



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

20/21 May 2017 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



I often think that it's a pity we speak about *FIRST* Communion. The preparation we provide in our churches is for 'Holy Communion', not as a one-off, but as a lifetime experience. It's about a relationship with Jesus Christ whom we encounter in the Eucharist.

As on the first day of a baptism and on the first day of a marriage, it is natural to celebrate the first day when a child is admitted to the reception of Holy Communion at Sunday Mass. What is really sad is when First Communion is 'last' Communion.

A big question we priests and catechists are asking ourselves is: should the preparation be aimed more at the parents than at the children? If parents don't understand or believe in the sacramental presence of Christ in the Eucharist, it will be very difficult for the children to do

so. On the day of the child's baptism, the priest prays that the parents will be '*the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith*'. Teaching them to pray, to follow the Mass and to love Holy Communion is not the principle responsibility of the priest or catechists, but of the parents. That's the reason many children lose interest.

Fidelity in giving priority to Sunday Mass over leisure activities is a basic Catholic commitment. As Jesus says in today's gospel, "*If you love me you will keep my commandments.*" And a principle commandment is to worship God each Sunday.

Neglecting to do this is a sin as it damages our spiritual health. As Jesus also says, "*If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, we shall come to him.*"

Father Nicholas

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

SUNG LATIN MASS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

On **Sunday 21 May**, we welcome the 'Cantabile' who will be singing at the 6pm Mass: Missa O Quam Gloriosum by Tomas de Victoria (16th Century).

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EAST

Warm congratulations to all the children who celebrated their First Holy Communion at St Patrick's Church on Saturday 13 May. May they always remember the importance of the day they received Jesus Christ in their lives.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST MARY & ST PETER

This **Sunday 21 May**, First Holy Communion will be celebrated at St Mary & St Peter's Church during 11.30am Mass. Please remember the children and their families in your prayers.

FATIMA CENTENARY FESTA CELEBRATIONS

Thank you to all those who participated, including our Constable of St Helier, Simon Crowcroft and to all those who were involved last weekend in the centenary celebrations. Over six hundred people joined in the procession through the streets of St Helier. It was an inspiring evening and wonderful to see First Holy Communion children, Confirmation candidates and the Knights of St Columba all joining in with our clergy for this candlelit procession. Photographs have been uploaded onto the Catholic Church Facebook page.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Stephanie Siara Fernandes, Ollie Davies and Petri Ellie Rose Suryaman-Guerrielle.

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of Laurens John 'Tim' Simon. May he rest in peace.

NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Great Feast of Pentecost will soon be upon us, when we celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit given to Mary and the Apostles, and so also to the early Church. After Ascension, those first disciples were told by Jesus not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there "*for what the Lord had promised*" (Acts 1:4). We too, then, are invited to "wait for what the Lord has promised us", namely the Holy Spirit. Please would you consider offering a Novena to the Holy Spirit from **Friday 26 May to Saturday 3 June** for the New Evangelisation in our diocese.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray at this time for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. As Catholics, we can support this initiative with our Pentecost Novena, Prayer of the Faithful and an encouragement for us to pray, as we normally do, with the particular intention for our loved ones to come to faith in Jesus Christ.

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Next meet on **Thursday 25 May** at 7.30pm at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

YOUTH MINISTRY CO-ORDINATOR VACANCY

We have a vibrant Catholic Youth Ministry here in Jersey and we are looking for someone to lead and develop this role. Do you have the faith and vision to mentor to our young Catholics?

This ministry seeks to communicate Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith in fresh and relevant ways. This includes areas of confirmation preparation, and social activities concentrating on the 11-17 age groups.

Applicants should have some experience working with young people and be a positive Catholic role model. He / she will be working closely with the Youth Chaplain, catechists and other parish groups to develop the mission and vision of the New Evangelisation in Jersey.

If you would like further information including a job description, hours and salary, please contact **Fr Benjamin Theobald, Youth Chaplain:**
Email: btheobald@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk or telephone 720235.

Closing date for letter of application is **Friday 26 May 2017**.

PARKING AT ST PATRICK

Due to cricket matches taking place at FB Fields over the next couple of months, parking will be limited. We now have an agreement to use FB Fields car park as long as we display the yellow disc. Please be aware that parking will be difficult and you may need to leave extra early to attend Mass on time over this period. The yellow discs are available from your local parish hall.

MEETINGS

- **Evangelisation Strategy Team – This Saturday 20 May** at 8.45am at Catholic Pastoral Services.
- **Caritas Think Tank Meeting– Monday 22 May** at 12.30pm in the Welcome Centre.
- **Catholic Pastoral Services – Tuesday 23 May** at 11am in CPS.
- **Caritas Board – Tuesday 23 May** at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Presbytery.

AN INVITATION TO A SPECIAL CONCERT....

The renowned jazz duo "L'Estranges in the Night" will be performing in St Thomas' Church on the evening of **Monday 12 June**. Performing with them will be Jersey's Holmchase Choir. *Tickets, priced at £20, £15, £10, (cash or cheques, payable to the 'Friends of St Thomas') will be on sale from Monday to Saturday, 10am – 4pm from St Thomas' Church.* All proceeds to St Thomas' Church. Please come and support.

DO YOU ENJOY FLOWER ARRANGING?

We currently have a team of two flower arrangers at St Patrick's Church and would greatly appreciate a few more members. Please ring Imelda on tel: 872445 if you could add your name to the rota.

COFFEE MORNING AT THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Takes place on **Wednesday 24 May** between 9am – 12noon at Jeanne Jugan Residence. All very welcome to come along.



BINGO IN THE WEST

Takes place on **Thursday 25 May** at 7.30pm in the hall at St Bernadette.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£1123.91	£462.75
St Helier	£2883.00	£1044.96
West	£1051.37	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Catholic Communications Network (CCN). The CCN provides professional support for the Bishops of England and Wales and the wider Church in promoting the Gospel through the media on current issues.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Samantha Richmond
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Thursdays Youth 2000 - at 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the JaCy Youth Room for school years 10+. If anyone wants to order takeaway with us remember to bring some money.

Fridays – JaCy Youth Night at 7pm – 10pm in the Youth Room. Years 7+ welcome.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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Catholic Grandparents Association on **7 June** is **cancelled**. The next gathering will be at Catholic Pastoral Services on **Wednesday 21 June** at 10.30am.

Friday Faith, Fun and Food – Term-time Fridays 3.30pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall. **Urgent call to parents and grandparents** - Please can parents/grandparents of babies through to primary age children come to a meeting on **Friday 26 May to review the timing and value of these sessions**. Whilst many of our families enjoy groups offered for these age groups, such as Messy Church, we would like to discuss what *you* would like in our own Catholic community to support you bringing your children up in the faith. We will remain open until 6.30pm to allow working parents to call in and contribute to ideas. An early supper will be on offer for hungry children.

LGBTQ Prayer & Support Group - next meet at 7.30pm on **Wednesday 5 July** at the Oasis of Peace. Contact Mary in strict confidence for more information.

Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers - Term time every Monday 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Church Hall. **Closed on Monday 29 May for bank holiday and re-opens on Monday 5 June.**

THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

Gifts and cards for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are available from the Catholic Gift Shop at the Welcome Centre.

This year there is a selection of gifts bought from Fatima. Please come and browse.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 22 May at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings.

Thursday 25 May at 9am - Adoration & Rosary - prior to Mass in St Matthieu's Church followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 26 May at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

Everybody is warmly welcome to attend any of the above.

For the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Confession, please see church notice boards.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 20 May	First Mass Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	For the repose of the souls of Annette Crapp and Elsie Le Cuirot
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Maurice Power RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Mass for Claudia Briz-Regachuelo
Sunday 21 May	Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	<i>Acts 8:5-8;14-17; Psalm 65; 1 Pet 3:15-18; John 14:15-21</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Pat Cassidy RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Harry Davison RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Holy Souls
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Simone & Rosemary RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	First Holy Communion Mass
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Thanksgiving for recovery from illness, José Manuel Castro RIP, Maria Clemência RIP & Ermelinda da Cruz RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 22 May	St Rita of Cascia		
	<i>Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26-16:4</i>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Kate Lillis RIP
Tuesday 23 May	Of the 6th Week of Easter		
	<i>Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 137; John 16:5-11</i>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Bridget Gorman RIP - Anniversary
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special intention
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Tony Pezet RIP
Wednesday 24 May	Of the 6th Week of Easter		
	<i>Acts 17:15-22-18:1; Psalm 148; John 16:12-15</i>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Diogo and Maria Sá in Thanksgiving
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	In Thanksgiving
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 25 May	St Bede the Venerable		
	<i>Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 97; John 16:16-20</i>		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Vera Harrop RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Deceased members of the McMahon & Romeril families
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Dennis Goddard RIP
Friday 26 May	St Philip Neri		
	<i>Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 46; John 16:20-23</i>		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	In Thanksgiving
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Isabel Andrade Vieira RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 27 May	St Augustine of Canterbury		
	<i>Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 46; John 16:23-28</i>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	The Intentions of Robert Harrop
Saturday 27 May	First Mass for the Ascension of the Lord		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Judy Garland RIP & Olga Baucher RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Denzil Pick RIP and Holy Souls
Sunday 28 May	The Ascension of the Lord		
	<i>Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Eph 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Albert & Beatrice Evans RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Anniversary of Ordination
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Stan Gauvin RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Tommy McGuigan RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Beatriz Barbado RIP, Vicente Pedro de Jesus RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, João and Maria Gorete Rodrigues 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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