



The Catholic Church in Jersey



One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

28/29 January 2017 ~ Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Next Thursday we celebrate the Feast of Candlemas. In some countries it marks the last day of Christmas.

Why? Because it is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple. On that day, he was described by Simeon as a 'light to enlighten the Gentiles.....' As in centuries past, so today in Catholic Churches, candles to be used throughout the year are blessed at Mass and carried alight in procession.

This is why I am inviting you to join me for the celebration of Candlemas at the morning Mass in St Matthieu this week on Thursday at 10am. (There will be no Mass at St Patrick that day).

Candlemas, Michaelmas, Martinmas and Christmas itself, all survived the protestant Reformation, along with Lady Day (25 March, Feast of the Annunciation) 'Mas' probably means feast, as well as Holy Mass.

People in the Middle Ages found relief from their days of hard work in days off for the Feasts of the Lord, his Blessed Mother and the Saints. We ourselves need special days to mark the passing of the year and the passing

of our lives.

It is more homely and can bring heaven closer to earth, when these feast days are part of our frequent experience. You could try finding out about your own Saint after whom you were named and baptised or discover whether on your birthday there is a Saint to protect you.

This is why Bishop Philip wants our Confirmation candidates to choose a special Saint's name with which to be confirmed. He wants it taken from the Roman Missal (the altar mass book we use each day). For this reason, the Bishop was pleased that my brother, Richard France, has written a booklet with short biographies about the Saints whom we daily celebrate.

Prayer for Candlemas:

God our Father, source of all light, you revealed Jesus to Simeon as the light of revelation to the nations. Bless our candles and bless us too, that we may become light for others through the manner of our Christian lives.

Fr Nicholas

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

FR NICHOLAS WRITES:

Bishop Philip enjoyed a full programme last weekend, preaching at all the Masses in town. He also had a meeting with members of the Evangelisation Strategy Team and Catholic Pastoral Services and was delighted to meet the second year Confirmation candidates during their weekend retreat. We look forward to him returning in two weeks' time **4/5 February** when Bishop Philip will be focusing on the East and then on the **25/26 February** he will be in the West. Thank you to everyone involved in preparing for the weekend and all those who contributed in any way to the Sunday liturgies.

CANDLEMAS AT ST MATTHIEU – 2 FEBRUARY

Father Nicholas invites you to join him for this Feast Day Mass in honour of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be provided for everyone and there will be a short procession within the church. Come and join him at 10am in St Matthieu on Thursday.

PARENTS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING

Takes place at St Thomas' Church on **Thursday 2 February** at 7.30pm.

JACY MASS

Will be celebrated by Father Nicholas next **Friday 3 February** at 7.30pm in St Thomas' small hall.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

1st Year Confirmation Candidates - The second Retreat Day on the Sacraments will take place this **Saturday 28 January** at St Thomas' Church.

THANKS AND RENEWAL

Sunday 5 February at 11.30am will be a Thanksgiving Mass for those involved in various ministries at St Mary and St Peter's Church, followed by a cake sale in aid of Bamenda. Please bake and buy for Bamenda!

TUESDAY FAITH TALKS AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

All are welcome to the next monthly Faith talk on Tuesday 21 February at 2pm, when we shall continue a study of the Gospel of St Matthew.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

The international rosary will be prayed at 8pm on **Friday 10 February** at St Mary & St Peter's Church. Decades of the rosary will be prayed in Irish, Filipino, Polish, Portuguese and English. In this the 100th year since Our Lady appeared at Fatima, please consider coming along to pray the rosary. There will be four international rosary evenings during 2017.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Jaxon Francis Pygott and Ida Rosa Lavery Spink.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Norman Cotrel, Reginald Allenet, David George Villars, Kathleen Vibert and Carolina Caldeira. May they rest in peace.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 30 January at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings.

Thursday 2 February at 9am - Adoration & Rosary - prior to Candlemas Day Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 3 February at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£831.61	£462.75
St Helier	£1874.00	£1044.96
West	£1030.93	£521.42

COMMUNITY NOTICES

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Is being held this weekend after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. This is in aid of the St Vincent De Paul charity. Please come along to get a bargain.

DIOCESAN MEDALS – CONGRATULATIONS TO:

TOWN - MARGARET RICHARDSON

Last Sunday morning at the end of Mass where Bishop Philip preached, Monsignor Nicholas invited Margaret Richardson to come forward to receive a Diocesan medal from the Bishop. For many years, Margaret has been focussing on safeguarding work especially in connection with our many altar servers ('as if by magic all the albs for the altar servers are washed by her'). Fr Nicholas explained that Margaret had done this work so conscientiously and for a very long period of time and wanted to acknowledge and thank her. The congregation was delighted for Margaret and warmly applauded.

EAST - AURELIE NORMAN

Aurelie Norman, has contributed so much to the church in the East for a long period of time, with her bookkeeping skills and also her many musical talents, which have been deeply appreciated by all. She will be presented with a Diocesan medal by the Bishop at the 6pm Mass at St Patrick's on **Saturday 4 February**. Everyone is invited to join in a small celebration after the Mass in the hall.

THE FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS 'CHURCH - LUNCH

Will take place at the Hotel Ambassadeur on **Sunday 23 April** at 1pm for 1.30pm. Tickets cost £20 per person and £10 for children aged between 4 and 11. Application forms for tickets are available at the back of all churches. Please complete and return forms to The Friends of St Thomas' c/o St Thomas' Presbytery, marked for the attention of Mrs Daphne Minihane. Please book early as tickets are limited to 200. Everyone is warmly invited to come along.

OFFICE MANAGERS MEETING

Take place on **Tuesday 31 January** at 10.15am in Sacred Heart Presbytery.

CTJ - FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT – 27 FEBRUARY 27– 12 MARCH

The Jersey Fairtrade Island Group will have a programme of events and activities during the fortnight. Will you try and use Fairtrade products more extensively? Fairtrade contributes greatly to trade justice for very poor people around the world. Please try and support.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Sarah Wakeling

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Tel: **07797787090/732583** or Like' our Facebook page 'Jersey Association of Catholic Youth (JACY)'

Thursday – Youth 2000 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Youth Room at St Thomas'. Year 10+ welcome. We start with a time of adoration and prayer followed by formation using the 'Altaration' programme and a takeaway. New people are always very welcome.

Friday 3 February – JaCy - First Friday Youth Mass at St Thomas', with an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation afterwards. Meet at 7pm in the Youth Room. ALL young people Year 7+ are welcome 7pm – 10pm.

On **Friday 10 February**, JaCy will be joining in the International Rosary evening at St Mary & St Peter's Church. Meet at 7.45pm at St Mary & St Peter's for an 8pm start.

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Wellspring will meet to pray and praise on **Thursday 2 February** at 7.30pm at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin's. All are welcome.

Wellspring will be meeting on a fortnightly basis on the run up to Lent. During this period we will be exploring what it means to be living a life blessed by the Holy Spirit focusing on scripture and the rich tradition of the church.

For more information please call Mark Lewis 07797 746496.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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FRIDAY Faith, Fun and Food 3.30pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall - Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome with an adult. Primary age children to be signed in or accompanied. Lots to do - play, food, pray, crafts and fun. £2 per family donation.

Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers - Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's Church Hall.

Catholic Grandparents Association - meet for prayer after 11am Mass at Little Sisters of the Poor on **Wednesday 1 February**, next door to the 'Cup and Saucer' Café.

Natural Fertility Awareness - Qualified practitioner available for confidential appointments to explore your fertility and natural family planning. Also available to support parents for sex education. Ideal also for young teens to learn about puberty and the monthly cycle. Group talks are available on contraception and church teaching on sexuality and love. Contact Mary Cahill RGN.

ARE WE UP TO DATE?

Please take one of the PAMIS database forms from the back of each church if you have not already done so, or if you need to update your records. This enables us to keep our parishioner records up to date so that our clergy can serve you more efficiently. Please return the form to your area office.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday 4.30pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.10pm

The Oasis of Peace – every Thursday at 9am

Sacred Heart, St Aubin – every Wednesday at 6pm
St Bernadette – Every Thursday at 7pm

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

OUR LADY INVITES YOU TO

CENTENARY FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Direct flight from Jersey on 28 April – 2 May

£750 per person sharing twin accommodation with full board, transfers and coaching. Travel insurance

£28pp. For more information contact: Deacon Iain:

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Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 28 Jan	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Reg Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Agnes Guibout RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Michael Le Billon
Sunday 29 Jan	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Teresa Colgan RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Michael Ayles RIP and his family
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Sylvia Troy RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	For the intentions of Deacon Brendan Flaxman and his family
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Adrian Lynch RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, António Lima RIP & Jaime Soares Pereira RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John Bennett RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 30 Jan	Feria		<i>Heb 11:32-40; Psalm 30; Mark 5:1-20</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of Deacon Daniel Etienne
Tuesday 31 Jan	St John Bosco		<i>Heb 12:1-4; Psalm 21; Mark 5:21-43</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Christine Hague
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Gerry Corrigan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Rowcliffe Family RIP
Wednesday 1 Feb	Feria		<i>Heb 12:4-7.11-15; Psalm 102; Mark 6:1-6</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Maria José Correia in Thanksgiving for her 90th Birthday
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Neville Sydney White RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 2 Feb	The Presentation of the Lord		<i>Mal 3:1-4; Psalm 23; Heb 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40</i>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	
	9:30 am	St Patrick	NO MASS
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Jose de Sousa Agrela RIP
Friday 3 Feb	St Blaise		<i>Heb 13:1-8; Psalm 26; Mark 6:14-29</i>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Charles Moser RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Deceased Members of McQuillan & Langan Families
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 4 Feb	Our Lady on Saturday		<i>Heb 13:15-17.20-21; Psalm 22; Mark 6:30-34</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Isabel Teixeira RIP
Saturday 4 Feb	First Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Bruno Noves RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Deceased members of the Doublet family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Charles McCormick RIP
Sunday 5 Feb	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		<i>Is 58:7-10; Psalm 111; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Matthew 5:13-16</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Mrs Mary Mooney RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Maria Natividade Fernandes RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Louis Gouedart RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Gomes RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Evelyn Wellman RIP (1 st Anniversary)
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Jordão Cassiano RIP, João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, Xavier dos Reis RIP and Marcelino Sá Diogo in Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	António Lima 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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