



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

1/2 April 2017 ~ Fifth Sunday of Lent ~ Year A

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



We begin Passiontide this weekend. Although we use 'passion' in relation to erotic love, it originally meant suffering. And compassion means to be suffering with someone.

The story in today's gospel, about the death of Lazarus, reveals Jesus' compassion for Martha and Mary at the death of their brother. In visiting them he was risking his life, as earlier in that place he had nearly been stoned.

The story also reveals Jesus' personal suffering when the text says: "*at the sight of Mary's tears, Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'where have you put him' (the dead Lazarus)''*".

For me, that 'sigh straight from the heart' is true compassion. It's what we feel at the loss of friends and family members. Priests used to be advised in their training not to become 'emotionally involved' in people's tragedies, but is that truly human? While I may not be

personally involved, I feel compassion for grieving relatives during the frequent funerals we have to lead.

Bereavement comes in different forms, as does compassion. It comes with sharing in the suffering of a person's loss of health, loss of job, loss of house and loss of faith.

Frequently as a priest I have experienced the tragedy of marriage breakup, which is usually deeply painful. A divorced person can also feel vulnerable to judgement by others, by gossip and inaccurate stories, which inhibit a person being able to establish new companions and compassionate friends without criticism.

Pope Francis is very strong in condemning the serious sin of gossip. Each of us must learn to curb our tongues. In these days when we celebrate God's compassion for us, we must look to our consciences to see whether we are truly imitating the suffering and compassionate Christ.

*Father Nicholas*

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# LENT

## PENITENTIAL SERVICE FOR THE ISLAND

Takes place on **Monday 10 April** at St Mary & St Peter's Church at

7.30pm. There will be Eucharistic Adoration, Benediction and an opportunity for individual Confession. Parking will be available at St Mary & St Peter's and Beaulieu.

### CHRISM MASS IN PORTSMOUTH 11 APRIL

On **Tuesday 11 April** our Priests and Deacons will join Bishop Philip and the clergy of our diocese, to celebrate the Chrism Mass at St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Here the Bishop blesses three oils — the oil of catechumens, the oil of the infirm and holy chrism - which will be used in the administration of the sacraments throughout the diocese for the year. The only Mass being celebrated on the Island that day will be at the Little Sisters of the Poor at 11am.

### 'WHY THE CROSS – WAS THERE NO OTHER WAY?'

Fr Benjamin will give a Holy Week Reflection on why Jesus was crucified. This will take place on **Tuesday 11 April** at 7pm in St Thomas' Church.

### STATION MASS

The final Station Mass this Lent, with an opportunity for Confession, takes place on **Friday 7 April** at Sacred Heart Church at 7pm.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Our Lady, St Martin - Sunday 4pm with Benediction  
St Thomas – Sunday 5pm  
St Matthieu – Monday 6.30pm  
St Patrick – Tuesday 7pm followed by Adoration  
St Bernadette - Tuesday 7pm  
St Bernadette – Wednesday 11am  
Little Sisters – Friday 5pm  
Sacred Heart – Saturday 5.30pm

### THURSDAY EARLY MORNING LENT MASS

The last early morning Mass is on **Thursday 6 April** at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7am, followed by breakfast in the hall.

### LENT LUNCHESES

St Thomas' Hall - Wednesday at 12 noon.  
St Martin's Public Hall - Friday at 12 noon.  
Grouville Parish Hall - Saturday 12 noon – 2pm.  
7pm.

### NEXT SUNDAY IS PALM SUNDAY

Please be on time for Mass for the blessing of the Palms.

### OUR LADY, ST MARTIN

Mass will start at the earlier time of 8.45am so that the children can take part in the donkey procession after Mass with the Anglican and Methodist St Martin churches.



### EASTER TRIDUUM

The Holy Week and Easter Mass and liturgy times leaflet is available from the back of the church this weekend.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	Collection	Clergy Assistance Fund	Planned Giving
East	£862.55	£380.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1722.00	£474.96	£1044.96
West	£734.10	£613.64	£521.42

## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

### Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Lloyd Quenault, Roderyk Lange, Lewis Fitzpatrick and Bill Ayles. May they rest in peace.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### EASTER EGGCITMENT

'Easter Eggciment' – A Family Fun Event will take place next **Saturday 8 April** in St Thomas' Hall between 10am - 1.30pm. Refreshments, competition and lots of Easter Family Fun ideas. Please see our posters and Facebook page for details of times and details of the competition. *Please also collect and bring 5p coins to help us make our giant 'Cafod Fish'.*

### EASTER CARDS FOR OUR SEAFARERS

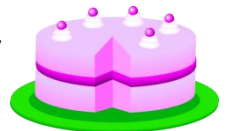
Please take time to write an Easter card to our seafarers this Easter. The AoS and Mission to Seafarers will be visiting crews of ships that deliver essential goods to Jersey, to thank them at this special time of year and to distribute your cards. *Please leave cards in the box provided in each church.*

### SPONSORED 'WALK ON WATER'

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 this weekend. Sponsorship forms for you to take part are available at the back of each church.

### CAKE SALE AT ST PATRICK'S

This weekend after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses at St Patrick's in aid of St Vincent de Paul society.



### THE WELCOME CENTRE AND GIFT SHOP

Will be closed for Easter from **Thursday 13 April** until **Tuesday 25 April**.

Caritas Jersey is launching a Social Inclusion Project. We are seeking to appoint three or four volunteers 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](mailto:johnscally@caritasjersey.je)

#### **HALF MARATHON - LAST CHANCE**

Ellen Barr's last Half Marathon takes place this Sunday. She is running to raise money for CAFOD's South Sudan Appeal. This is your last chance to sponsor her. Sponsor forms are at the back of St Thomas' and St Mary and St Peter's Churches after each Mass this weekend.

#### **YOU ARE INVITED TO AN ISLAND LUNCH**

Don't delay - There is only one week left to buy tickets for the all Island lunch at the Hotel Ambassadeur on **Sunday 23 April** at 1pm for 1.30pm. Take the opportunity to meet up with friends and enjoy an excellent 4 course meal with mints and coffee only £20 for adults and £10 for children (age 4 – 11). We hope our priests and deacons, with their families, will be able to join us. Ticket request forms can be found at the back of each Church. Please complete and return form as soon as possible to St Thomas' Presbytery - addressed to the Chairman of the Friends of St Thomas' Church. Alternatively, make your booking by telephoning Daphne Minihane on 861178. Closing date is 9 April.

#### **CWL JERSEY EAST THANK .....**

Everyone who attended the Bingo evening in aid of Jersey Cheshire Home last Friday which was held at the Berni Centre. Thank you also to those who made the sandwiches and cakes and who provided raffle prizes. £820 was raised which will be presented to the Jersey Cheshire Home shortly. Thank you to all who contributed to a successful evening.

#### **BRASS CLEANING AT SACRED HEART**

If you are able to help at 1.45pm on **Thursday 6 April**, please phone Deanna on 638973.

#### **BINGO AT ST BERNADETTE'S**

Will be in the hall at 7.30pm on **Thursday 6 April**.

#### **THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE**

**Monday 3 April** at **7.15pm** - Preparation for the Sunday Readings

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

**Thursday 6 April** at 9am - Adoration & Rosary

**Friday 7 April** at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast

#### **YOUTH NEWS**

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#### **SPIRIT ON THE ROCK 2017 'HOLY IS HIS NAME'**

We are delighted to announce that the Annual Youth Retreat will take place on **Saturday 29 April** from 9am- 9.30pm hosted at St Mary & St Peter's Church and Beaulieu School. *Please note there is no overnight stay this year.*

This event is open to all young people from school year 7+. **Confirmation** candidates are already booked as attending. All others who wish to register should email Sam: [s.richmond@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:s.richmond@catholicchurch.org.je) Registration forms are available in the churches. We also need adults to help with varying aspects of the weekend such as cleaning, catering, supervision, reception and as leaders if you are police checked and trained for working with children in our church. Please contact Sam Richmond, even if you can only help for part of Saturday. Thank you.

**JaCy Friday Nights:** we are open as normal on **7 April**, but closed **April 14**. There will be Prayer

Around the Cross available at the Oasis of Peace on **Good Friday 14 April** at 7pm – 9.30pm.

**Youth 2000** - We are closed on **Maundy Thursday 13 April** and re-open on **Thursday 20 April**.

#### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

Contact: Mary Cahill [m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je)

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**Catholic Grandparents Association:** Our Jersey branch meets at Little Sisters of The Poor on **Wednesday 5 April** - New members welcome.

**Friday Faith, Fun and Food.** Term-time every Friday 3.30pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall - The last session for this term will be next **Friday 7 April** and re-open on **Friday 21 April**.

**Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers** – Re-opens on **Monday 24 April**.

**LBGTQ? Prayer and Support Group:** This new group in our Catholic community formed to offer friendship, faith and support made a very positive prayerful and uplifting start. The next meeting takes place on **Wednesday 26 April** at the Oasis of Peace for supper. Please RSVP to Mary in confidence to confirm attendance and to give any dietary requirements.

**Natural Family Planning and Family based Sex Education** - opportunities from a Catholic view point. For more information contact Mary Cahill. Mary is a RGN and qualified Natural Fertility Awareness Practitioner.

*Next week's newsletter will be a double edition to cover weekends of 7 & 8 April and 14 & 15 April.*

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 1 April</b>	<b>First Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Brigid McGrane RIP, Adrian McGrane RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Jones O'Leary RIP & Sean MacAmhlaoibh RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	For the Refugees
<b>Sunday 2 April</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b>		
	<b><i>Ezek 37:12-14; Psalm 129; Rom 8:8-11; John 11:1-45</i></b>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Doug & Rosemary Ferguson 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	Maria Jose Cartaixo Lourenço RIP
	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, Xavier dos Reis RIP and José Oliveira dos Santos and deceased family members
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	For the Syrian Children
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 3 April</b>	<b>Of the 5th Week of Lent</b>		
	<b><i>Dan 13:1-9.15-17.19-30.33-62; Psalm 22; John 8:1-11</i></b>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Anne Perchard RIP
<b>Tuesday 4 April</b>	<b>Of the 5th Week of Lent</b>		
	<b><i>Num 21:4-9; Psalm 101; John 8:21-30</i></b>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Sonia Isabel Gomes da Rocha RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Olga Baucher RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Harry Davison RIP
<b>Wednesday 5 April</b>	<b>Of the 5th Week of Lent</b>		
	<b><i>Dan 3:14-20.24-25.28; Dan 3:52-56; John 8:31-42</i></b>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Rowcliffe Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Pascaline Rolland RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 6 April</b>	<b>Of the 5th Week of Lent</b>		
	<b><i>Gen 17:3-9; Psalm 104; John 8:51-59</i></b>		
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Maria Gorete Veloza RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Catherine O'Reilly RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Luciano Pereira da Rocha RIP
<b>Friday 7 April</b>	<b>Of the 5th Week of Lent</b>		
	<b><i>Jer 20:10-13; Psalm 17; John 10:31-42</i></b>		
	7.30 pm	Sacred Heart	Station Mass, Rosa Pereira da Rocha RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 8 April</b>	<b>Of the 5th Week of Lent</b>		
	<b><i>Ezek 37:21-28; Jer 31:10-13; John 11:45-56</i></b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Stephen Marquer RIP & Intentions of Sr Maeve Shannon
	11:00 am	St Thomas	No intention so far
<b>Saturday 8 April</b>	<b>First Mass for Palm Sunday</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Eurico Correia Duarte RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Roger Hayes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John Bennett RIP
<b>Sunday 9 April</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
	<b><i>Is 50:4-7; Psalm 21; Phil 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66</i></b>		
	8:45 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Walter & Joan Tardivel RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Maria and Carlos Teles in thanksgiving
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Margaret and Gerrard Gleeson RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Betty Morrison RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Marguerite Moores (Moorsie) RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Roberto Carlos Silva Ferreira RIP
	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](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je).

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