



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

1 & 2 December 2018 ~ First Sunday of Advent ~ Year C

## HAPPY NEW YEAR?



Why might I wish you this Sunday a very happy new year? It is because although our calendar year of 2018 still has 30 days to run, our Church year

starts afresh, as it has for many centuries, on the first Sunday of Advent. The Church's liturgical year invites us to explore the mystery of Christ and observe the days commemorating the saints so that we might be helped by what we celebrate to grow strong in the practice of our Catholic faith.

In this new liturgical year, it will often be St Luke that we turn to for our Sunday gospel. Often likened to an artist because of the way his words paint a picture, he is the one who tells us of the Annunciation and of the angels singing above the new born child. He is also the evangelist who gives us so many of the most memorable parables. The parable of the Good Samaritan is found in his gospel as is the parable of the prodigal son. Such stories were told by Jesus, remembered by those who heard them and passed on to the likes of St Luke to inspire all who heard them to show mercy in imitation of God our Father.

Mercy was a big thing for St Luke as it should be for us. You may recall how just a few years ago the Catholic Church around the world focused on mercy in a particular way when, at Pope Francis' prompting, we held a Year of Mercy. I was then the Dean of our Cathedral in Portsmouth where for that year the main

inner entrance became a Holy Door. The Bishop solemnly opened it on the first Sunday of Advent. We decorated it with flowers and made sure that even in the depths of a cold winter the door remained open, since what would we have been saying had pilgrims come from afar only to find the Holy Door shut? Throughout that Holy Year of Mercy pilgrims did indeed come from all over the Diocese, including from Jersey. They came seeking the mercy of their Heavenly Father and left, hopefully inspired, to be ambassadors of that same mercy. I heard confessions that year from people who had been away from the Church for many years and also had several memorable conversations outside the confessional with good souls who had lost their way but were keen to return to the Lord.

As we begin Advent in this year of St Luke, let us notice the first lit candle on our Advent Wreath. In it we can see the countdown, not only to Christmas, but to the start of a new year for us all in the Church. Where we will be at its end we cannot know. What we can seek to do is resolve to fill this new year of the Church with what one prayer at Mass this Sunday calls 'righteous deeds'. That includes the spiritual and corporal works of mercy (look them up!). By such works do we imitate St Luke in helping ourselves and others to 'stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

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## ADVENT

### ADVENT WINTER WARMER

All volunteers, past and present are warmly invited to come along to Catholic Pastoral Services to join the team for some mince pies and mulled wine/coffee on **Tuesday 4 December** between 10am and 12 noon.

### TUESDAY ADORATION AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

The Oasis of Peace Chapel will once again be open for the Tuesday afternoons of Advent for Adoration at 2pm on **Tuesdays 4, 11 & 18 December**. We will be praying for special intentions and tea and coffee will be available. If you are able to commit to a 30 or 60 minute slot on any of the Tuesdays, between 2pm and 4pm, please contact David Cahill: 07797752151. Please feel free to call in whether for the full two hours or just two minutes, you will be most welcome. If you are unable to attend but have an intention that you wish to be prayed for please feel free to email the intention and it will be added to the list of intentions. Email [oasis@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:oasis@catholicchurch.org.je)

### JERSEY FESTIVAL CHOIR IN ST THOMAS'

The Annual Festival of Carols takes place on **Wednesday 12 December** at 8pm. *This year the retiring collection is in aid of the Stroke Association.*

### FAMILY NATIVITY & BAMBINELLI BLESSING



Takes place on **Saturday 15 December** at 2pm in St Matthieu's Church. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, sheep or angels. You

are also invited to bring your Jesus figure from your nativity scene at home to be blessed.

**EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – **Sunday 16 December** at the Hotel Ambassadeur at 1pm. Menus and application forms are at the back of East churches. Everybody is very welcome. Donations of raffle prizes can be brought on the day. Thank you.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** – **Tuesday 18 December** at St Mary & St Peter at 7pm. Priests from across the island will be available for confession. Why go? Why not! Where else can you receive the Lord's pardon and peace so easily available?

### APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA CHRISTMAS APPEAL

**KNITTED HATS FOR SEAFARERS** - This is the last weekend for leaving knitted hats filled with toiletries in collection boxes at the back of each church. If you have any late items please contact Terry Brown from AoS: 07797714471. Thank you.

### CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP – WELCOME CENTRE

Christmas stock now available plus Friends of the Holy Land Gift Vouchers. The shop will also be open on Thursdays during Advent from 10am – 12noon. *Closed from Friday 21 December and re-opens on Tuesday 8 January.*

### ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

Christmas stock now available; come and take a look after weekend Masses.

## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

### MASS TIMES IN ST HELIER

Please note that as from this week there will usually (but not always) be a daily Mass at 12.15pm at St Thomas' Church on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, with Confessions on a Saturday morning from 11am - noon. Some weeks the weekday Mass time may change such as this Friday when Beaulieu Convent School will join us for Mass at 11am and there may also be an occasional additional Mass such as the one at 6pm this Tuesday.

### ST BERNADETTE CHURCH IS NOW RE-OPEN

Fr Ross writes: *'I am very pleased to report that St Bernadette Church is now re-open for divine worship having been smoke damaged by a fire back in September. I personally want to thank all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to get the church up and running again. It has at times seemed like a never ending task with so much needing to be replaced and sourced and dealing with all the building contractors etc.*

*This Sunday is our Advent Service of Light at St Bernadette Church starting at 6pm, so please do join us in this procession of light with Advent hymns, followed by mince pies and mulled wine. An opportunity to see our lovely clean church and be part of our thriving church community here at St Bernadette.*

### APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER

### DECEMBER HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION

Evangelization: In the Service of the Transmission of Faith - *That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.*

**PRAY FOR PEACE** - Are you concerned with the present situation in the world? What can you do about it? - You can pray. Are you able to spend 5 minutes per day to pray for peace, if so join us and pray one decade of the rosary each day. Our Lady has asked us to pray for peace. If you would like to join us and would like more information, please notify your interest at [jersey.rosary@gmail.com](mailto:jersey.rosary@gmail.com).

Você está preocupado com a situação atual no mundo? O que você pode fazer sobre isso? - você pode rezar! Você é capaz de gastar 5 minutos por dia para rezar pela paz, se assim for juntar-se a nós e rezar uma década do rosário a cada dia. A Mary nos pediu para orar pela paz. Se você gostaria de se juntar a nós e gostaria de obter mais informações, notifique seu interesse em [jersey.rosary@email.com](mailto:jersey.rosary@email.com)



**MASS FOR DECEASED NEPAL VILLAGERS - 2015 EARTHQUAKE - THIS TUESDAY 4 DECEMBER**

A Memorial Mass will be held at 6pm at St Thomas' Church to remember and pray for the Christian, Buddhist and Hindu children and adults who died in Danda-Kharka and surrounding Nuwakot District. All are welcome to the Mass and to the refreshments afterwards.

**CONFIRMATION** - First year candidates have one option for their session in December – Candidates and parent/responsible adult, please come along on **Thursday 6 December** at 6.30pm to St Marys & St Peter's Church.

**WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP**

Next meet on Thursday 6 December at the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin at 7.30pm.

**POLISH MISSION FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

On **Friday 14 December**, the Polish First Holy Communion session will take place in St Thomas' Church Hall at 5pm followed by Mass at 7pm.

**Baptisms**

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Harvey Gregory Kelly

**THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE**

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – **Monday 3 December** - 7pm.

Adoration – **Tuesday 4 December** - 2pm – 4pm.

Evening Prayer – **Wednesday 5 December** - 6:30pm.

Adoration & Rosary – **Thursday 6 December**- 9am.

Morning Prayer - **Friday 7 December**- 6:30am

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£711.80	£462.75
St Helier	£1357.00	£1,096.37
West	£936.24	£521.42

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**ANNUAL SOUP KITCHEN** - In aid of the Shelter Trust, in the Royal Square - **Tuesday 4 December**.

**AGM FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' CHURCH** - **Wednesday 5 December** at 8pm in St Thomas' Small Hall.

**LADIES FRIENDSHIP GROUP** –Meet on **Monday 10 December** at Little Sisters of the Poor for Afternoon Tea. *Please note change of date & venue.*

**SVP APPEAL** - Could you please help a family, with young children, who are struggling? Mum has recently endured major surgery, with minimum time off; she is desperate to return to her work to pay the rent. Please send any donation you can to SVP c/o Deacon Iain.

**FUNDRAISING AT ST PATRICK'S** – A total of £545 was raised for our charities (to be decided). A special thank you for the beautiful cakes so generously donated, also to Patrice our star baker. Many thanks also for the raffle prizes.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** – In aid of one of our parishioners who recently suffered a terrible accident. The raffle will take place at the Royal Pub in St Martin on **Saturday 15 December** from 2:30pm. Tickets are available to purchase from the East office tel: 853953 or email: east@catholicchurch.org.je.

**YOUTH**

**JaCy Night** - Fridays 7pm - 10pm - Year 7+ are welcome to join us for fun, friendship and faith - *food available.*

'Together on Tuesdays' - at **6.30pm - 8.30pm** in **St Thomas' Youth Room** - This coming week explore your faith with 'Taize Prayer' – for Year 7+ in the Youth Upper Room. £2 for snacks.

**Advent Sleepover with God** - **Friday 14 December** at the Oasis of Peace at 7pm - 8am. Year 7+ are welcome to come along for food, film and Adoration. Please bring a sleeping bag and £4 donation.

**MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

Contact: Mary Cahill, Pastoral Ministries Coordinator  
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**Praise & Play Group** - Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall.

**Friday Faith & Fun** – for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall at 3.30pm - 5.30pm.

**Family Friendly Adoration** - hosted by the Catholic Grandparents Association in St Thomas' Church at 4pm - 5pm on Fridays. *Please consider taking 10-15 minutes with Jesus to start the weekend with your children.*

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

**Chapel of the Little Sisters** – every Sunday at 5pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

**The Oasis of Peace** – every Thursday at 9am

**Sacred Heart, St Aubin** – every Wednesday at 6pm

**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

**St Bernadette** – every Friday at 11.30am (before Mass)

**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.am - 12noon & 5pm – 5.45pm

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 1 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass the First Sunday of Advent</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Fr Norman Fitzgerald RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Snowdon & Gladys Pallot RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	George Renouard RIP
<b>Sunday 2 Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
	<b><i>Jer 33:14-16; Psalm 24; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28.34-36</i></b>		
	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	Rosa Camacho dos Santos RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Margaret Franklin RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Tracey Coombes & Christopher Le Main RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Cece Graham RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 3 Dec</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Harold De La Cour RIP
<b>Tuesday 4 Dec</b>	<b>Of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	<i>No Mass</i>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Eugenie Guiton & Family RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Intention for the family of Roldao RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Deceased Nepal Villagers
<b>Wednesday 5 Dec</b>	<b>Of the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Advent</b>		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Encarnacao Farinha RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	<i>No Mass</i>
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 6 Dec</b>	<b>St Nicholas, <i>Optional Memorial</i></b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	<i>No Mass</i>
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Mother Mary in Thanksgiving
<b>Friday 7 Dec</b>	<b>St Ambrose</b>		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	John Monk RIP
	11:00am	St Thomas	Beaulieu Feast Day Mass
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 8 Dec</b>	<b>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	12.15 am	St Thomas	Eugene Mc Mahon RIP
<b>Saturday 8 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Frank and Lilian Porter RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Hannah & Daniel Jones RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Antonio Lima and Maria Veira
<b>Sunday 9 Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
	<b><i>Bar 5:1-9; Psalm 125; Phil 1:3-6.8-11; Luke 3:1-6</i></b>		
	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	Marie Rose Hynes RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Jose Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Margaret Franks RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Friends and Relatives of the Chevalier Family and in Memory of Eva Latimer and Oscar Chevalier
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Manuel and Jose Sa Diogo RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Conceicao Baptista 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](http://www.catholicchurch.org.je).

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