



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

5/6 May 2018 ~ Sixth Sunday of Easter ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We often hear the phrase that religion causes more harm than good in the world. There are arguments both for and against this assertion. I would like to bring this into a specific focus. What about the *Gospel*? How has the Good News that Jesus brings, speaking of the reign of God coming into our world, changed the world? Sceptics may rightly cite war and disease and suffering still continuing to be a part of our reality. But we need to look again more closely.

When Jesus gave us the command to "*love one another*", He did so in a world where, largely, the sick and the poor and oppressed had no places of refuge. There were no public hospitals, refuges or schools to speak of. It simply did not enter into the mind of people to help others in this way. It was the first followers of Christ who, hearing His command to love one another, instinctively acted differently. They knew that where

there was desperate poverty, they should go to the poor's aid; where there were sick people, they should be tended, even when they were all strangers.

It was from this attitude that the early Church built schools and places of healing and provided food for the hungry. We now take schools, hospitals and relief centres for granted, but it was from Jesus' command to love each other in a *new* way that brought all this about. Jesus went to the places of pain and suffering and brought them relief. The first Christians did the same. The world noticed, and many were converted. The world was transformed by the *Gospel* and Jesus' command to "*love one another*".

If we truly obey this command we too can transform the world and show it the face and love of Jesus Christ.

Fr Benjamin

ASCENSION OF THE LORD – HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

This Thursday, 10 May, is a Holy Day of Obligation and Masses will be celebrated at the following times:

Our Lady, St Martin	- 9.30am	St Matthieu	- 10.30am	St Thomas	- 12.30pm
St Thomas	- 6pm	St Bernadette	- 6pm	St Patrick	- 7.00pm

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

ST PATRICK'S - Please pray for all the children at St Patrick's Church receiving their First Holy Communion this **Saturday 5 May**. The children will be presented with their certificates at 11am Mass on **Sunday 6 May**.

WEST

First Holy Communion Parents' meeting takes place on **Thursday 10 May** at 7.30pm at Sacred Heart Church. The Sacrament of Reconciliation for the candidates will take place on **Saturday 12 May** at 8.45am in St Bernadette's church.

FESTA OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA 12 AND 13 MAY

Padre Miguel Neto is coming to celebrate the Festa taking place at St Thomas' next weekend. On **Saturday 12 May**, starting at 8pm, there will be Rosary and Confessions and Mass. On **Sunday 13 May**, at 3pm, there will be Rosary, Confessions and Mass, concluding with a 'Farewell to Our Lady' procession.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

Will be prayed on **Friday 18 May** at 8pm in St Thomas' Church. Please come and pray for Peace, Life and Faith in our World.

PENTECOST VIGIL - LIGHT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Fr Wieslaw and his Polish parishioners invite all Jersey Catholics to attend a 'Vigil of Light', to celebrate the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost on **Saturday 19 May** at 8pm in St Thomas' Church. There will be prayers in Polish, English and Portuguese. Come and go as you wish.

A SUNG MASS FOR PENTECOST WITH CANTABILE

On **Sunday 20 May** at the 6pm Mass in St Thomas' Church - beginning with a short organ recital at 5.35pm.

FAMILY FRIENDLY PENTECOST LUNCH

On **Sunday 20 May** after 11.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church in aid of World Meeting of Families. Sign up in the churches for a space. Celebrate the Birthday of the Church!

ADORATION AT ST THOMAS'

There will be no adoration on either **Monday 7 May** or **Wednesday 9 May**.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Edna Gilbert, Dany Le Gros and Patrick Cochrane. May they rest in peace.



LIBERATION DAY SERVICES - WEDNESDAY 9 MAY

Father Nicholas, as Catholic Dean, will be participating in the service at Liberation Square at 11am. On the evening before, Fr Nicholas will be attending a Liberation Dinner, hosted by the Baliff, in honour of the retiring Mayor of Bad Wurzach.

Fr Benjamin will be attending a Liberation Day Ecumenical Service in St Martin's Parish Church at 9am on Liberation Day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SPONSORED 'WALK ON WATER' WITH THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - MONDAY 7 MAY

This walk will commence at St Catherine's Breakwater at 9am and finish around 2pm. Please come and support and collect sponsorship to raise funds for the ministry of the Apostleship of the Sea in Jersey and the UK, and for the Knights of St Columba Jersey, Charities Fund.

OFFICE MANAGERS' MEETING

Friday 11 May at 9.45am at Our Lady, St Martin's Presbytery.

STATES SCHOOL CATECHISTS' MEETING

Friday 18 May at 11am in Catholic Pastoral Services.

DR PAUL ROWAN - BOOK SIGNING

Author, and Beaulieu Assistant Head, Dr Paul Rowan will be hosting a book signing event for his book: 'The Scrapy Evangelist: Chesterton and a New Apologetics for Today', his research into the work of GK Chesterton. Please join him on **Tuesday 15 May** from 6pm - 7.30pm at Waterstones, St Helier.

THANK YOU FROM THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA

To all parishioners who joined them to pray the Rosary last Sunday. It was heart-warming that we had many Jersey Catholics participating in the 'Rosary on the Coast' - Jersey was the most southerly point where the Rosary was prayed.

THANK YOU

To all those who attended the Island Parish lunch at Hotel Ambassadeur last Sunday, it was a very happy occasion and so well supported. We hope to repeat this again next year.

SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARY MASS

If you are you celebrating a 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th or 60th plus Anniversary this year, the Parish would like to invite you to a Mass of Celebration at St Thomas' Church, to be celebrated by Bishop Crispian Hollis, on **Saturday 23 June** at 11am, followed by a reception in the Hall. Please email: dcniain@catholicchurch.org.je or call 725963/ 07797 723853. To help celebrate the occasion please could you provide a *copy* of your wedding photograph which should be provided with the completed form and left at Catholic Pastoral Services or posted to Deacon Iain MacFirbhisigh KHS, c/o Catholic Pastoral Services, 19 Val Plaisant, St Helier JE2 4TA.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS LAST OPPORTUNITY TO JOIN US IN DUBLIN FOR THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 21-28 AUGUST....

Fr Benjamin is leading a group of pilgrims from Jersey with people from all stages of family life. This pilgrimage is open to singles, couples, young families, older families, and our senior generations including grandparents. There is a dedicated youth team taking age 12 - 18's for their own programme in Dublin. Parents too will be able to book their 4 - 12 years old into a special children's programme. We can also look at subsidy through fund raising for those who need it. Final applications to be submitted by **14 May**. Come to see and hear Pope Francis as he will be joining this event.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Friday evenings in the Youth Room from 7pm - 10pm. School years 7 upwards very welcome. May is the month of Mary and she is our focus for this month.

Youth 2000 - Thursdays from 6.30pm - 8.30pm *Pre-Confirmation Youth Alpha programme coming in September and will be open to current school years 8 and 9 and youth who are planning to join the Confirmation Sacramental Programme in September 2018.*

SPECIAL CELEBRATORY DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

- ❖ **Tuesday 15 May** at 11am, Fr Brian Sandeman will be celebrating his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood. A Mass of Thanksgiving and a reception will be held at the Little Sisters of the Poor.
- ❖ **Friday 8 June** at 7pm – Fr Nicholas' Golden Jubilee Mass of Thanksgiving in St Thomas' Church, followed by a reception in the Hall.
- ❖ **Thursday 14 June** at 7pm – Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Nicholas Le Cornu, celebrated by Bishop Philip in St Thomas' Church with a reception in the Hall afterwards.
- ❖ **Friday 22 June** – Deacon Iain's Silver Jubilee Mass at 7pm in St Mary & St Peter's Church, concelebrated by Bishop Crispian and clergy followed by a reception in Beaulieu School.
- ❖ **Saturday 23 June** – Silver Jubilee Concert in aid of Friends of the Holy Land at St Mary & St Peter's Church.

THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

Cards and Gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are on sale plus cards for Ordinations, Anniversaries and Jubilees for Priests, Religious and Deacons.

The shop will remain open each Sunday, until 12 noon, until the end of May.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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Friday Faith & Fun - 3.30pm - 5pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall. Thanks to the Catholic Grandparents Association, we host a Family Friendly 'pop in' Adoration every Friday at 4pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Church.

PRAISE & PLAY – *Closed on Bank Holiday Monday 7 May.*

ARE YOU A GRANDPARENT? If so there are a number of ways to be part of the Catholic Grandparents Association - You don't need to do it all to be part of the group – you can

- Commit to pray for grand-parenting and family life.
- Join our Facebook Group to share ideas and thoughts.
- Join us at 11am on the first Wednesday of the month at Catholic Pastoral Services, for Prayer and Formation and Mass at 12.30pm. Our new project is our 'Pause for Thought' sharing monthly ideas for family life. Watch out for the posters in churches.

SATURDAY CAFÉ AT ST MATTHIEU

Open from 9am to 12 noon in aid of World Meeting of Families. Come for a cup of tea or join our volunteer rota. Contact Mary or Moyra for more information.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£1013.06	£462.75
St Helier	£1671.00	£1096.37
West	£1109.72	£521.42

LASALIAN WORLD PROJECTS

De La Salle Brother John Deeney, will be making an appeal for Lasalian World Projects, involving groups of young volunteers who travel to Africa and Asia – self-funded- to help build schools. Br John will speak at the following Masses this weekend:

Sacred Heart – **Saturday 5 May** at 6pm

Our Lady, St Martin – **Sunday 6 May** at 9am

St Mary & St Peter's – **Sunday 6 May** at 11.30am.

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.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 5 May	First Mass for the Sixth Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Jose Cartaxo Lourenco RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Maurice Power RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
Sunday 6 May	Sixth Sunday of Easter <i>Acts 10:25-26.34-35.44-48; Psalm 97; 1 John 4:7-10; John 15:9-17</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Gladys Eudoxie RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Paula Edwards RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Ferriera RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Michael Kennedy RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo Rip
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Tony Pezet RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Ilda Agrela & Family in Thanksgiving and Maria Moedas & Family RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Madge Finn RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 7 May	Of the 6th Week of Easter <i>Acts 16:11-15; Psalm 149; John 15:26-16:4</i>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 8 May	Of the 6th Week of Easter <i>Acts 16:22-34; Psalm 137; John 16:5-11</i>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Sonia Isabel Rocha RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Maureen & Peter Ward RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Aparicion Briz RIP and Menilo Briz RIP
Wednesday 9 May	Of the 6th Week of Easter <i>Acts 17:15022-18:1; Psalm 148; John 16:12-15</i>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Alcina and Ana Agrela Intentions
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Luciano Pereira Da Rocha RIP
Thursday 10 May	The Ascension of the Lord <i>Acts 18:1-8; Psalm 97; John 16:16-20</i>		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	NO MASS
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Eurico Correia Duarte RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	St Bernadette	The People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	St Patrick	The People of the Parish
Friday 11 May	Of the 6th Week of Easter <i>Acts 18:9-18; Psalm 46; John 16:20-23</i>		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Rosa Pereira Da Rocha RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	João Silvino & Family RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 12 May	Ss Nereus & Achilleus <i>Acts 18:23-28; Psalm 46; John 16:23-28</i>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Bridie Byrne RIP
Saturday 12 May	First Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Babs Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	John, Agnes & Shamie RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter & Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
	8:00 pm	St Thomas	Our Lady of Fatima Festa
Sunday 13 May	Seventh Sunday of Easter <i>Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 46; Eph 1:17-23; Mark 16:15-20</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Deceased members of the Jordans & Baxter Family
	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	Clarence Deffains RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Buicke RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Ann Leigh RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Intentions of Fr James McAuley
	3:00 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese – Our Lady of Fatima Festa
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
	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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