



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

25 & 26 March 2017 ~ Fourth Sunday of Lent~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind
John 9

A few years ago I returned to Carlisle, where I began my teaching career. As I patiently awaited my turn in the Supermarket check-out queue I was

approached by someone who politely asked "Excuse me, did you used to be Mr. Cahill?" I assured my former pupil, that not only did I used to be Mr Cahill but I was also still Mr Cahill. He then looked me up and down before uttering the memorable couple of words "What happened?"

I never did find out what prompted his remark but I already knew it was the reduced hairline and expanded waistline. Clearly, despite the fact we had seen each other on a daily basis over a number of years only a few years previously, such had been the change in me he was unsure of my identity.

In our Gospel reading for this weekend Jesus encounters a man who has been blind since birth. The man was noticed sitting and begging on a regular basis by his neighbours and other people. Yet, after his encounter with Jesus, those same neighbours and people

who saw him on a daily basis over a number of years are unsure of his identity. This story, like the Samaritan woman last weekend, provides yet another example of the fact that an encounter with Jesus can so transform someone's life that others ask the same question: "Is this really the same person?"

The Gospel serves as a reminder to us that, particularly in this privileged season of Lent, we should be undergoing changes, not just physically but more importantly spiritually. It can be a most valuable reflection to consider whether our Lenten observances have been so marked that others are wondering what has brought about the change in us or is the difference so negligible that no one notices any change?

Whatever the answer, as we come into the final weeks of this season may we seek to deepen our knowledge, understanding and relationship with Jesus so that he can change and transform our lives, then perhaps other people will look at us and exclaim; "What happened?"

Deacon David

PRIESTS:

Mgr Nicholas France (Dean & Parish Priest)	720235
Fr Benjamin Theobald (Assistant Priest)	720235
Fr Francis Sasinowski (Assistant Priest)	720235
Fr Wieslaw Duracz (Polish Mission)	07797778786
Fr John Mundackal (Little Sisters)	514847

OFFICES:

East	853953	east@catholicchurch.org.je
St Helier	720235	sthelier@catholicchurch.org.je

DEACONS:

David Cahill	07797752151; d.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
Brendan Flaxman	07797908194; b.flaxman@catholicchurch.org.je
Iain MacFibhisigh	725963; dcnaiain@catholicchurch.org.je
Christopher Walters	07700773030; c.walters@catholicchurch.org.je
Tony Ward	853804; tonyward@newtelsurf.com

PARISH WEBSITE:

www.catholicchurch.org.je

West	863149	west@catholicchurch.org.je
Safeguarding Officer		Linda Wiseman 07797776640

LENT

STATION MASSES

Station Masses with an opportunity for confession continue on the

following Fridays at 7pm:

- 31 March St Matthieu
- 7 April Sacred Heart

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady, St Martin - Sundays 4pm
 St Thomas – Sundays 5pm
 St Matthieu – Mondays 6.30pm
 St Patrick - Tuesdays 7pm followed by Adoration
 St Bernadette - Tuesdays 7pm
 St Bernadette – Wednesdays 11am
 Little Sisters – Fridays 5pm
 Sacred Heart – Saturdays 5.30pm

THURSDAY EARLY MORNING LENT MASS

Is celebrated at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7am, followed by breakfast in the hall.

LENT LUNCHES

St Thomas' Hall - Wednesdays at 12 noon.
 St Martin's Public Hall - Fridays at 12 noon.
 Grouville Parish Hall - Saturdays 12 noon – 2pm.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE ISLAND

Monday 10 April at St Mary & St Peter's Church, 7.30pm.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Mac Cullinan and Jaxon Gomes.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of José Tenrinho, John O'Connor, Jane Ward and Eileen Harrison. May they rest in peace.

ST THOMAS' FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The next parents' meeting takes place at St Thomas' Church on **Wednesday 29 March** at 7.30pm.

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Wellspring will be meeting to pray and praise on **Thursday 30 March** at 7.30pm at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin. Wellspring is a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group dedicated to living in a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper life in the Holy Spirit. Please direct any queries to Mark Lewis: 07880 006 00. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£798.07	£462.75
St Helier	£2055.00	£1044.96
West	£1,002.51	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Clergy Assistance Fund.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

'EASTER EGGCITMENT'

Family Fun Event takes place on **Saturday 8 April** in St Thomas' Hall between 10am - 12.30pm, with refreshments, competitions and lots of Easter family fun ideas. More details in the churches and on Facebook Catholic Family Life.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, EASTER APPEAL

Please don't forget to write an Easter card to our seafarers this Easter. The AoS and Mission to Seafarers will be visiting crews of ships that deliver essential goods to Jersey, to thank them at this special time of year and handing out your cards. *We hope to receive 200 cards – please leave them in the box provided in each church.*

COME AND JOIN US ON OUR SPONSORED 'WALK ON WATER' TO FRANCE ON BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY, 1 MAY

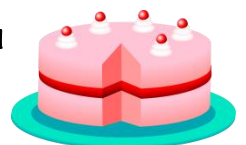
Please come and join our Sponsored 'Walk on Water' to France, in support of Seafarers, at St Catherine's Breakwater on **Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May** starting at 9am until 2pm. The Parish Clergy will be taking part in the walk and are looking for sponsorship. Members of Apostleship of the Sea (AoS) and the Knights of St Columba will be collecting sponsorship for our Clergy walkers after all Island Sunday Masses from 1st and 2nd April 2017. 80% of Proceeds will go to the AoS, to support our work locally and the UK, and 20% to KSC Jersey Charities Fund. Sponsorship forms for you to take part are available at the back of each church. We thank you for your continuing support.

YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ISLAND LUNCH FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN JERSEY

At the Hotel Ambassadeur on **Sunday 23 April**, at 1 pm for 1.30pm. Enjoy a four course lunch - £20 for adults £10 for children (age 4 – 11). Ticket request forms can be found at the back of each church. Please fill one in and return to St Thomas' Presbytery addressed to the Chairman of the Friends of St Thomas' Church. For more information call Daphne Minihane on 861178. Everyone is very welcome.

CAKE SALE AT ST PATRICK'S

Will be held on **Saturday 1 April and Sunday 2 April** after Mass in aid of St Vincent de Paul society. Donations of freshly baked or shop bought cakes would be appreciated.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) NEED YOUR HELP

The SVP are looking for able bodied people to help with furniture collections and deliveries as and when needed. A van driver is also needed. If you are able to help then please call Gloria on 870652.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Samantha Richmond
email: s.richmond@catholicchurch.org.je
Tel: 07797787090/732583
Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Samantha, all Youth Leaders and Fr Benjamin, Youth Chaplain, look forward to welcoming you:

Thursday 30 March – Youth 2000 6.30pm – 8.30pm at the Youth Room. Year 10+ welcome.

Friday 31 March – JaCy Youth Night - 7pm – 10pm at the Youth Room Years 7+ welcome for faith, friendship and fun.



Is launching a Social Inclusion Project. We are seeking to appoint three or four people who are fluent in English and Portuguese to join this project. Candidates should be willing to be trained in the skills of community leadership. This will be a new opportunity for the successful candidates to become ambassadors for their community and for Caritas. Training includes attending an intensive six-day National Training course in the UK and a specified number of hours working with the community. For further details contact John Scally at johnscally@caritasjersey.je

Date for your diary – The Annual Lecture for Caritas Jersey is on Tuesday 13 June at the Radisson Hotel at lunchtime. More details will follow.

NEPAL EARTHQUAKE 2ND ANNIVERSARY

A concert will take place on **Monday 24 April** at St Thomas' Church at 7.30pm.

CENTENARY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Direct flight from Jersey **28 April - 2 May** – Final opportunity for booking must be received by **28 March - only one twin bedded room left** - £750 per person sharing twin accommodation. Full board, transfers and coaching. Travel insurance £28 pp. For more details contact: Deacon Iain 725963/email: blessings41@gmail.com

JERSEY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2017

Friday 15 September to Saturday 23 September
Full board £775 sharing, with £185 single supplement. Joining with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Anglo Irish Pilgrimage. Call Leslie on 483855 or Deanna on 638973 for more details.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Monday 27 March at **7.15pm** - Preparation for the Sunday Readings

Tuesday 28 March Lent Adoration at 2pm – 4pm - an afternoon of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament ending with evening prayer

Thursday 30 March at 9am Adoration & Rosary

Friday 31 March at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
Tel: 07797742767/732583

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Our Jersey branch next meet at Little Sisters of The Poor on **Wednesday 5 April** after the 11am Mass. New members are very welcome.

FRIDAY FAITH, FUN AND FOOD

Every Friday, term time from 3.30pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall. Babies, toddlers and pre-school children all welcome with an adult. Primary age children to be signed in or accompanied. The last session for this term will be **Friday 7 April** and will re-open on **Friday 21 April**.

PRAISE & PLAY BABY & TODDLERS

Mondays 9.30am -11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall. This Monday is the last one this term. We re-open on **Monday 24 April**.

LBGTQ

Prayer and Support Group: Do you identify as LBGTQ? We are forming a new group in our Catholic community to offer friendship, faith and support to feel fully included and welcome. Meeting together on **Wednesday 29 March** at the Oasis of Peace for supper prayer and sharing of ideas for the group. Please RSVP to Mary to confirm attendance and to give any dietary requirements.

FERTILITY AWARENESS

Following the seminars last week there has been requests for more information regarding contraception, Natural Family Planning and sex education opportunities from a Catholic view point. Please contact Mary Cahill in complete confidence for further information. Mary is a RGN and qualified Natural Fertility Awareness Practitioner.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday at 5pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

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

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 25 March	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Ernestina de Jesus RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Folan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter & Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
Sunday 26 March	Fourth Sunday of Lent		1 Sam 16:1.6-7.10-13; Psalm 22; Eph 5:8-14; John 9:1-41
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Peter Evans RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Margaret Brady RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	The People of the Parish
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, João Quirino Soares RIP, José Anastácio Soares RIP and António Quirino Soares RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Kathleen Ann Brennan RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 27 March	Of the 4th Week of Lent		Is 65:17-21; Psalm 29; John 4:43-54
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Eileen Halloran RIP
Tuesday 28 March	Of the 4th Week of Lent		Ezek 47:1-9.12; Psalm 45; John 5:1-3.5-16
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Feliciano Lourenço RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Judy Garland RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
Wednesday 29 March	Of the 4th Week of Lent		Is 49:8-15; Psalm 144; John 5:17-30
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Olga Baucher RIP and Judy Garland RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Anna Kelly RIP
Thursday 30 March	Of the 4th Week of Lent		Ex 32:7-14; Psalm 105; John 5:31-47
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Anne McCaffrey RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Funeral Mass – Bill Ayles RIP
Friday 31 March	Of the 4th Week of Lent		Wis 2:1.12-22; Psalm 33; John 7:1-2.10.25-30
	7:00 pm	St Matthieu	Station Mass
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 1 April	Of the 4th Week of Lent		Jer 11:19-20; Psalm 7; John 7:40-52
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Pamela Todd RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	For the Syrian Children
Saturday 1 April	First Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Brigid McGrane RIP, Adrian McGrane RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Jones O'Leary RIP & Sean MacAmhlaobh RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	For the Refugees
Sunday 2 April	Fifth Sunday of Lent		Ezek 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of Doug & Rosemary Ferguson's Golden Wedding Anniversary
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Canon Patrick O 'Mahony RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	All Souls
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Persecuted Christians Worldwide
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Veloza RIP, Manuel Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Rory Topping RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP and Xavier dos Reis RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	For the Syrian Children
	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
The Welcome Centre	767997	thewelcomecentre@catholicchurch.org.je
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 – Furniture: Gloria 870652
The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
Community Christ of Bethany	722970	ccb@catholicchurch.org.je (m) 07797727625
Padre Pio Prayer Chain	636772	lorraine.pppc@gmail.com