



The Catholic Church in Jersey



One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

21/22 January 2017 ~ Third Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



It is a happy coincidence that our Bishop begins his visitation of our Island Church in town this weekend, when the Gospel reading is about the call of the Apostles.

A Bishop is a successor of the apostles. Although we know the Pope is our overall spiritual leader, everyone is aware that in fact the Bishop of our Diocese is our usual reference point in matters of pastoral leadership and authority, official teaching and liturgical life. From the day of their ordination, all clergy owe their allegiance to their local Bishop. He is our apostle, while the Pope is like St Peter, the chief apostle.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus not only tells the first apostles to follow him. He instructs

them to become '*fishers of men*'. Bishop Philip takes this very seriously, inviting us to share with him in introducing people to Christ, drawing them gently into the fisherman's net of the Church.

The technical word for this work of sharing with others our faith and the truths of the Gospel is Evangelisation. That is why the Bishop has asked for Evangelisation Strategy Teams to be set up in all our Diocesan parishes.

The central purpose of Bishop Philip's Visitation is to discover whether or not we are a missionary, outward looking parish, or something more dormant, inward looking and self-satisfied.

What do you think he will find?

Father Nicholas



We welcome Bishop Philip Egan, the Chief Pastor of our Diocese of Portsmouth, as he begins his three weekend Visitation of our Island Church. May our prayers support him in these days among us.

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

THE BISHOP'S ITINERARY

Bishop Philip arrives on Saturday morning and meets with Father Nicholas to discuss the Visitation Questionnaire. He will be briefed by Father Nicholas and Deacon Iain in the afternoon.

You are all warmly invited to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Bishop Philip at St Thomas' Church on **Saturday 21 January** at 4.30pm. Confessions with Bishop Philip will take place afterwards between 5pm and 5.45pm.

The formal rite of welcoming the Bishop to the whole parish will take place on **Saturday 21 January**, at the beginning of 6pm Mass in St Thomas' Church. He will be preaching at this evening Mass. Later in the evening at CPS, during a light supper, he will be meeting members of the Evangelisation Strategy Team, staff from Catholic Pastoral Services and representatives from the 'Called and Gifted' programme.

On **Sunday 22 January**, after morning Masses at St Thomas' and St Mary & St Peter's, Bishop Philip will be meeting our second year Confirmation candidates during their weekend retreat at St Mary & St Peter's Church in the afternoon. In the evening he will preach at the 6pm Mass at St Thomas' Church and then speak to the Polish community before the beginning of their 7.30pm Mass.

Bishop Philip is due to return to Portsmouth on Monday morning after visiting our three priests who live at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

In two weeks' time the Bishop will return for his Visitation of our two churches in the East of Jersey on **4 & 5 February** and again three weeks after on **25 & 26 February** the three churches of the West of Island. More details about these two weekends will be given nearer the dates.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

- **2nd Year Confirmation Gathering** - Takes place this **Sunday 22 January** at 12.30pm at St Thomas' Hall. We will then be walking up to St Mary & St Peter's Church for our meeting with Bishop Philip and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Please bring a packed lunch and your record booklet.
- **1st Year Confirmation Candidates** - The second Retreat Day on the Sacraments will be held on **Saturday 28 January** at St Thomas' Church.

TUESDAY FAITH TALKS AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

All are welcome to the next monthly Faith talk on **Tuesday 24 January** at 2pm, when we shall commence a study of the Gospel of St Matthew.

FR BENJAMIN WRITES.....

The launch of 'Sycamore' took place last Tuesday with over eighty people taking part. It was wonderful to see such a positive response from so many people. The next session commences at 7pm at St Mary & St Peter's Church on **Tuesday 24 January** with the theme '*Does God Exist?*'

FATHER FRANCIS WILL BE AWAY

On his post-Christmas break from **Tuesday 24 January** until **Thursday 2 February**. We wish him a refreshing time.

INTERNATIONAL ROSARY

The international rosary will be prayed at 8pm on **Friday 10 February** at St Mary & St Peter's Church. Decades of the rosary will be prayed in Irish, Filipino, Polish, Portuguese and English. In this the 100th year since Our Lady appeared at Fatima, please consider coming along to pray the rosary. There will be four international rosary evenings during 2017.

Baptism

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Ariella Chambers.

Funeral

Please pray for the soul of James McCormack. May he rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£918.73	£462.75
St Helier	£1639.00	£1044.96
West	£1146.90	£521.42

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CENTENARY FATIMA PILGRIMAGE

Direct flights from Jersey 28 April – 2 May 2017

£750 per person - sharing twin accommodation. Travel insurance £28pp. For more information and bookings contact: Deacon Iain email: blessings41@gmail.com or tel: 725963.

GUILD OF ST THOMAS – CAN YOU AND WILL YOU HELP?

Will you consider giving an hour a week to Our Lord, welcoming visitors and stewarding St Thomas' Church? Due to long term illness and retirements, the Guild of St Thomas is very short of volunteers. There are spaces on the rota where there is no-one stewarding the church at all and other spaces with only one person on duty. We desperately need two people on duty at all times. We would be so grateful for your support. Please add your name to the rota on the Guild table at the rear of the Church or contact Daphne Minihane on 861178 or djminihane@outlook.com.

TABLE TOP SALE AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Takes place next weekend **28/29 January** after the Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses. This is in aid of the SVP. Please consider donating any unwanted Christmas presents for this cause. There are boxes at the back of both East churches for this purpose.

We have received an electric typewriter and brand new electric shower unit – if you would like to make an offer for either of these please call Sarah on 853953.

USED STAMPS - EAST

Please bring your used stamps to be left at the back of either church, as these can be donated for charity. Please ensure they are presented in a good condition with at least a quarter of an inch of paper surrounding the stamp.

'THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA' WRITE...

Thank you for your donation of knitted woolly hats, toiletries and Christmas Cards. This enabled us to visit the crews of all twelve ships which came to the Island over Christmas and New Year. We distributed your gifts to nearly 200 seafarers. Thank you for supporting our ministry to Seafarers.

THE FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' PARISH LUNCH

Will take place at the Hotel Ambassadeur on **Sunday 23 April** at 1pm for 1.30pm. Tickets are priced at £20 per person and £10 for children aged between 4 and 11 years old. You and your families are warmly invited to attend. Application forms for tickets are available at the back of all churches. Please complete and return forms to The Friends of St Thomas' c/o St Thomas' Presbytery, marked for the attention of Mrs Daphne Minihane. Please book early as tickets are limited to 200.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Sarah Wakeling
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Mondays – Adoration at 4pm – 5pm at St Thomas' Church. All young people and families are welcome to spend some time with the Lord.

Thursdays – Youth 2000 at 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the Youth Room. Years 10+ welcome for a relaxed evening with takeaway, prayer time and reflection using the 'Altaration' programme.

Fridays – JaCy Youth Night at 7pm – 10pm in the Youth Room. Years 7+ welcome. We continue our 'Themed Fridays' with a '**No Device Night**'. Join us for social time, food and fun without an electronic device!

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 23 January at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings.

Tuesday 24 January at 2pm - Faith Talk - Gospel of St Matthew.

Thursday 26 January at 9am - Adoration & Rosary - prior to Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 27 January at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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FRIDAY Faith, Fun and Food 3.30pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall - Babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers are welcome with an adult. Primary age children to be signed in or accompanied. Play, food, pray, crafts and fun. £2 per family donation.

Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers - Mondays 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's Church Hall.

Natural Fertility Awareness - Qualified practitioner available for confidential appointments to explore your fertility and natural family planning. Also available to support parents for sex education. Ideal also for young teens to learn about puberty and the monthly cycle. Group talks are available on contraception and church teaching on sexuality and love. Contact Mary Cahill RGN.

Do you identify as 'Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning' (LGBTQ)? Are you searching to follow your faith and yet be open about yourself with family and the faith community? Contact Mary, in confidence, for more information about a prayer and support group starting soon.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday 4.30pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.10pm

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



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Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 21 Jan	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Janine Hebden RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Barbara Lewis
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
Sunday 22 Jan	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time		<i>Is 8:23-9.3; Psalm 26; 1 Cor 1:10-13.17 Matthew 4:12-23</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Linden Marquer 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	Donal O'Regan RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Joan Haynes RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: The People of the Parish
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 23 Jan	Feria		<i>Heb 9:15.24-28; Psalm 97; Mark 3:22-30</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 24 Jan	St Francis de Sales		<i>Heb 10:1-10; Psalm 39; Mark 3:31-35</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunez Camara RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Roger Hayes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Wednesday 25 Jan	The Conversion of St Paul		<i>Acts 22:3-16; Psalm 116; Mark 16:15-18</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Intentions of Mary and Patricia Bennett
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Frances McLaughlin RIP
Thursday 26 Jan	St Timothy		<i>2 Tim 1:1-8; Psalm 95; Luke 10:1-9</i>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Manuel Salvador Vieira Joaquim RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Agnes Guibout RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Maria Candida de Canha RIP
Friday 27 Jan	St Angela Merici		<i>Heb 10:32-39; Psalm 36; Mark 4:26-34</i>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	For Patrick RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Edward Dean and Family RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 28 Jan	St Thomas Aquinas		<i>Heb 11:1-2.8-19; Luke 1:69-75; Mark 4:35-41</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Daniel Vieira RIP
Saturday 28 Jan	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Reg Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Agnes Guibout RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Michael Le Billon RIP
Sunday 29 Jan	Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time		<i>Zeph 2:3; 3:12-13; Psalm 145; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Matthew 5:1-12</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	Catherine Turner RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Michael Ayles RIP and his family
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Sylvia Troy RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	For the intentions of Deacon Brendan Flaxman and his family
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Adrian Lynch RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: António Lima RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John Bennett 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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