



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

26/27 May 2018 The Most Holy Trinity ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Last Sunday at her First Communion party, an eight-year-old girl questioned me about the existence of God! Who made God? Was the story of Adam and

Eve in her Communion preparation book true?

I struggled with these questions. Was I to answer scientifically or biblically? Both would have echoed the same truth, if in different words. For example, I know that I was made by the fusion of cells in my mother's uterus, but I prefer to think of my parents creating me in love. So with God. Yes, I believe in evolution. But, yes, I also believe that God created the world out of nothing but love.

In the booklet 'How to survive being married to a Catholic', there are pictures of how people envisage God. One depicts God as a policeman; another as a grumpy old man saying

'no, you can't have a bike for your birthday'. Another shows him as a celestial tyrant with flashes of lightning coming from his hands; another has him pointing to himself saying 'Oi. What about me?' Another depicts him as a puppeteer controlling us; the final picture is of the star over a stable in Bethlehem. Yes, the only pictures we have of God is of a baby in a stable and a man on a cross.

The Catholic Catechism teaches us that '*by sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret: God is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange.*'

On this Trinity Sunday we celebrate the way that God has revealed God's self to us. In Jesus Christ we see how God loves us. That's the only answer that satisfies me.

Father Nicholas

You are warmly invited to join me at St Thomas' Church at 7pm on Friday 8 June in giving thanks to God (not to me!) for my 50 years of priestly service, followed with a party in the hall. Earlier that week, I shall be in Rome for a short retreat and to concelebrate with the Holy Father at his early morning Mass on Tuesday in the Casa Santa Marta, in the Vatican.

Fr Nicholas

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



CALLING ALL CATECHISTS

Our priests and deacons ask that all our catechists, who share the Catholic faith, should attend formation sessions which will be essential to enable all catechists to continue their important ministries in September. There are four interesting topics which you need to cover over the range of sessions, which are detailed in the leaflet available from each church this weekend. Please take home a leaflet with the dates and times of these sessions. Anybody who is interested in becoming a catechist is warmly welcome to attend. For more information please contact Fr Benjamin: 720235, Mary Cahill: 732583 or Catherine Graf (via the west office: 863149).

TWO AWARENESS TRAINING SESSIONS FOR 'DATA PROTECTION' FOR THE CATHOLIC CHURCH - WEDNESDAY 30 MAY

General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) Awareness raising training sessions are taking place this Wednesday. If you are involved in ministries in the Catholic Church, it is obligatory for you to attend *one* of these sessions, either at **11am or 7pm** in St Thomas' hall. Both sessions, will last approximately two hours, and will be led by Deacon Rodger Carr-Jones the Diocesan Co-ordinator for Data Protection. **Fr Nicholas urges catechists, PAMIS users, safeguarding reps and all those involved in handling data in any way for the Catholic Church in Jersey to attend.**



ISLAND CHOIR REHEARSAL

On **Thursday 31 May** at 7.30pm in St Thomas' Church, Malcolm L'Amy is holding a rehearsal in St Thomas' Church and invites all those who would like to take part in our Island Choir to sing at the

forthcoming June celebrations, to come along to St Thomas' on **Thursday 31 May** at 7.30pm. It is hoped that members of choirs from our churches in the East and West will come and join those who sing in St Thomas' Church. The special celebrations commence with Fr Nicholas' Golden Jubilee on **Friday 8 June**, followed by the ordination to the permanent diaconate of Nick Le Cornu on **Thursday 14 June** and then Deacon Iain's Silver Jubilee on **Friday 22 June** at St Mary & St Peter's Church.

CARITAS JERSEY BOARD MEETING

Takes place at 7.30pm on **Tuesday 28 May** in St Thomas' Presbytery.

FCJ PAST PUPIL'S 85TH ANNIVERSARY

A celebration to mark FCJ Past Pupils' Association's 85th Anniversary will be held at Government House on **Friday 15 June**. There are now very few tickets available priced at £10 each to include all refreshments. To book your place, please send a cheque with a stamped addressed envelope to Carole-Anne Robins at no 15 Les Tuillies, La Route de Mont Mado, St John JE3 4DW. The charities supported from the proceeds are: Age Concern, Parkinson's Jersey and FCJ Sisters work abroad. FCJ now have two, three, four and five generations in the community.

BEAULIEU SISTERS ARE MOVING TO FRANCE

Beaulieu is saddened to share the news that the Sisters will be returning to France during the summer, to take up residence in the Mother House there. The Order of the Immaculate Conception will continue to have a foothold in Jersey, with key figures returning regularly.

The School and the Island Church will give thanks to God for the Sisters on the Feast of St Peter and St Paul at St Thomas' Church on **Friday 29 June** at 11am.

Also past pupils, past parents, current parents, past staff members and friends of Beaulieu are invited to a service on **Saturday 30 June**, at St Mary and St Peter's Church at 9.30am – 10.30am, to celebrate the Beaulieu Sisters' time in Jersey and all they have done for the School before they move back to France. Afterwards there will be refreshments in the Main School Gym, where farewells can be made in person. For catering purposes RSVP to desousaa@beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A PICNIC ON 24 JUNE

As part of our fundraising for World Meeting of Families in Dublin this August, we are planning a Parish Picnic to be held on **Sunday 24 June** following 11.15am Mass at St Bernadette's Church hall. Sign up lists will be at the back of churches from next week.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION NOTICES

ST THOMAS'

First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated this **Sunday 27 May** at 12.30pm.

ST MATTHIEU

Rehearsal takes place on **Saturday 2 June** at 9.30am and First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday 3 June** at 9.30am.

SACRED HEART PARENTS' MEETING

Takes place on **Wednesday 6 June** at 7.30pm. Please note the change of date.

Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.

OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – Monday 28 May at 7pm.
Adoration & Rosary - Thursday 31 May at 9am - prior to Mass at St Matthieu.
Morning Prayer - Friday 1 June at 6.30am, followed by breakfast.

ADORATION AT ST THOMAS

There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Bank Holiday Monday 28 May.

CORPUS CHRISTI - SUNDAY 3 JUNE

Next Sunday there will be a procession of the Blessed Sacrament at the Little Sisters of the Poor after the 10.30am Mass. All are welcome, especially those children who have recently received their First Holy Communion.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Madison Hughes, Kenzie Jones, Evie Llewellyn, Nathaniel Romeril, Virginia McDonald, Ethan McAleer, Charlotte Stevens-Robinson and Elliot Hyde.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of José Rodrigues and Bob Walsworth. May they rest in peace.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY THIS YEAR?

If so, you are invited to Mass at St Thomas' Church, to be concelebrated by Bishop Crispian and Fr Nicholas, on **Saturday 23 June** at 11am with a reception in the Hall afterwards. Please could you provide a *copy* of your wedding photograph which should be provided with the completed form and left at Catholic Pastoral Services or posted to Deacon Iain MacFirbhisigh KHS,c/o Catholic Pastoral Services, 19 Val Plaisant, St Helier JE2 4TA.

THE CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP

Cards and Gifts for First Holy Communion and Confirmation are on sale plus cards for Ordinations, Anniversaries and Jubilees for Priests, Religious and Deacons.

Please do come and visit the shop where our team of volunteers will be happy to assist you to find something suitable.

JACY YOUTH ALPHA

Starts on **Thursday 7 June** – An exciting new course open to all youth from school years 6 to 8 on Thursdays from 6.30pm - 8.30pm in the upper room at St Thomas' Hall. This course will be useful for current year 8 planning to join the Confirmation programme in September 2018.

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je

Tel: 07797787090/732583

Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
Tel: 07797742767/732583

FRIDAY FAITH & FUN - 3.30pm - 5pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children in St Thomas' Hall. Thanks to the Catholic Grandparents Association, we host a Family Friendly 'pop in' Adoration every Friday at 4pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Church.

PRAISE & PLAY – for babies and toddlers - Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Meet at 11am on the first Wednesday of each month at Catholic Pastoral Services for Prayer, Formation and Mass at 12.30pm in St Thomas' Church. Our new project is 'Pause for Thought' sharing monthly ideas for family life. Watch out for the posters in churches.

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS

We offer appointments to discuss all aspects of fertility, family planning and offer sex education support for parents to share with their children/young people. Mary is an RGN with a qualification in Natural Fertility Awareness.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	tba	£462.75
St Helier	£1,545.00	£1,096.37
West	£1,028.82	£521.42

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 11.30am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm
or by arrangement with a priest

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 26 May	First Mass for the Most Holy Trinity		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Fr Nelson Belizario (USA) 50th Anniversary of Priesthood
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	George Le Masurier RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Jeannie Barrett RIP
Sunday 27 May	The Most Holy Trinity		Deut 4:32-34.39-40; Psalm 32; Rom 8:14-17; Matthew 28:16-20
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Frank Marquer RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Agostinha Coelho RIP and José Carpinteiro RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Norma Lewis RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Vincent Connolly RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	William Irvine RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	First Holy Communion
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	NO MASS
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 28 May	Feria		1 Pet 1:3-9; Psalm 110; Mark 10:17-27
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 29 May	Feria		1 Pet 1:10-16; Psalm 97; Mark 10:28-31
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Tommy McGuigan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	António Lima RIP
Wednesday 30 May	Feria		1 Pet 1:18-25; Psalm 147; Mark 10:32-45
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Maynard Family – living and deceased
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Bruno Nivis RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 31 May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12:2-6; Luke 1:39-56
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Jimmy Mimnaugh RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Fr Tom Magee RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Bob Wallsworth RIP
Friday 1 June	St Justin		1 Pet 4:7-13; Psalm 95; Mark 11:11-26
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	In Thanksgiving
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Germaine and Suzanne Stephan RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 2 June	Ss Marcellinus & Peter		Jude 17.20-25; Psalm 62; Mark 11:27-33
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Margaret Collins RIP
Saturday 2 June	First Mass for Corpus Christi		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Babs and Reg Tanner RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Peter Barton & George & Sue Cutland RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Ana Maria Pereira de Sousa RIP
Sunday 3 June	Corpus Christi		Ex 24:3-8; Psalm 115; Heb 9:11-15; Mark 14:12-16.22-26
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Peter Evans RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Wally Nisbett RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Fr Brian Sandeman Intentions 25th Jubilee
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese Paulo Agrela & Family in Thanksgiving Alexandrina Vieira RIP, João Júnior, Maria de Jesus and Xavier dos Reis RIP and Luis Velosa RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Betty Devlin 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
The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
Community Christ of Bethany	722970	ccb@catholicchurch.org.je (m) 07797727625
Padre Pio Prayer Chain	636772	lorraine.pppc@gmail.com

In an emergency (when someone seems to be near death) phone the General Hospital: 442000 and ask them to page the Duty Priest.