



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

29/30 April 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Catholics need to be familiar with the supernatural. Unfortunately, due to this word being

applied to anything from ghost stories to sci-fi films, which we would call preternatural, the action of God in the realm of the supernatural is unappreciated.

I often think that the world of the spirits is very close to us, with a very thin barrier between the visible and the invisible. Some people seem to be able to penetrate it much more easily than others.

Today's Gospel is about another appearance of Jesus, this time to some disciples on the road to Emmaus. Firstly they don't seem to discern who he is who walks with them. Later they recognise him, he eats with them and breaks the bread, but then vanishes from their sight. I believe he does this to point to the Eucharist, known to the first Christians by its secret code name '*the Breaking of the Bread*'. The disciples and we today, are reminded not to search for appearances or visions of Christ's bodily appearance, but to look for Him in His sacramental presence in our Holy Mass.

However, at times in the history of the

Church, Jesus has revealed himself bodily in apparitions, especially to St Margaret Mary in the 17th century asking her to promote a devotion to the Sacred Heart and St Faustina in the 20th century. A similar devotion to the Divine Mercy is promoted through her and Pope John Paul II.

It appears that God also uses Our Blessed Lady to convey messages to people at certain times, particularly at Lourdes in the 19th century and in Fatima in the 20th century. In both places the messages did not depart from the basic teaching of the Gospels. They centre on the importance of self-denial, reparation for sin, healing for souls and bodies, and above all prayer, especially the simple prayer of the Rosary available to everyone.

This weekend a representative group of English and Portuguese speaking people from our Church in Jersey will be holding you in their prayers, as they venerate Christ and his Blessed Mother in the place where she appeared to three children in 1917. We shall unite in praying for the revival of the faith amongst the 90% who are baptised Catholics in our Island, who fail to join us in meeting the Risen Christ each Sunday in the Breaking of Bread.

Father Nicholas

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

HOLY



COMMUNION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE EAST

Please remember the children who will be making their First Holy Communion:

OUR LADY ST MARTIN

Rehearsals take place on **Wednesday 3 May** for **Group 1** at 4.30pm – 5.30pm and then **Group 2** at 6pm to 7pm. **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday 6 May** – **Group 1** at 10.30am and **Group 2** at 12 noon.

Children from both groups will be presented with their certificates at 9am Mass on **Sunday 7 May**.

ST PATRICK

Rehearsal takes place on **Wednesday 10 May** at 4.30pm – 6pm and **First Holy Communion** will be celebrated on **Saturday 13 May** at 11am.

Children will be presented with their certificates at 11am Mass on **Sunday 14 May**.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.



CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Parents please note our parents' sessions resume this month at St Thomas' at 6.30pm - 9pm.

This **Wednesday 3 May** is Yellow Group

The theme is – *'Who is the Holy Spirit and what does He do for me?'* (Gifts and Fruits).

We will also be discussing practicalities for Confirmation day. It is very important that at least one parent attends these sessions please.

CENTENARY FESTA OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We welcome Fr Francisco OFM, who is coming for the Centenary Celebrations taking place on **13 and 14 May**.

On **Saturday 13 May**, at 8pm there will be Rosary and Confessions and Mass with an outdoor procession.

On **Sunday 14 May** at 3pm there will be Rosary, Confessions and Mass, concluding with a 'Farewell to Our Lady' procession.

OUR LADY, ST MARTIN

Please note that there will be no Mass celebrated at Our Lady, St Martin this **Sunday 30 April** at 9am.

ADORATION AT ST THOMAS'

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been cancelled this Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May.

ORDINATION

Rev Daniel Etienne, a former parishioner, server and pupil of De La Salle College will be ordained to the Priesthood at Lancaster Cathedral on **Saturday 1 July** by Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. Daniel is part of the Diocese of Lancaster where he studied at university after leaving school. He warmly invites you to join him at this joyous occasion either in person or with your prayers.

For further information please contact his parents, John and Maria Etienne on 632007 or at m.etienne@hotmail.co.uk. Daniel will be over in Jersey in the summer when he will celebrate Mass. Further details will follow later.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Alexander Garvey Kingham, Oscar Do Nascimento, Jack McGregor, Denzel Pick, Robert Silvester, Callie Bellot-Hepburn, Saoirse Anore, Lucan Spinola, Lea Baptiste de Gois, Gabriella do Reis, and Anastasia Fernandes.

Marriages

Congratulations to Claudia Reis and Alexandre Gomes who were married at St Thomas' Church on 22 April.

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of Robert Silvester. May he rest in peace.

SPIRIT ON THE ROCK 2017 – 'HOLY IS HIS NAME'

This weekend our Annual Youth Event 'Spirit on the Rock' will be taking place at St Mary & St Peter's Church and Beaulieu School. Please keep all those taking part in your thoughts and prayers.

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THIS SUNDAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FR NICHOLAS INVITES YOU TO CARITAS JERSEY'S ANNUAL LECTURE

This will be the third in a series of lectures to take place on **Tuesday 13 June** at the Radisson Blu Hotel at 12.30pm. This year the topic will be 'The Eradication of Poverty in Jersey – Aspiration or Delusion?'

The first speaker will be Chief Minister, Senator Ian Gorst and the second will be the former Anglican Dean, the Very Reverend Robert Key. Refreshments will be provided.

If you can attend please rsvp John Scally: 738477 or email: johnscally@caritasjersey.je

Caritas is a worldwide organisation concerned with ending poverty, promoting justice and restoring dignity.

We hope you will give serious consideration to supporting this event.

WELCOME TO NEW EAST OFFICE MANAGER

Welcome to Clara D'hers, our new office manager in the East, who will commence on Friday 5 May. Clara will be working Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. We wish her every happiness and success in her new appointment.

SPONSORED WALK THIS BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY

Please come and join our Sponsored 'Walk on Water' to France, **this Monday 1 May**, in support of Seafarers, at St Catherine's Breakwater starting at 9am until 2pm. Forms are available from the back of each church. We thank you for your continuing support.

*Fr Nicholas and Fr Francis are both away for the Walk but have agreed to walk on **Monday 8 May at 10am**, at St Catherine's to support the work of AOS, so please continue to sponsor them.*

5- A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Knights of St Columba are looking to undertake an 'inter area' 5-a-side football tournament this summer. The competition is open to all ages and to both boys and girls, with the emphasis on fun! All proceeds will go towards the Knights' chosen charity for this year, 'Missio'. To register an interest please email the Grand Knight, Br Danny OhEarchai: daineal.ohearchai@javen.co.uk

THANK YOU.....

To Daphne Minihane and The Friends of St Thomas' Committee members for organising the successful fundraising lunch at Hotel Ambassadeur last weekend. Over £700 including the raffle was raised at this very happy occasion.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Next meet on **Thursday 11 May** at 7.30pm in St Mary & St Peter's Church Hall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	CAFOD	PLANNED GIVING
East	£894.31	£520.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1751.00	£834.00	£1044.96
West	£1395.50	£381.78	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For the Clergy Training Fund.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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Catholic Grandparents Association – *Wednesday 3 May meeting has been cancelled.*

Friday Faith, Fun and Food - Term-time every Friday at 3.30pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall.

Primary age can be accompanied by parents or signed in unaccompanied. This is an ideal way to support your children in growing in faith.



Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers - Every Monday 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall. Closed for the bank holiday but re-opens on **Monday 8th May**.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 1 May at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings.

Thursday 4 May at 9am - Adoration & Rosary - prior to Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 5 May at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

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 29 April	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Hugh (RIP) and Joan Loughnane – Wedding Anniversary
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Winnie & Frank Adie RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Kevin Farry RIP
Sunday 30 April	Third Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 2:14-22-28; Psalm 15; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	NO MASS
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	João Teles RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Bill Ayles RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	In Thanksgiving for Missio Red Box holders and their families
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria and Manuel Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Maria Silva Encarnação RIP, Agostinho Coelho RIP & José da Silva Carpinteiro RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Canon Terence John Healy - Welfare
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 1 May	St Joseph the Worker		
	Acts 6:8-15; Psalm 118; John 6:22-29		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Cath Butler RIP
Tuesday 2 May	St Athanasius		
	Acts 7:51-8:1; Psalm 30; John 6:30-35		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	NO MASS
	9:30 am	St Patrick	In Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Rui Teixeira dos Reis's Intention
Wednesday 3 May	Ss Philip & James		
	1 Cor 15:1-8; Psalm 18; John 14:6-14		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Greenwood RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	NO MASS
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 4 May	The English Martyrs		
	Acts 8:26-40; Psalm 65; John 6:44-51		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Manuel de Castro RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Donal & Miriam Hogan
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	NO MASS
Friday 5 May	Of the 3rd Week of Easter		
	Acts 9:1-20; Psalm 116; John 6:52-59		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	NO MASS
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Mabel Hardin RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 6 May	Of the 3rd Week of Easter		
	Acts 9:31-42; Psalm 115; John 6:60-69		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Maria Gorete Veloza RIP
Saturday 6 May	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	David Wilson RIP – 12 th Anniversary of his death
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Desmond McGarry RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Jose Anibal de Freitas Teixeira
Sunday 7 May	Fourth Sunday of Easter		
	Acts 2:14-36-41; Psalm 22; 1 Peter 2:20-25; John 10:1-10		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Bill Ayliffe RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Paula Edwards RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Bill Ayles RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Fiona Masefield RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Dos Reis Nascimento RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Maria José Dias Marques RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP & Xavier dos Reis RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	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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