



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

11/12 August 2018 ~ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do you know the ancient icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa? There's a copy in the Polish Shrine in St Thomas' Church.

If you look closely, you will see there are two slash marks across Mary's cheek. It is said these were done by Protestant Cossacks from Bohemia. This icon is very different in the way it depicts Mary. It is not like our statue of Our Lady of Lourdes, with head raised in prayer, as St Bernadette saw her. Nor is she like the beautiful face of Our Lady of Fatima, who looks down attentively to our prayers from her statue in a chapel in St Thomas'.

Our Lady of Czestochowa, carrying the Christ child, looks into the future to what he and she will suffer. It is as if she is reflecting on the words of Simeon to her, when she presented the baby Jesus in the temple, when he spoke of the child *'as a sign that is rejected and a sword will pierce your own soul too'* (Luke 2:35).

For me, the slash marks of the sword across

Mary's face remind me of the sufferings of the Polish nation and people during the last 200 years. Theirs is a well-known tragedy, which we should remember as we venerate the patroness of Poland in this icon.

This Sunday we say farewell to Father Francis Sasinowski, now a diocesan priest, who has been appointed to a parish on the mainland. We also give thanks for the support which Father Wieslaw Duracz, who belongs to the Polish Catholic Mission for the UK, has given to us this summer in the Masses he has offered across the island.

We pray for both Fr Francis and Fr Wieslaw, as we prepare to celebrate on Wednesday the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into heaven, God's reward for her fidelity in her sufferings, especially at the foot of the cross.

Fr Nicholas

Wednesday 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation – the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Mass times:** St Thomas 12.30pm & 6pm, Our Lady, St Martin 9.30am, St Patrick 6.30pm (Lit of Word & HC), St Matthieu 10am, Sacred Heart 6.30pm and Little Sisters 11am.

"After each Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, the Knights of St Columba will pray the Glorious Mysteries with the intention that a way is found to preserve the Spiritual Welfare and the Chapel at the Jeanne Jugan Home after the Little Sisters leave. Please stay and join them."

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Thomas Leaman and Khloe de Freitas.

Marriages

Congratulations to Emily Paines & Steven Kettle who were recently married.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Marie-Therese Marie, Franco Morosino, Rachael Perkins and Andre Lombard. May they rest in peace.

REGISTRATION FOR NEW CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME:



If your son or daughter is in year 9 or above from September, 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.

OASIS OF PEACE

Monday 13 August 7pm – Preparation for the Sunday Readings. An opportunity to read, reflect, discuss and pray using the readings for next Sunday.

Thursday 16 August 9am – Adoration and Rosary. Tea and Coffee after Mass.

Friday 17 August 6.30am Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

CATECHIST FORMATION

If you wish to continue to be a catechist in September become a new catechist, it is essential you have attended the formation sessions. During the Mass at the Fort on 9 September, all catechists who will be involved in ministries in September will be commissioned by Fr Nicholas. If you have not yet registered for these formation sessions, please contact either Fr Benjamin or Mary Cahill. The next all day session takes place on **Saturday 18 August** in St Thomas' hall.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£797.41	£462.75
St Helier	£1549.00	£1,096.37
West	£1357.40	£521.42

FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TO FR FRANCIS

As Fr Nicholas writes in his 'Thought', we say farewell and thank you to Fr Francis this weekend. Whilst Fr Francis' ministry in Jersey has only been for a short time, we are all most grateful for his ministry particularly in the West and for his work at Jersey Hospice. We wish you Fr Francis all the very best for the future in your new parish of Stubbington and Lee on Solent Parish. At the end of Mass this Sunday at St Bernadette's Church there will be a presentation made to Fr Francis on behalf of all the congregations in the 'West'.



CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN SCALLY

News has come from Rome that John Scally, Executive Director of Caritas Jersey, has been awarded a Knighthood in the Order of St Gregory the Great. This award has been granted at Fr Nicholas' recommendation with the support of Bishop Philip Egan, in recognition of John's total dedication in establishing Caritas Jersey and his work with Rotary, especially with the Peace Project with young people. This special award will be bestowed on John in the Autumn. Many congratulations, John.

FAREWELL MASS AT THE FORT HAVE YOU LET ONE OUR DEACONS KNOW IF YOU NEED TRANSPORT?

On **Sunday 9 September at 10.30 am** you are all invited to come to the Thanksgiving Mass for Fr Nicholas at Fort Regent. **Do you need transport to the Fort?** Please let a Deacon know of your requirements by **Sunday 19 August**. Contact numbers of Deacons are on the front of this newsletter. The only other Mass on the weekend of 8/9 September will be the 6pm Mass in St Thomas' on the Sunday evening. 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 begins his retirement.

THE CARITAS WELCOME CENTRE CAFÉ IS OPEN

John Scally, Executive Director of Caritas Jersey writes:

'With the departure of the wonderful Anna we now give a warm welcome to Anna's replacement, Maria Da Pasha known as Maria or 'Pash'. Pash is a pastry cook with many years of experience, so look forward to some exciting and tasty confectionaries. and, as always, enjoy the best coffee in Jersey.

In the past few weeks, the Caritas International Welcome Centre has hosted gatherings of the group which has been meeting over the past nine months to campaign for a better deal for young people who have experienced Residential Care. The next meeting of the Community Action Group (sponsored by Jersey Police) will be hosted in the Welcome Centre.

The group of concerned parishioners who are seeking a way forward when the Little Sisters of the Poor eventually depart from Jersey, is also using the Centre as headquarters for its meetings. Caritas Jersey is involved in all of these groups and activities and does so on your behalf. Thank you for your support.'

ADORATION AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Continues throughout August each Tuesday evening from 7pm – 8pm. All welcome.

ST HELIER PRAYER LIGHTHOUSE

The next meeting of the St. Helier Prayer Lighthouse takes place on **Wednesday 15 August**, in St.Thomas' Church Hall. We start our Prayer Meeting at 8pm and finish at 9pm. All christians are invited to this Prayer Meeting, where we pray for our Parish and any issues regarding St Helier.

For the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Confession in our Island churches, please refer to each of the church notice boards.

YOUTH NEWS

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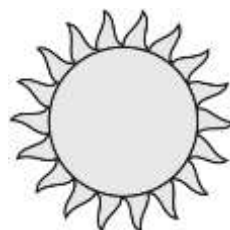
Well done to all who are enthusiastically taking part in our **Summer Reading Challenge**. We look forward to seeing you each Friday for our faith based activities 7pm – 10pm. (closed Friday 24 August)

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

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Friday, Faith & Fun 3.30pm – 5pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall is closed for the summer and will reopen 17 September.

We keep in prayer all those families who are preparing for their pilgrimage to the World Meeting of Families in Dublin at the end of August.



Welcome to all visitors to our churches during the summer holidays. We hope everyone who is on holiday, both at home and away can enjoy some relaxing times.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 11 August	St Clare		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Fiona Brodie RIP
Saturday 11 August	First Mass for Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00pm	Sacred Heart	
	6:00pm	St Patrick	The Centenary of Dermot O'Shea RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	
Sunday 12 August	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Merville Pidgeon RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15am	St Thomas	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
	9:30am	St Matthieu	Thierry de Boisanger RIP
	11:00am	St Patrick	Marguerite Etienne RIP
	11:15am	St Bernadette	Ellen McLaughlin RIP
	11:30am	St Mary & St Peter	Michael Kennedy RIP
	3:30pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Manuel Velosa RIP and Maria Goretti de Abreu RIP
	6:00pm	St Thomas	Lewis Huelin RIP
	7:30pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 13 August	Feria		
	9:30am	Our Lady, St Martin	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 August	St Maximilian Maria Kolbe		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	No Mass
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Deceased members of the Doublet Family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Assuncion Tolabing RIP
Wednesday 15 August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	
	10:00am	St Matthieu	
	12:30pm	St Thomas	Clair Allam RIP
	6:00pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	6:30pm	St Patrick	Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion
	6:30pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration, 7pm Rosary	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
Thursday 16 August	St Stephen		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	No Mass
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	
Friday 17 August	Feria		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	No Mass
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Eileen Graham RIP
Saturday 18 August	Our Lady on Saturday		
	9:30am	St Patrick	
	11:00am	St Thomas	John Bennett RIP
Saturday 18 August	First Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00pm	Sacred Heart	Babs Tanner RIP
	6:00pm	St Patrick	Intentions of Fr David Jones
	6:00pm	St Thomas	The Greene Family living and dead
Sunday 19 August	Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	9:00am	Our Lady, St Martin	Teresa Colgan RIP
	9:00am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30am	St Matthieu	Joao Jose Ferreira RIP
	11:00	St Patrick	Intentions of Fr David Jones
	11:15am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30am	St Mary & St Peter	In Thanksgiving –Le Sueur Family
	3:30pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese Manuel Velosa RIP, Maria Goretti de Abreu RIP and Holy Souls
	6:00pm	St Thomas	Fiona Brodie RIP
	7:30pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

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Little Sisters : Mass at 11am each weekday and 10.30am every Sunday