



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island

The Epiphany of the Lord ~ 5 & 6 January 2019 ~ Year C



THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

I once set a quiz about the birth of Jesus which upset a parent so much that they wrote a letter of complaint to the Head teacher. The quiz questions included:
What was the title of the men who visited Jesus in Matthew's account of the birth?
How many of them were there?
In what type of building did they find Jesus?
The man's daughter answered that they were Kings, there were three of them and they found Jesus in a stable. Apparently I was responsible for "*St Thomas Aquinas turning in his grave*" as I gave his daughter no marks whatsoever for those three answers.

Summoned to the Head teacher's office to explain myself, I surprised the parent and equally the Head teacher, as I pointed out that the passage we have as our Gospel reading for this weekend actually tells us that they were *wise men*, there were *some* of them and they went into a *house* to see the child. The pages of Sacred Scripture are full of surprises!

Like those wise men we also need to be guided to the person of Jesus. Having caused so much upset with my quiz, I never did dare to introduce *the story of the fourth wise man*. It's a nineteenth century tale about a man

called Artaban. He also saw the star that guided his colleagues to Jesus and set out to join them with his three gifts. He missed meeting his colleagues because he stopped to help a dying man. He had to sell one of his gifts so he had supplies for his lone journey. Travelling alone he arrived in Bethlehem much later than the others and after Jesus, Mary and Joseph had fled to Egypt. However, he saved the life of an infant by giving another of the gifts to a soldier tasked with carrying out the massacre of the Holy Innocents.

After many years of searching, fearing his own death was approaching, he used his final gift to pay the debt of a woman about to be sold into slavery. Distraught that he had never found Jesus he drifted into his final sleep and heard the words "*whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.*"

The great feast of the Epiphany, which we celebrate this weekend, reminds us that we are also on a journey to bring us ever closer to Jesus. We should also be prepared for a few surprises as to where that journey may lead us, just like the parent, Head teacher and the wise men... all four of them!

Deacon David

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS



Many thanks from Frs Benjamin and Ross and myself for your gifts and cards for Christmas. We did appreciate all the kind comments in lots of the cards. Thank you too for the generous Christmas collection, which as you know forms a significant part of our annual income as priests of the parish. In this New Year please join us in praying for and striving to form ever closer links among the seven churches that form our one island parish.

Canon Dominic

THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR THANKSGIVING MASS

Our Bishop, the Rt Rev Philip Egan, will be the main celebrant at a Farewell Mass of Thanksgiving for the Little Sisters of the Poor on **Saturday 19 January**, at 12 noon, at St Thomas' Church. He will join our parish in giving thanks for the Sister's dedication, commitment and hard work over the last 133 years. The Little Sisters of the Poor community look forward to welcoming all those who have supported them over the years to the Mass and afterwards into the hall for some light refreshments and to say your personal farewells.

THE OASIS OF PEACE JERSEY

The Oasis of Peace is located next to St Matthieu's Church in St Peter, easily reached via Mont Felard turning left at Carrefour Selous. As well as offering quiet space for reflection and prayer for individuals or groups, accommodation for visitors from off island, including prisoners' families, it also offers a regular programme open to all. No need to prebook for groups listed below, please just come along. For all other opportunities please contact Deacon David email: oasis@catholicchurch.org.je or call 861750. This week's 'Thought for the Week' asks us to remember that we are on a journey to grow closer to Jesus; Can the Oasis of Peace help you with this journey?

- ❖ **Mondays Scripture Reflection** at 7pm - 8.15pm is led by Deacon David: Come to a relaxed informal group to reflect on the coming Sunday's readings. No discussion needed just listen and reflect if it's what you prefer. Closes with a short time in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- ❖ **Thursdays Rosary & Adoration** at 9am - 9.45am in the Oasis chapel before 10am Mass in St Matthieu's. We gather in the Oasis after Mass for coffee.
- ❖ **Friday Early Morning Prayer, Adoration & Breakfast** at 6.30am - start the day with the Lord. Join us for breakfast at 7am so still plenty of time to beat the traffic to work!

THE HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

The Pope's prayer intention for the month of January is: Evangelization: Young People and the Example of Mary - *That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.*

CONFIRMATION

First year programme continues on **Thursday 10 January** at 6.30pm at St Mary & St Peters Church. Second year participants can collect new booklets at the 'Together on Tuesday' session they attend. *Parents meeting - date to be confirmed.*

Wedding

Congratulations to Jessica Keogh and Michael Hale who were recently married.

Funerals

Please pray for Mary Frances Joan McCreesh whose funeral takes place on **Monday 7 January** at 11am in Our Lady, St Martin's Church and for John Brennan, whose funeral takes place on **Thursday 17 January** at 1pm in Our Lady, St Martin's Church. May they rest in peace.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Adoration will recommence on **Monday 7 January** at the usual time of 1pm to 6pm.

CLERGY AWAY

Fr Benjamin returns this week after eight days away. Fr Ross will be away from 11-19 January and Canon Dominic from 21-28 January. During these times our weekday Mass provision will be reduced.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	Cash 24/12/18	Cash 30/12/18	Planned Giving
East	£759.06	£708.58	£462.75
St Helier	£1772.00	£1538.00	£1,096.37
West	£1,053.80	£852.75	£521.42

COMMUNITY NOTICES

2019 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI

Come and join Canon Dominic on Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi on **Friday 11 to Monday 21 October**. For full details please contact Deacon Iain and Cheryl MacFirbhisigh: email: blessings41@gmail.com or call: 725963/07797723853.

CATECHIST FORMATION

The catechists' handbooks have now arrived and are ready for distribution. Catechists are invited to collect a copy from Catholic Pastoral Services from Mondays to Fridays between 9.15am - 12.15pm, or alternatively lead catechists of teams can collect and distribute. For those who missed the formation we will be organising a further opportunity to complete the sessions enabling people to remain in role. *Dates coming soon.*

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AT THE ROYAL PUB IN ST MARTIN

The total sum raised by the raffle held on 15 December is £34,108. Thank you so much to all the ticket sellers for your hard work and for the generosity of everyone who bought tickets.

PALM LEAVES NEEDED

If you have any Palm leaves left over from last year's Palm Sunday, please bring them to St Thomas' or St Mary and St Peter's Church and leave them in the yellow buckets at the back of the church so that they can be burned and used for this year's Ash Wednesday.

MARRIAGE YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill coordinator of Pastoral Ministries; email m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je tel: 07797742767.

Contact Mary for marriage and family support, natural fertility appointments or any queries regarding Catholic parenting support. Support available for introducing your children and teens to all aspects of sex and relationships.

Praise & Play Group meet on Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's. Re-opens on **Monday 14 January**.

Friday Faith & Fun – for babies, toddlers and primary age children. Opens at 3.30pm - 5.30pm in St Thomas' Hall. Re-opens on **Friday 11 January**.

Catholic Grandparents Association will not meet in January but recommence on Friday 1 February.

JERSEY ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC YOUTH

Invites all young people year 7+ to a wide range of opportunities in our Church. We have a dedicated youth room above St Thomas' Hall and a Youth Assembly who help Fr Benjamin, our Youth Chaplain, as well as Mary and a team of great volunteers.

JaCy Fridays 7pm - 10pm for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer together. We have a kitchen so bring some money to buy some snacks. Football, table tennis and much more is available in a safe environment. We welcome parents to come and visit to find out more.

Together on Tuesdays - 6.30pm - 8.30pm - This week we are focussing on **'Youth St Vincent De Paul'**. Bring money for hotdogs and pizza and help with sorting food for the foodbank as well as New Year project planning. New YSVP members very welcome.

First Tuesday - Taize prayer and reflection;

Second Tuesday - YSVP;

Third Tuesday - 'Love & Life' looking at love and sexuality;

Fourth Tuesday - 'Life in Christ go deeper in faith'.



NEW YEAR - NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The start of a new year always makes

us consider new opportunities.

We are always looking for volunteers in so many of our ministry areas.

- ❖ Our organisations such as the Knights of St Columba, Catholic Women's' League and St Vincent De Paul Society welcome new members.
- ❖ Our catechetical programmes need more help with Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and Marriage programmes.
- ❖ Our altar servers welcome new recruits. Adults or children you need only to have made your First Holy Communion.
- ❖ Our Catholic Pastoral Services need help for their reception area and administration.
- ❖ Youth Ministry need new volunteers for programmes and events.
- ❖ Family Life Ministry are looking for play group leaders as well as support workers for families needing a helping hand. We need help to start new family support groups such as social opportunities for those living with dementia and the long-awaited support for those whose marriages have broken down with separation or divorce.
- ❖ We always need more help with our States Schools Catechists' programme.
- ❖ The Oasis of Peace invites more people to join 'Friends of the Oasis' to help with many areas such as driving visitors, helping with the garden and decoration, providing a welcome for our visitors.
- ❖ The Guild of St Thomas would welcome more help in welcoming people to the church each day.
- ❖ The Catholic Gift Shop needs more volunteers.
- ❖ We are always looking for more readers (especially midweek), welcomers, flower arrangers, cleaners, and many more roles which help us in our churches each day.
- ❖ Music ministry always love to meet new volunteers.

All the above and many more would welcome your skills and talents. As well as leading and planning and preparing there are many 'behind the scenes' roles with which we need help. Please pray about it, can you give a minimum of one or two hours a month or more?

If you would like more information please contact in the first instance Catholic Pastoral Services: cps@catholicchurch.org.je or tel: 732583 and we can direct your area of interest to the right people. Some roles do require a DBS check and training which we can organise.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 5 Jan	First Mass for the Epiphany of the Lord		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Theresa Durbano RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Folan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Sean Flanagan RIP
Sunday 6 Jan	The Epiphany of the Lord		<i>Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Ric Jordi RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Madeleine Sowney RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Sister Julie McLoughlin MMM RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Renault Family & loved ones living and deceased
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass for Cyril Regachuelo
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	
Monday 7 Jan	Liturgy of the Day or St Raymond Penafort		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Dwyer Family living and deceased
Tuesday 8 Jan	Liturgy of the Day		
	9.30am	Sacred Heart	The Gueno Family RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Ann McLoughlin RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Alda da Costa Camara RIP & Michael Parks RIP
Wednesday 9 Jan	Liturgy of the Day		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Antonio da Silva RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Nick Fagan RIP
Thursday 10 Jan	Liturgy of the Day		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	David & Winifred Metcalfe RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Winnie and John Brierley RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass for Joanna and Frank
Friday 11 Jan	Liturgy of the Day		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	<i>No Mass</i>
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Bridget Rodgers RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 12 Jan	Liturgy of the Day		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Gerard Le Claire RIP
Saturday 12 Jan	First Mass for The Baptism of the Lord		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	The Brennan and Smith Families Deceased
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	The People of the parish
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Josè Maria Fernandes RIP
Sunday 13 Jan	The Baptism of the Lord		<i>Isaiah 42:1-4.6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Karryna Lovesey RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Nuala Beck, Karen Rafferty and Yvonne Alford RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Joan Doherty RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Rosa Ferreira RIP and Bento Silva RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Catrina Gordon RIP, all the Holy Souls and their loved ones
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Eucharistic



Adoration



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 – Thursday at 9am
Sacred Heart, St Aubin – Wednesday at 6pm
St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – Friday at 8pm
St Patrick – Tuesday at 7pm to 8pm

ROSARY

Sacred Heart - Wednesday at 7pm after Mass
St Patrick - Saturday at 9am before Mass
St Thomas - Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass

CONFESSIONS, Saturdays

Sacred Heart, - 5.15pm - 5.45pm
St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St Dermot: 10 January

In 6th century Ireland he was famed for being a good writer, poet and preacher. Wishing to get away from the distractions of daily life he took himself off to the island in Lough Ree. He was soon joined by many 'devotees' wishing to share his solitude! Rather than send them away he organised them into forming a community. They nicknamed him 'Dermot the Just' so fair was his leadership. Together they built seven churches on the island, the remains of six survive. His monastic school lasted six centuries after his death. He died on his island on 10 January 542.