



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

15/16 July 2017 ~ Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



During the average week I come across literally thousands of people at Mass, at meetings, parish gatherings, school assemblies and a variety of appointments. Whilst amongst you all, as a Priest I am also there as the Lord's sower trying to plant the seed of the knowledge of Jesus Christ in the hearts of all those I meet.

When I was training to be a Priest I was told to be generous with this seed, never holding any of it back, no matter where I may find myself. Why? Because God is generous. He never holds back. The fruit that comes from the seed is something that goes beyond this world into something precious and that is literally life giving. We receive God Himself into our hearts and this can give us eternal life.

As Christians, our "raison d'etre" is to share this Good News with others. And why would we not? We cannot just share

these precious seeds with those with whom we are comfortable but with all people.

An American comedian once said, "You must really dislike someone to believe that there is eternal life and not tell them about it." Jesus, who proclaims himself the Way, the Truth and the Life, gives us the seed to grow into that eternal life with our loving God. He gives us His message, His teachings, His precious Body and Blood, and therefore the route to eternal happiness.

How can I - how can any of us - hold back from planting the reality of Jesus Christ into the soil of human hearts, when it can produce such wonderful fruit?

No matter what that soil is like, be it friendly or hostile, in known or unknown lands, let us all be generous with the seed that we have received, the seed of the knowledge of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Benjamin

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS



WELCOME TO THE CHAPEL CHOIR FROM JESUS COLLEGE, OXFORD

We look forward to welcoming the Chapel Choir from Jesus College, Oxford to the 9.15am Mass this **Sunday 16 July** in St Thomas' Church.

REV DANIEL ETIENNE

The newly ordained son of John and Maria Etienne will be celebrating Mass at St Thomas' Church **this Sunday 16 July** at 6pm. There will be a reception in St Thomas' Hall after Mass where you will have the opportunity to meet with him. He looks forward to seeing old and new friends.

FR BENJAMIN'S TALK ON THE SACRAMENTS

The next talk will take place on **Monday 17 July** at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church. All welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Mary Cahill will be running short update sessions about the purpose and guidelines for Children's Liturgy at one of the following times. All people involved are asked to kindly come along. We would also love to meet anyone interested in helping with this important ministry:

- o **Sunday 16 July** after the 9.15am and 11.30am Masses in Town.
- o **Sunday 23 July** after the 9am and 11am Masses in the East.
- o **Sunday 6 August** after the 9.30am and 11.15am Masses in the West.

PHOTOGRAPHS FOR ST THOMAS' AND ST MARY & ST PETER'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Stuart McAllister has informed us that the photographs are now available to view and purchase from www.fitzgeralds.co.gg.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Rosa Bianca Castro, Jenson Le Breton-Vasse and Thomas Patterson.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Marie Frances Jones, Alice Marguerite Le Guilcher and Antonio Fernandes. May they rest in peace.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA	PLANNED GIVING
East	£843.21	£ 580.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1631.00	£1045.00	£1044.96
West	£1,302.92	£697.10	£521.42

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 17 July at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings - An opportunity to read, reflect, discuss and pray using the readings for next Sunday.

Thursday 20 July at 9am – Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass, followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 21 July at 6.30am - Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BAD WURZACH PILGRIMAGE

During the past few days, Fr Nicholas joined a group from Jersey to visit our St Helier twin town, Bad Wurzach, for the festival in honour of the 'Holy Blood'. Bad Wurzach was the town in which English-born people from Jersey were interned in 1942. Fr Nicholas conducted prayers at the cemetery where some internees are buried and took part in a special procession travelling in a flower filled carriage with the local Bishop – the procession included 1200 decorated horses.

JERSEY GROUP VISIT TO REBOOT WITH CHRIS STEFANIK IN LONDON

Our youth group, who travelled to the UK with Fr Benjamin and Mary Cahill, had an inspiring time on Wednesday. Chris Stefanik truly helps all ages to 'Reboot' the faith. Our youth will hopefully share some of what they heard with us all soon.

ST PATRICK'S CHURCH TABLE TOP & CAKE SALE 15 & 16 JULY

Please come and join us this weekend in St Patrick's Church Hall. Cake donations are very welcome.

EAST AREA RAFFLE – SATURDAY 15 JULY

The raffle will be drawn at the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin's Church.

ST BERNADETTE'S LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP

Next meet on **Monday 17 July** for afternoon tea at Golden Sands Hotel, St Brelade. Please meet in church car park for transport if needed at 1.50 pm.

ST HELIER PRAYER LIGHTHOUSE MEETING

Takes place on **Wednesday 19 July**, at St Columba's Church at 8pm.

THANK YOU FOR STAMPS SAVED IN THE WEST

Two batches have been sent to provide funds for CAFOD.

CAN YOU HELP WITH FLOWER ARRANGING AT ST PATRICK'S CHURCH?

We have a team of just two and would greatly appreciate a few more people to join us. Please call Imelda on tel: 872445 if you could add your name to the rota.



STATES SCHOOL CATECHISTS ARE INVITED.....

To Catholic Pastoral Services on **Wednesday 19 July**, between 10.30am and 12 noon, to collect the new material for next autumn term. If you are unable to call in, please let Paula Andrew know and she will arrange to have the material sent directly to you. If anybody is interested to learn more about this ministry you are also very warmly invited to come along for an informal discussion. For more information please contact Paula on: 732583 or email: p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je

AUGUST FLOWER FESTIVAL IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

A letter giving more information regarding sponsorship for this festival has been inserted in this week's **St Thomas'** newsletters. We hope that this festival will be supported by all parishioners and friends across the Island during the week of **8 August**. The floral tableaux, with Biblical themes will, we believe, be inspirational as well as beautiful.



SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR CLERGY, GROUP LEADERS AND SAFEGUARDING REPS 'CREATING A SAFE ENVIRONMENT'

On **Saturday 9 September** at 1pm until 3.30pm in St Thomas' Church Hall, our clergy, safeguarding reps and group leaders – involved with children and/or vulnerable adults will be attending this safeguarding training session to be delivered by Angela McGrory, our Diocesan Safeguarding Officer, from Portsmouth. If you have not already registered please contact Paula Andrew: p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je or call 732583.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Samantha Richmond
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Thursdays Youth 2000 - at 6.30pm – 8.30pm in the JaCy Youth Room for school years 10+. If anyone wants to order takeaway with us remember to bring some money.

Fridays – JaCy Youth Night at 7pm – 10pm in the Youth Room. Years 7+ welcome.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION (CGA)

On **Wednesday 26 July** at Little Sisters of the Poor the CGA celebrates the Feast of St Joachim and St Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The 11am Mass that day will be celebrated for grandparents and grandchildren. After Mass, we will celebrate with coffee and cakes.

We are also inviting all grandchildren to create pictures, reflections and prayers about their grandparents which will be on display. All entries must be A4 size and sent to Mary Cahill via our churches - boxes will be available to drop off your entries or send directly to Catholic Pastoral Services by **Sunday 23 July** - Prizes to be won.

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

A Celebration of Marriage with special recognition for significant anniversaries of marriage and vocation, will take place at the 11am Mass at St Thomas' Church on **Saturday 23 September**. More details coming soon. If you have a significant anniversary please contact Mary Cahill and she will make arrangements with you. All married couples are invited to attend. There will be a reception afterwards in the hall.

PRAISE & PLAY BABY & TODDLERS

Exciting news! We are able to keep this group open over the summer. Maximum age will be 4 years. Mondays 9.30am -11.30am in St Bernadette's Church Hall. It will only close on Bank Holiday Monday 28 August and Monday 4 September.

HIGHLANDS COLLEGE ENGLISH CLASSES (ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES)

AT THE WELCOME CENTRE

English classes are offered at all levels at The Welcome Centre, next to St Thomas' Church and also at Highlands College.

These courses run throughout the week and all day on Saturdays. New courses begin January/February, June and October. Assessment Tests are available at The Welcome Centre on Thursdays between 1pm – 3pm and Saturdays 2pm – 4.30pm.

For more information call: Jodi Higginson 608670 or Andrew Rouillard 608549 esol@highlands.ac.uk



For the times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Confession, please see church notice boards.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - 18-25 AUGUST 2017 - LED BY BISHOP PHILIP

Would you like to join the Jersey group? *Please book now - last 2 weeks for bookings*
Joining the Charter Flight at Southampton - For brochure and further details contact: Deacon Iain tel: 725963 or email: blessings41@gmail.com

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 15 July	First Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Arthur Thuillier RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Deceased members of the Dupré family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Gerard Le Claire RIP
Sunday 16 July	Fifteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time		<i>Is 55:10-11; Psalm 64; Rom 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Wynford Sidney Richardson RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Peter Builder RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Anniversary of Ordination
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Sean Beausang RIP & Kevin O'Donovan RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Denise Huson RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Carolina Caldeira, José Aníbal Teixeira RIP and António Fernandes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Lynne Marie Cook RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 17 July	St Bonaventure		<i>Ex 1:8-14.22; Psalm 123; Matthew 10:34-11:1</i>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Holy Souls
Tuesday 18 July	Feria		<i>Ex 2:1-15; Psalm 68; Matthew 11:20-24</i>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Rosa Pereira da Rocha RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Fr Marcin Drabik & family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria Vieira RIP
Wednesday 19 July	Feria		<i>Ex 3:1-6.9-12; Psalm 102; Matthew 11:25-27</i>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Maria Nóbrega RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Lourinda Moureira RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 20 July	St Apollinaris		<i>Ex 3:13-20; Psalm 104; Matthew 11:28-30</i>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special Intention
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	For Carmel and Edward, for their intentions
Friday 21 July	St Laurence of Brindisi		<i>Ex 11:10-12:14; Psalm 115; Matthew 12:1-8</i>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Aurelia De Jesus RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Antonio Miguel dos Santos Almeida RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 22 July	St Mary Magdalene		<i>Song 3:1-4; Psalm 62; John 20:1-2.11-18</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Manuel Vieira RIP
Saturday 22 July	First Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Reg Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	John, Agnes & Shamie RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Francis Quinn RIP
Sunday 23 July	Sixteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time		<i>Wis 12:13.16-19; Psalm 85; Rom 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43</i>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Breda Coegan RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Silvino Portovedo RIP and Cidália Santana RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	For the soul of Eva Latimer
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Fr Colm Cahill
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Adrian Lynch 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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