



One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

16 & 17 September 2017 ~ Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

It is good to rest and re-charge oneself. When God established the Sabbath as a day of rest, He did so because only free people have the choice to stop work, take stock of their blessings and to see God more clearly.

The Church, too, has always proclaimed Sunday as the day of rest from the activities of work that may tire us, so that we can count our blessings and see God more clearly. We can take time off from work, but we need not do the same with God. Indeed, He calls us to come to Him, and that in doing so, He will give us rest.

In September, after a summer pause, the Church is giving the call for all people to come to Him, to meet Jesus Christ. Currently, that call is coming through our sacramental programmes, particularly for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. As a Catholic parish community we have the gift of seven sacraments: Baptism, Confirmation, Confession, Eucharist, Marriage, Holy Orders, and Anointing - in which we can meet the Lord and see Him more clearly. We have seven

ways we can rest in the presence of God and meet Jesus Christ. We can come to Him freely, but to do this, we need to give Him the time, freely and without condition. Rather than see the sacraments - and all the preparation we need to do to receive these sacraments - as things 'to be done', we should try and see them as 'meetings with God', as a way of finding spiritual rest.

In the next few weeks, we are beginning the beautiful process of preparing young children for Holy Communion - to meet and receive Jesus. We are also preparing young people for Confirmation - to meet and receive the Holy Spirit, so that they will always know that they can meet God, find rest, and be free. And so as a parish community, let us encourage them and one another to see the sacraments for the miracles that they are; and that in doing the spiritual work, we find true rest.

Fr Benjamin

CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE & SIGNIFICANT ANNIVERSARIES

A Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Crispian Hollis on **Saturday 23 September** at 11am in St Thomas' Church followed by a reception in the hall - please see overleaf for further details.



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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

WELCOME TO BISHOP CRISPIAN HOLLIS

Our former Bishop in Portsmouth is coming to Jersey from **Thursday 21 to Monday 25 September** to concelebrate the following Masses at St Thomas' Church:

De La Salle College Centenary Mass - Friday 22 September at 10.30am.

Celebration of Marriage & Significant Anniversaries' Mass – Saturday 23 September at 11am - followed by a reception where Mary Cahill is organising a display of anniversary photographs in the hall. If you would like to contribute, please send your photographs to Mary Cahill and dates of marriage to her by **Wednesday 20 September**. This is not just for couples with significant anniversaries, but for all married couples. Families are welcome to attend.

Bishop Crispian will also celebrate Mass at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 11.30am on **Sunday 24 September**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION

Parents and children in school year 4 and above are invited to come and register on the dates and venues listed below - *Please try to bring your child's Baptism certificate to the registration meeting.*

ST THOMAS' CHURCH: After 9.15am Mass on **Sunday 17 or 24 September** at 10.30am.

POR FAVOR NOTE BEM: Primeira Comunhão 2017/18 Na Igreja de St Thomas Novo Programa de Inscrição. Não haverá fichas de inscrição na parte de trás da igreja. As inscrições terão lugar no Salão Paroquial de St Thomas (St Thomas' Hall) depois da Missa das 9.15 am nos seguintes dias: **17 ou 24 de Setembro**. Idade mínima 8 anos, completados até 01 de Setembro 2017 e que se encontrem a frequentar o 4 ano escolar, ou mais velhas.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH: After 11.30am Mass on **Sunday 17 or Sunday 24 September**.

OUR LADY, ST MARTIN AND ST PATRICK: On **Tuesday 26 September** at 6pm in the Berni Hall.

ST MATTHIEU, ST BERNADETTE, SACRED HEART: After 11.15am Mass at St Bernadette on **Sunday 24 September**.

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2017/18

Parents of children year 9 + are invited to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sunday 17 September** at 2pm in at St Thomas' Hall. It is essential that both young person and at least *one* parent attend for registration.

ROSARY CRUSADE - 3 TO 6 OCTOBER

The Knights of St Columba invite you to join them in Adoration and Rosary, to pray for peace, on the following days in October: **Tuesday 3 October** at St Thomas after 6pm Mass, **Wednesday 4 October** at Sacred Heart after 6.30pm Mass, **Thursday 5 October** at St Patrick after 9.30am Mass and **Friday 6 October** after 11am Mass at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

MASSES IN THE WEST THIS WEEKEND

Will be celebrated by Father Paul Rowan, whilst Fr Francis is on pilgrimage in Lourdes with the Oblates of Mary Immaculate Anglo Irish Pilgrimage.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Arlo Raine, Santiago Palmer and Otis Palmer.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Victor da Silva, Betty Costen and Coral Gilmore. May they rest in peace.

MESSAGE FROM DEACON TONY...

"My family and I would like to thank all who lifted our spirits by participating in Maureen's funeral, sent cards, Mass intentions, prayed, or spoke to us in sympathy. God bless you."

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£935.64	£462.75
St Helier	£1786.00	£1044.96
West	£1255.72	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

For St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth.

FCJ SISTER STEPHANIE FUND

We have received a letter of thanks from the FCJ Sisters for the £560 collected during the past year, at the coffee mornings held after Sunday Masses at Our Lady, St Martin. This money will be used to help the centres for disabled children in Salta and Santiago del Estero, Argentina.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HEALTH AND SAFETY VISITATION

Fr Nicholas and the clergy look forward to meeting all representatives for Health and Safety on **Tuesday 26 September** at 7pm in St Thomas' Hall, where Deacon Stephen Short, from Portsmouth, will be giving a presentation on 'Fire Risk Assessments'. Please contact the Island Parish Health and Safety Coordinator, Danny O hEarchai, on 07829703774 to confirm your attendance.

OASIS OF PEACE JERSEY – 10TH ANNIVERSARY

Next month, the Oasis of Peace celebrates the 10th Anniversary of its dedication by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor. There will be a week of celebrations planned from **Sunday 15 October**, with a Mass at 9.30am in St Matthieu's Church, to be celebrated by Fr Nicholas, an open afternoon with afternoon tea and much more during the week. Please see posters in churches for further details.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: **Moyra Journeaux**

m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je

Tel: 07797787090/732583 Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Youth 2000. Join us on Thursday evenings in the Youth Room above St Thomas' Hall from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This is aimed at school years 10 upwards. If you want to explore, discuss and develop your faith in a friendly environment then please join us. There is an opportunity to order takeaway.

School year 7 and upwards - the Youth Room will be open on Friday evenings for 'chillout' time with friends. Come along and have fun with other young Catholics from across the Island schools. Come and meet your youth stewards and hear about the planned activities available during the autumn term.

Calling Young Musicians - Are you interested in giving a small performance? We are planning a Youth Concert towards the end of November. If you have rehearsed a piece for the Jersey Eisteddfod why not think about performing it again for our Catholic parish. If you enjoy playing an instrument or singing for fun please think about taking part. More information to follow. Contact Moyra.

YSVP - There are lots of opportunities available for youth to get involved in volunteering activities in order to give a service to our wider community. 'Learn, Live Love'. Come along and find out more. We will be having a talk about YSVP on Friday evening **22 September** in the Youth Room.

PILGRIMAGE - WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 20-26 AUGUST 2018 DUBLIN

We are planning a Pilgrimage to Ireland, 'World Meeting of Families' in Dublin. It is hoped that Pope Francis will be celebrating the closing Mass. It is for all ages of family life: adults, couples, children and youth. Young people interested year 7+ please email: m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org

All families or adult individuals interested please email: m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je. There will be an information meeting in St Thomas Hall at 7pm on **Friday 6 October** for all interested people.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS.....

Scripture, Reflection & Adoration - on Mondays at 7pm - 8.15pm Informal friendly group and all welcome.

Adoration and Rosary - on Thursdays - Why not join us in praying for family life at 9am - 9.45am. Take a chance to relax after Mass with our tea and coffee group.

Morning Prayer, Adoration and Breakfast - on Fridays at 6.30am.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE GIFT SHOP

Can you spare a couple of hours of your time to join the volunteer team in the Catholic Gift Shop - please consider helping to provide this service to the Island Parish. For more information please contact: Cheryl: 725963 or email: [blessings41@gmail.com](mailto: blessings41@gmail.com)

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: **Mary Cahill** m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je

Tel: 07797742767/732583 Facebook Catholic Family Life

Praise & Play Baby & Toddler Group - Meet on Mondays at 9.30am -11.30am at St Bernadette's. New families very welcome.

Friday Family Faith & Fun - Term-time Fridays 3.30pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall. This group is opening again on **Friday 6 October**. We need volunteers. Please contact Mary if you can form part of a team.

Children's Liturgy of the Word - short update sessions about the purpose and guidelines for these liturgies for children take place on **Sunday 17 September** after 9.30am Mass at St Matthieu and after 11am Mass at St Patrick's.

ANNUAL BAMENDA BALL

We are proud to host the first Annual Bamenda Ball - An Island celebration for the whole Catholic Parish on

FRIDAY 3 NOVEMBER AT THE MERTON HOTEL

Dinner - dancing - live music - grand raffle -

In aid of Island Parish Bamenda Project. Guest of Honour: Bishop Michael, Auxilliary Bishop of Bamenda

TICKETS £30 PER PERSON - For full details and tickets: Deacon Iain: blessings41@gmail.com/725963.



The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

LADIES 'QUIET DAY' AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

All ladies are invited to a 'Quiet Day' at the Oasis of Peace, on **Monday 25 September** from 10am - 3pm or for just part of the day. Please bring a packed lunch; tea/coffees are provided. All welcome but please telephone 859060 to confirm your place.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

Meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings to pray and praise at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin. The next meeting will be on **21 September** at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

BINGO - CWL JERSEY EAST -

Come along to the Berni Centre on **Friday 29 September at 7pm** - in aid of Parkinson's Jersey and CWL Charities. Tickets are available after Sunday Mass at Our Lady, St Martin. Contact Millie at 861830, or 07797762543, or email horman.millie@gmail.com.

MEETINGS

OFFICE MANAGERS

Wednesday 20 September at 11am at CPS.

CATHOLIC PASTORAL SERVICES TEAM

Tuesday 26 September at 11am at CPS.

FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS AGM

Wednesday 27 September at 7.30pm in the Caritas Reception room (at the rear of St Thomas' Hall).

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 16 Sept	First Mass for the Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Patricia & Tom McMahon RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Isabel Andrade Vieira RIP
Sunday 17 Sept	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Ecclus 27:30-28:7; Psalm 102; Rom 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Lollie Rabet RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish and Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor RIP and Dom António Francisco dos Santos RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	60th Wedding Anniversary of Tony and Heather Lloyd
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Fernando Pinto Correia RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: José Manuel Serrão RIP, Family of Domingas Sousa, Américo Abreu RIP, Maria Patrocínio Rodrigues RIP and António Queirós Antunes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Martin Roche RIP, Mark O'Callaghan RIP, Ellen Sherry RIP, Eileen O'Hanlon RIP and Ethna O'Doughan RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 18 Sept	Feria <i>1 Tim 2:1-8; Psalm 27; Luke 7:1-10</i>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Fr. Eamon Fitzgerald RIP
Tuesday 19 Sept	St Januarius <i>1 Tim 3:1-13; Psalm 100; Luke 7:11-17</i>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	NO MASS
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Eileen Caulfield RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John Joe Hughes RIP
Wednesday 20 Sept	St Andrew Kim Taegon <i>1 Tim 3:14-16; Psalm 110; Luke 7:31-35</i>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Tony Percy and deceased members of the family
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 21 Sept	St Matthew <i>Heb 5:7-9; Psalm 30; John 19:25-27</i>		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Gavino & Toniolo families RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Antony, Kieran, Chris & Jackie Durbano RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	
Friday 22 Sept	Feria <i>1 Tim 6:2-12; Psalm 48; Luke 8:1-3</i>		
	10.30am	St Thomas	De La Salle Centenary Mass – Catherine Turner RIP
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	NO MASS
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	NO MASS
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 23 Sept	St Pio of Pietrelcina <i>1 Tim 6:13-16; Psalm 99; Luke 8:4-15</i>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Bernie & David Curtin RIP & Mary & Patrick Leneham RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Fr Amy RIP, Fr Peter RIP, Fr Eladio RIP and Fr Chuffart RIP
Saturday 23 Sept	First Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Maureen Ward RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Terry Bailey RIP
Sunday 24 Sept	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Is 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Phil 1:20-24.27; Matthew 20:1-16</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Walter & Joan Tardivel RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Kathleen Journeaux RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Eileen and Patrick Murphy RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Maurice Power 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: José Manuel Serrão RIP, Ernesto da Silva RIP, Manuel Mendes da Silva RIP and Manuel Gomes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Adelaide Costa 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.

Catholic Pastoral Services	732583	cps@catholicchurch.org.je
The Welcome Centre	767997	thewelcomecentre@catholicchurch.org.je
Caritas Jersey	768963	info@caritasjersey.je
Marriage & Family Life	07797742767	m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je/naturalfertility@catholicchurch.org.je
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	874008	svp@catholicchurch.org.je – Furniture: Gloria 870652
The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
Community Christ of Bethany	722970	ccb@catholicchurch.org.je (m) 07797727625
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