão 2017/18 Na Igreja de St Thomas Novo Programa de Inscrição. Não haverá fichas de inscrição na parte de trás da igreja. As inscrições terão lugar no Salão Paroquial de St Thomas (St Thomas' Hall) depois da Missa das 9.15 am nos seguintes dias: **17 ou 24 de Setembro**. Idade mínima 8 anos, completados até 01 de Setembro 2017 e que se encontrem a frequentar o 4 ano escolar, ou mais velhas.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH: You are invited to register on either **Sunday 17 or Sunday 24 September** after the **11.30am Mass**.

OUR LADY, ST MARTIN & ST PATRICK: Have a joint programme with registration on **Tuesday 26 September 7.30pm** in Berni Hall

ST MATTHIEU, ST BERNADETTE, SACRED HEART: have a joint programme with registration on **Sunday 24 September** after the **11.15am Mass** at St Bernadette.

CATECHISTS F H C MEETING FOR ST THOMAS'

Please can all St Thomas' FHC Catechists come to meet Fr Nicholas, Julia & Nick Le Cornu and our new team, **Saturday 9 Sept.** (small hall) **9.30am**. Agenda will focus on Safeguarding, DBS Checks and First Communion Program 2017/18.

ISLAND CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION

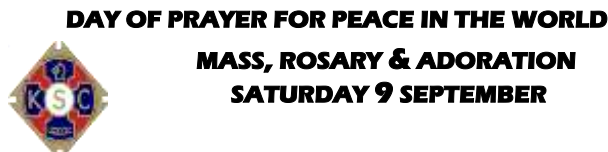
Takes place on **Tuesdays 5 & 12 September at 7pm** and on **Sunday 17 September at 2pm** in St Thomas' Hall.

Each candidate needs to attend one of these sessions with at least one parent. The confirmation programme will commence on **3 October**.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH 20 Aug	27 Aug	PLANNED GIVING
East	£946.53	£890.32	£462.75
St Helier	£1564.00	£1513.00	£1044.96
West	£1024.12	£1038.65	£521.42



DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

**MASS, ROSARY & ADORATION
SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

KSC (Knights of St Columba) invite you to support this special day of prayer when Rosary & Adoration will follow the Masses at St Patrick at 9.30am and St Thomas 11am. At St Bernadette there will be Rosary & Adoration from 4pm to 5pm followed by Mass at 6pm in Sacred Heart.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

Are delighted to welcome eight new members to the Order at recent Masses at St Thomas'. Brothers Tom Brown, John Flynn, Cezary Kochan, Tomas Mielec, Francisco Brazao, Dariusz Jasinski, Robert Szfranski and Angostinho Valente were installed by Monsignor Nicholas and Father Francis during the summer. Should any gentleman be interested in joining this growing and busy Council here in Jersey, please contact the Grand Knight, Brother Danny O hEarchai on 07829 703774

YOUTH NEWS

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Mass will be celebrated on **Friday 8 September** in St Thomas' Church at 7pm to re-launch JaCy. We invite all parents of JaCy members to attend this Mass and then the Open Evening in the Youth Room to find out what is on offer. The Youth Assembly will be giving a presentation too. We look forward to welcoming old and new members back to JaCy, Years 9 and above all welcome.

MEETINGS

Monday 4 September CWL Jersey East meet 6pm at Maureen de Gruchy's house to play croquet. Please bring a plate of savoury food. Husbands welcome.

Tuesday 5 September the Stewardship Group meet at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7.30pm

Wednesday 6 September, Catholic Grandparents Association meet after 11am at Little Sisters.

Monday 11 September, Praise & Play Toddler Group re-opens in St Bernadette's Hall 9.30am -11.30am. (closed 4 Sept)

A MASS TO CELEBRATE MARRIAGE & SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES takes place on **Saturday 23 September at 11am** at St Thomas' Church followed by a reception in the hall. Further info from Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je



Our thanks to all who gave so generously at the Portuguese Food Fair where we raised £2,600. This is a great start towards our Christmas target of £10,000. Please support 'A Light 4 Venezuela' by buying a candle for £1 at the back of the Church today. Alternatively, you can make a donation and send it to Caritas Jersey, 19 Val Plaisant. JE2 4TA or by bank transfer to PRCDTR-Caritas Jersey Account number: 29670668 Sort Code: 30-80-27. Please ensure that cheques are made out to Caritas Jersey and not Caritas Venezuela. **Caritas Jersey will make sure that your donation arrives at Caritas Venezuela through the Vatican diplomatic channels.**

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF MADEIRA

Fr Nicholas has received a letter of thanks from Dr Albuquerque in response to the message of sympathy to the President following the tragedy during the Our Lady of Monte Procession.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Our small group of pilgrims have returned home from a fulfilling visit to the Grotto in Lourdes. We are making plans for next year to gather a larger group and interest has been shown from our Catholic Schools and local Nurses. There will be opportunities to travel as a pilgrim, assisted pilgrim, Nurse or Youth helper. Please contact Deacon Iain for further details. dcnian@catholicchurch.org.je. **24 – 31 August 2018**

THE ISLAND CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

You are invited to join the volunteer team at the Caritas Welcome Centre. Please contact Cheryl on 725963 or at [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com)

SAFEGUARDING COURSE

This important course is for clergy, group leaders and safeguarding representatives and takes place on **Saturday 9 September** 1pm until 3.30pm in St Thomas' Church Hall.

Angela McGrory, the Diocesan Safeguarding Officer from Portsmouth will be leading this training.

All clergy, safeguarding reps and group leaders who are involved with children and/or vulnerable adults should be attending this course. **Creating a safe environment for all is of the highest priority.**

If you have not already registered, please contact Paula Andrew: p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je or tel 732583. Please note if you are not a group leader you do not need to attend this training

**All good wishes to pupils, students & teachers
for the new school term this week.**

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 2 Sept	First Mass for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Alain Pelletier
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Frank McFarlane RIP
Sunday 3 September	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Jer 20:7-9; Psalm 62; Rom 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	For recovery L. Bonner
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Davison-Howe Families RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Elizabeth Bonn RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Fernando Pinto Correia 5 th Anniversary RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Maria Domingas Vicente RIP, Ernesto Andrade RIP and António Fernandes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 4 Sept	St Cuthbert		<i>1 Thess 4:13-18; Psalm 95; Luke 4:16-30</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Special Intention
Tuesday 5 Sept	Feria		<i>Dan 7:9-10.13-14; Psalm 96; 2 Pet 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	No Mass
	9:30 am	St Patrick	No Mass
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Stuart Lowrie RIP
Wednesday 6 Sept	Feria		<i>Col 1:1-8; Psalm 51; Luke 4:38-44</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Sr. Rosemary Alexander RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	All Souls
Thursday 7 Sept	Feria		<i>Col 1:9-14; Psalm 97; Luke 5:1-11</i>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Ronald and Josephine France RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Nancy Evans RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	No Mass
Friday 8 Sept	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary		<i>Mic 5:1-4; Psalm 12; Matthew 1:1-16.18-23</i>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	No Mass
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Nora Reidy RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 9 Sept	St Peter Claver		<i>Col 1:21-23; Psalm 53; Luke 6:1-5</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	KSC Day of Prayer followed by Exposition and Rosary
Saturday 9 Sept	First Mass for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Simone Dorey RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Intentions of Joan & Sephton
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
Sunday 10 Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Ezek 33:7-9; Psalm 94; Rom 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of CWL
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Collette Deegan for her wellbeing
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbet RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Frederick Smith RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Isaura Ponte Andrade RIP, António Fernandes RIP, António Lima RIP and José Manuela Serrão RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Michael and David Brannigan 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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