



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

18/19 August 2018 ~ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Whoever eats me will draw life from me." ...



It is easy to draw a direct parallel between the flesh and blood Jesus speaks of in today's Gospel and his sacramental Body and Blood received in Holy Communion. Jesus insists, that unlike the manna in the desert, *"This is the bread come down from heaven, not like our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live forever."*

God offers us real nourishment and life. Just as Jesus draws life from the Father, so too can we draw life from him, if we allow ourselves to truly feed on him. And that life will endure eternally.

It is the importance of his body being real food, and his blood real drink that is developed by the Catholic tradition which puts an emphasis on regular (even daily) reception of Holy Communion. Food and drink are essential for human life, and similarly the

food and drink of the Eucharist sustain the life of Christ in us: *"whoever eats me will draw life from me."*

Bishop Philip encourages us to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. We can do this only by speaking to him on a regular basis, through prayer, through spending time with him in adoration, acknowledging him in our weakness, our lack of wisdom and insight. We are blessed with ample opportunities in our local churches to participate in Eucharistic Adoration. Why not come and spend time with Jesus, listening to him. Come and draw courage, strength and wisdom for everything, we undertake.

Jesus, you are "the bread which comes down from heaven that a man may eat of it and not die". Teach me to 'draw life' from you so that I live in you and you live in me.

Deacon Iain

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Santiago Dos Santos and Bella Encarnião De Oliviera.

Marriages

Congratulations to Faith McClure & Andrew McGinnigle who were recently married.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£900.27	£462.75
St Helier	£1553.00	£1,096.37
West	£1186.54	£521.42

THIS WEEKEND

Fr Nicholas will celebrate Masses in the West, Fr Benjamin will be in the East and Fr Jude, who we welcome to Jersey for 3 weeks, will be in town.

OASIS OF PEACE

Please note amendments to our weekly schedule this week.

Tuesday 21 August 7pm: Preparation for the Sunday Readings. This is an opportunity to read, reflect, discuss and pray using the readings for next Sunday.

Friday 24 August 6.30am: Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

The prayer group on a Thursday will re-commence again on the **6 September**.

THE PORTUGUESE FOOD FAYRE takes place next week from Thursday 24 August to Monday 28 August. On **Sunday 27 August**, Fr Nicholas will be celebrating the Portuguese Mass at 12 noon in People's Park – this has been a tradition for many years and will be for Fr Nicholas, the final Mass he will be celebrating at this special Food Fayre. Please come to this Mass and support this day especially for our Portuguese community.

REGISTRATION FOR NEXT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Is your son/daughter in year 9 or above from September? If so, you are invited to attend our final registration meeting on **Friday 7 September 7.30pm** in St Thomas' Hall. It is important for both the young person and at least one parent to attend. If you are unable to make this registration please contact Mary Cahill.

2nd year Confirmation Families: Meeting for all on **Thursday 6 September** at 7pm in St Thomas' Hall.

FAREWELL MASS FOR FR NICHOLAS AT THE FORT 9 SEPTEMBER 10.30AM

There will be choir practices on **Thursdays 23 and 30 August** and **Wednesday 5 September 7.30pm** in St Thomas' Church. A final rehearsal will take place at Fort Regent on **Saturday 8 September at 4.30pm**. Malcolm L'Amy, Director of Music writes *'All are welcome who wish to come and join us – music booklets will be provided.'*

If you need transport to the Fort on the 9 September, please let one of the Deacons know by this Sunday, so that transport can be organised.

The presentation to Fr Nicholas will be made at the end of the Mass at the Fort on 9 September. If you have not had an opportunity to send in your contribution towards Fr Nicholas' gift, there are envelopes at the back of each church and please return them to Delia Hardiman at Catholic Pastoral Services. Thank you.

We anticipate that the Fort Mass will be a wonderful gathering of all our Catholic Community to say thank you and farewell to Fr Nicholas as he leaves the Island to begin his retirement the following day.

CATECHIST FORMATION

All our sessions are now completed. As some catechists have been unable to attend and wish to remain in their roles, there will be one final opportunity to take part in this important formation **during the week beginning 2 September**.

All catechists who have completed the formation programme will be commissioned at our Farewell and Thanksgiving Mass at the Fort on 9 September.

If you are a catechist who will be unable to complete this formation programme during the week of 2 September, it is important you contact Fr Benjamin or Mary Cahill as soon as possible.

PRaise & Play Group in St Bernadette's Hall & **FRIDAY FAITH & FUN** in St Thomas' Hall will re-open the week commencing 17 September.



WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES IN DUBLIN

This event started by St John Paul II is held every three years. Our Jersey parish will be represented in Dublin next week 21-28 August by a group led by Fr Benjamin, Mary Cahill and Moyra Journeaux. They will also visit the shrine at Knock. The group wish to offer grateful thanks to everyone who has helped and contributed to the fundraising and to those who have sponsored so generously. 37 pilgrims will form the main group with a further 9 travelling independently. The age range is from 10 months to 85 years – a true representation of Catholic Family Life. The group will be accompanied by BBC journalist Cathy Le Feuvre who will be reporting back throughout the week via BBC Radio Jersey. Stay tuned to follow their progress. The group will also send updates via the Catholic Church in Jersey Facebook page as well as Twitter.

'We want to take you all with us in prayer: Please add your personal prayer intention to the 'slips' available in churches this weekend. Put your slip in the envelope and we will take your prayer petitions with us to Dublin and be praying for you all. We will remember you, especially at Mass with Pope Francis.'

Official Family Prayer for World Meeting of Families in 2018

God, Our Father, we are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son, one family, in the Spirit of your love. Bless us with the joy of love.

Make us patient and kind, gentle and generous, welcoming to those in need. Help us to love your forgiveness and peace. Protect all families with your loving care, especially those for whom we now pray:

(We pause and remember family members and others by name)

Increase our faith, strengthen our hope. Keep us safe in your love, make us always grateful for the gift of life that we share.

This we ask, through Christ our Lord.
Amen

YOUTH NEWS FOR AUGUST

To keep updated like us on Facebook - Jersey Association of Catholic Youth – weekly plans for youth activities are posted on Facebook.

Follow us on Twitter @JaCy2005

Catholic Youth website-please visit us at www.jacy.org.je where there is information on what is happening in Youth Ministry. View our summer term programme, browse our archives and see what is on offer for Catholic Youth in our Island parish.

The youth room will be closed the week of Friday 24 August and will reopen 31 August. On 31 August we plan to have a reunion of our Ireland World Meeting of Families pilgrimage group. Come and hear about our pilgrimage and what is planned for the future.

Meanwhile, our Summer Reading Challenge is still ongoing. It is not too late to choose a book of the Bible and read it in full. We have had lots of youth sign up to it. Will you?



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 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 (except in August)

St Bernadette – every Friday at 11.30am (before Mass)

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 18 August	Our Lady on Saturday		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	John Bennett RIP
Saturday 18 August	First Mass for Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Babs Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Fr David Jones
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The Greene Family, living and dead
Sunday 19 August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	<i>Prov 9:1-6; Psalm 33; Eph 5:15-20; John 6:51-58</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Teresa Colgan 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	Joao Jose Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	In Thanksgiving to the Holy Family
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	In Thanksgiving – Le Sueur Family
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Manuel Velosa RIP, Maria Goretti de Abreu RIP and Holy Souls
		Mass in Portuguese	
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Fiona Brodie RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 20 August	St Bernard		
	<i>Ezek 24:15-24; Deut 32; Matthew 19:16-22</i>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Francis Hamon RIP
Tuesday 21 August	St Pius X		
	<i>Ezek 28:1-10; Deut 32; Matthew 19:23-30</i>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Blanchoin-Guenot in Thanksgiving for the newly weds.
Wednesday 22 August	The Queenship of Mary		
	<i>Ezek 34:1-11; Psalm 22; Matthew 20:1-16</i>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	In Thanksgiving – Le Sueur Family
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunes Da Camara RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 23 August	St Rose of Lima		
	<i>Ezek 36:23-28; Psalm 50; Matthew 2:1-14</i>		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	No Mass
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Lachlan Mac Neil RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	
Friday 24 August	St Bartholomew		
	<i>Rev 21:9-14; Psalm 144; John 1:45-51</i>		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Harry Davison RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 25 August	St Louis IX		
	<i>Ezek 43:1-7; Psalm 84; Matthew 23:1-12</i>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Florence Fleming RIP
Saturday 25 August	First Mass for Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	For the Intentions of Sister Violet Grennan on her Golden Jubilee
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	William & Peggy O’Gorman RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	May Quilty RIP
Sunday 26 August	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	<i>Jos 24:1-2.15-18; Psalm 33; Eph 5:21-32; John 6:60-69</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Fiona Brodie RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Fr Nicholas
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Sr Teresa Rosengrave RIP
	12:00 noon	Mass in Portuguese at the Food Fayre – People’s Park	Manuel Velosa RIP, Maria Goretti de Abreu RIP, Julia Pestana RIP, Agostinho Rodrigues RIP & Manuel Rodrigues RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Little Sisters : Mass at 11 am each weekday and 10:30am every Sunday

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In an emergency (when someone seems to be near death) 'phone the General Hospital: 442000 and ask them to page the Duty Priest