

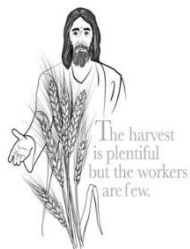


The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island

Sunday 3 March 2019 ~ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Pray to the Lord of the Harvest, for the harvest is great and the reapers few.

Mt: 9.37,38

The above quote from Matthew has been largely ignored for many years and it could be argued that the result is that our dearth of priests and religious is the result. When I came to Jersey in 1962, we had more priests at St Thomas's than we now have in the whole of the Island. We had F.C.J and Beaulieu Sisters, and De la Salle Brothers too. They have all gone.

The message of St Matthew is not an invitation to prayer, it is a command of Jesus which we have largely ignored. Each week, I look for a bidding prayer based on that command, but they are rare. Likewise, we are encouraged to pray to Holy Michael the Archangel, and Mary our mother after Mass. Valuable prayers, but not commanded by Jesus. There are always times when certain prayers become more appropriate, and it should be obvious that now is a time when prayers for vocations are essential.

In recent weeks there has been much activity in our fields in Jersey. The potato crop is one that pays big dividends, provided that the effort is put in, preparing the soil, planting at the right time, protecting with plastic, and

harvesting when the crop is ready. Many of the people Jesus preached to were engaged in farming, so they knew what he meant about the harvest being ready, and needing harvesters to ensure the reward would materialise.

The fields we work in are full of people who have not heard the saving words of Christ, who do not realise the price he paid to save us on the cross. Let us offer ourselves for the task if Christ is calling us, or pray that the lord of the harvest will call others more capable than ourselves. I invite you to pray now - *Lord Jesus Christ, we ask you to bless and support our overworked priests. Strengthen them with your Holy Spirit. Call others to give their lives to you through the priesthood, the diaconate and the religious life. You promised to be with your church until the end of time. May your presence inspire us all to serve you more fully.*

Deacon Tony



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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Lent begins

“Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter. The forty days of Lent run from Ash Wednesday up to but excluding the Mass of the Lord’s Supper exclusive. From the beginning of Lent until the Paschal Vigil, the Alleluia is not said or sung. During Lent the altar is not decorated with flowers outside of the 4th Sunday of Lent, Solemnities and Feasts.” (Roman Missal)

Stations of the Cross

- ❖ Friday 8 March St Bernadette – 6.30pm
- ❖ Friday 15 March St Patrick – 6.30pm
- ❖ Friday 22 March Sacred Heart – 6.30pm
- ❖ Friday 29 March St Matthieu – 6.30pm.

Or why not pop in to any of our churches and pray the Stations on your own or with a friend? It’s long been a beautiful way to deepen faith during Lent.

This Week at the Oasis of Peace

- ❖ Preparation for the Sunday Readings: Monday 4 March - 7pm.
- ❖ Adoration & Rosary: Thursday 7 March – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 9am. Tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass.
- ❖ Morning Prayer - Friday 8 March - 6.30am.
Tel 861750: oasis@catholicchurch.org.je

Sunday’s Mass Readings

Available at St Thomas’ in Portuguese, Polish, French, Italian, Spanish and German. You can find them in a display rack near the font.

Baptisms

We welcome in to the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Daniel Freitas Da Silva, Liam Freitas Da Silva, Chloe Goncalves, Leandro Miguel Jones Coelho and Amaro Santiago Fernandes Neves.

Funeral

Please pray for the repose of the soul of: Filomena Da Silva, aged 75yrs, whose funeral will be held at St Thomas’ Church on Monday 4 March at 12.15pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the Community Christ Of Bethany

Come and join our parish sisters as they lead us in periods of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

- 3 March - St Mary & St Peter’s - 6.15pm to 8pm
- 6 March - St Thomas’ - 7pm to 8pm
- 20 March - St Thomas’ - 7pm to 8pm

Wellspring Prayer Meeting

Takes place on Thursday 14 March at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Wellspring is a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group dedicated to living in a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper life in the Holy Spirit.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Finance Sunday

This Sunday our Parish Finance Committee will make available a summary of last year’s parish accounts and a brief presentation about them will be made at the end of our Sunday Masses. Please help yourself to a copy of the summary of accounts or read them online at our parish website.

Table Top Sale at St Patrick’s

Many thanks to everyone who supported last Sunday’s table top sale at St Patrick’s. There were lots of lovely raffle prizes and great items to buy. It raised £655 for the People’s Pilgrimage to Lourdes. All raffle winners have been notified.

Lent Lunches

Each Wednesday from **Ash Wednesday** and throughout Lent there will be our usual Lent Lunches in St Thomas’ Hall from 12 noon to 2pm. All proceeds will go to CAFOD. Come and enjoy homemade soups with French bread and cheese, followed by tea/coffee. We look forward to welcoming you all.

St Patrick’s Day

You are warmly invited to The Annual St Patrick’s Day Mass and Blessing of the Shamrock at St Mary & St Peter’s Church, Wellington Road which takes place on **Saturday 16 March** at 11am. The Mass will be celebrated by Fr Tom Grufferty, a priest of our Diocese who was for many years parish priest of St Joseph’s, Havant.

The Jersey Irish Society’s Annual St Patrick’s Day Festival Ball

The Jersey Irish Society’s Annual St Patrick’s Day Ball will take place on **Friday 15 March** at the Royal Yacht Hotel. A night of traditional music, song and dance begins at 7pm with the raffle proceeds during the evening going to the Jersey Brain Tumor Charity - our chosen charity for 2019.

All Island Parish Lunch

Will take place on **Sunday 12 May** at the Hotel Ambassadeur. Booking forms available soon. For more details please contact Rosemarie Hill, Friends of St Thomas via the Parish Office.

Offertory Collections

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday’s offertory which totalled £3280.27, made up of cash: East: £813.97, West: £988.30. and St Helier: £1478. Planned Giving: East £462.75; West: £521.42 and St Helier: £1142.44. As we listen to this Sunday’s presentation of accounts please ask yourself: should I be giving more to the parish? When did I last increase my weekly donation? What percentage of my weekly income do I give to the Lord’s Church?

Pilgrimage To Lourdes

From 13 to 21 September. £790 sharing and £180 single supplement for 9 days staying at Hotel Ste Rose just a few minutes' walk from the Sanctuary. Travelling by boat and coach with night stops staying in a seaside hotel in St Palais sur Mer. We take part in the Anglo-Irish Oblates Pilgrimage. A limited number of places remain. For more info please call Deanna Greene on 638973 as soon as possible.

Pilgrimage To Rome And Assisi

Led by Canon Dominic Golding. 10 night's half board £1,600pp sharing twin room. Single rooms at a supplement. Come and pray at places associated with SS Peter & Paul and St Francis of Assisi. To book a place please contact Deacon Iain or Cheryl MacFirbhisigh by email: blessings41@gmail.com or Tel: 725963.

Cafod Fast Day: Friday 15 March

This is our annual opportunity to support in Lent our brothers and sisters overseas who are in need. On Friday 15 March can you eat a simple meal so that others can simply eat? Through CAFOD's global network your support can reach to the ends of the earth so please collect your fast day envelope from church and give whatever you can or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Fast-Day>.

Anniversaries – Mass Of Celebration

Are you or your loved ones celebrating a significant Catholic anniversary this year? If it's your 25th, 40th, 50th or above wedding, ordination or other significant anniversary please book Saturday 6th July as the date to come to St Thomas Church for our annual Mass to celebrate Significant Anniversaries. Bishop Crispian Hollis, our retired diocesan bishop has kindly agreed to come again and celebrate the day with us. Canon Dominic, who celebrates his silver jubilee of ordination on 26 June, will preach at the Mass. After Easter we will be promoting this annual occasion a lot more but for now, please book the date.

The Catholic Gift Shop

at the Welcome Centre - now on sale at reasonable prices: Cards for Mothers Day, St Patrick's Day and Easter. Final opportunity to order the Real Easter Egg orders must be received by 11 March.

Useful Contact Numbers

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Saint Vincent de Paul
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Caritas Jersey
768963 info@caritasjersey.je.
Community Christ of Bethany
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Padre Pio Prayer Chain
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MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

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Praise and Play Group

Meets on Monday, 9.30-11.30am at St Bernadette's.

Friday, Faith and Fun

Re-opens this **Friday 8 March**, 3.30-5.30pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall.

Catholic Grandparents Association

Next meet on **Friday 8 March** at 11am -12.15pm at Catholic Pastoral Services followed by Mass.

Jersey Association of Catholic Youth (JaCy)

Invites all young people year 7+ to a wide range of faith filled opportunities. We have a youth room above St Thomas' Hall.

Together on Tuesdays

Tuesday 5 March – This week's theme is 'Taize Prayer' at 6.30pm – 8.30pm - Bring money for hotdogs & pizza. Social time included to chill with friends.

JaCy Fridays

7- 10pm for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer. Snacks available so bring some money. Football, table tennis and much more is available in a safe environment. We welcome parents to come and visit for more information.

Please feel welcome to contact Mary for marriage and family support, natural fertility appointments or any queries regarding Catholic parenting support. Support available for introducing your children and teens to all aspects of sex and relationships.



Have You Returned Your Covenant Letter?

If not, please do so as quickly as possible so that this extra income can be collected from the tax office. Please return to Nick Taylor c/o St Thomas' Presbytery. And um, rather embarrassingly, may we ask that if you gave your covenant letter to Fr Benjamin after the 6pm Mass at Sacred Heart a few weekends ago, could you please contact one of our parish offices urgently? That's because your letter was stealthily stolen from Fr Benjamin's bag and eaten. The culprit has been caught: Zita Golding, aged 1 (Canon Dominic's dog) but sadly the remains of the letter offered no sign of whose it was.

This week's Parish Mass Times

| Date | Time | Church | Mass intention |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|---|
| Saturday 2 March | First Mass for the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | |
| | 6:00 pm | Sacred Heart | Patricia Paddock RIP |
| | 6:00 pm | St Patrick | The People of the Parish |
| | 6:00 pm | St Thomas | Philomena Quinn RIP |
| Sunday 3 March | Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | <i>Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45</i> |
| | 9:00 am | Our Lady, St Martin | Deceased Members of the Baxter & Jordan Families |
| | 9:00 am | St Mary & St Peter | <i>Mass in Polish</i> |
| | 9:15 am | St Thomas | PJ and EM Hardiman RIP |
| | 9:30 am | St Matthieu | Jackie, Anthony, Kieran and Christopher Durbano RIP |
| | 11:00 am | St Patrick | Kevin & Patrice Romeril Ruby Wedding Anniversary |
| | 11:15 am | St Bernadette | Noel and Sarah Sparks RIP |
| | 11:30 am | St Mary & St Peter | Denis Audrain RIP |
| | 3:30 pm | St Thomas | <i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Thanksgiving to Our lady of Fatima |
| | 6:00 pm | St Thomas | Alice Camozzi RIP |
| | 7:30 pm | St Thomas | <i>Mass in Polish</i> |
| Monday 4 March | Feria | | |
| | 9:30 am | Our Lady, St Martin | The healing intentions of Maureen Crago |
| | 12:15 pm | St Thomas | Filomena Da Silva |
| Tuesday 5 March | Feria | | |
| | 9:30 am | St Patrick | Massoud Agassi RIP |
| | 12:15 pm | St Thomas | Danielle Nansot RIP |
| Wednesday 6 March | Ash Wednesday | | |
| | 9:30 am | St Matthieu | Jess De Castro RIP |
| | 9:30 am | St Patrick | The People of the Parish |
| | 12:15 pm | St Thomas | Jennifer Piercy RIP |
| | 6:00 pm | Our Lady, St Martin | The People of the Parish |
| | 6:30 pm | St Thomas | Holy Souls |
| | 6:30 pm | Sacred Heart | Cristina Perestrelo RIP |
| Thursday 7 March | After Ash Wednesday | | |
| | 9:30 am | St Matthieu | Margaret King |
| | 12:15 pm | St Thomas | John Brennan RIP |
| Friday 8 March | After Ash Wednesday | | |
| | 12:15 pm | St Thomas | Vincent O'Driscoll RIP |
| | 6:30 pm | Sacred Heart | Judith and her Intentions |
| | 7:00 pm | St Mary & St Peter | <i>Mass in Polish</i> |
| Saturday 9 March | After Ash Wednesday | | |
| | 9:30 am | St Patrick | |
| | 12.15 pm | St Thomas | Tom Paton RIP |
| Saturday 9 March | First Mass for the First Sunday of Lent | | |
| | 6:00 pm | Sacred Heart | Patricia Hogan |
| | 6:00 pm | St Patrick | Mary Jones & Sean & Caitlin MacAmhalaoibh RIP |
| | 6:00 pm | St Thomas | Julia De Jesus RIP |
| Sunday 10 March | First Sunday of Lent | | <i>Deuteronomy 26:4-10; Romans 10:8-13; Luke 4:1-13</i> |
| | 9:00 am | Our Lady, St Martin | Intentions of C.W.L. |
| | 9:00 am | St Mary & St Peter | Mass in Polish |
| | 9:15 am | St Thomas | Margaret Golding RIP |
| | 9:30 am | St Matthieu | The People of the Parish |
| | 11:00 am | St Patrick | Cecil Perkins RIP |
| | 11:15 am | St Bernadette | Viv Durham-Waite RIP |
| | 11:30 am | St Mary & St Peter | Evelan & Donald Wellman & other deceased family members |
| | 3:30 pm | St Thomas | <i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Maria Norbrega RIP and Jose Teixeira RIP |
| | 6:00 pm | St Thomas | For the Recovery of Robert Harrop |
| | 7:30 pm | St Thomas | <i>Mass in Polish</i> |



CONFESSIONS, Saturdays

Sacred Heart, - 5.15pm - 5.45pm
 St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
 St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Thomas – Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm – 6pm
 The Oasis of Peace – Thurs at 9am
 Sacred Heart – Wed at 6pm
 St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – Fri at 8pm
 St Patrick – Tues at 7pm to 8pm

ROSARY

Sacred Heart - Wed at 7pm after Mass
 St Patrick – Sat at 9am before Mass
 St Thomas - Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass
 St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
 St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm



SAINTS FOR THE WEEK

Saints Perpetua and Felicity: 7th March

Perpetua was a young married mother arrested in the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Septimius Severus. Arrested with her was Felicity, a pregnant slave and her husband. On the day of their martyrdom in 203AD they left their prison 'joyfully as though they were on their way to heaven.' Their fate was to have been thrown to wild animals for the 'entertainment' of those who had gone to that day's Games at Carthage Amphitheatre but in the end it was a gladiator who killed them. Their martyrdom soon became famous throughout the whole Christian Church.