



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

22/23 April 2017 ~ Second Sunday of Easter ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



St Thomas would make a good lawyer or investigator. He looks for evidence and appears to only place

his belief in something when that evidence has been presented.

We see this clearly in the Gospel for this second Sunday in Easter. Unless he sees the Lord's wounds, Thomas refuses to believe that Jesus had truly risen from the dead. In all honesty, I cannot blame him. How would any of us react to such a claim as someone rising from the dead? What's more, the disciples themselves make it difficult for him to believe - they are still afraid. Locked in a room, they have not shown themselves in any way affected by this wonderful news.

They are acting as if nothing has happened. This is why I think we tend to be a bit too harsh on Thomas. I think if someone confronted me with the words "He is risen" I too would ask, "then why are you hiding?" We too need to ponder the resurrection and think about how it affects our lives, our attitudes and our hope.

There are many people who do not believe that Jesus rose from the tomb and is alive amongst us. Do we live in a way that shows we believe? How are we witnesses?

If Thomas were to come and visit us this very day, what would we say to him and would our lives help him to believe?

Father Benjamin

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday, which can be summed up in one sentence: *Jesus, I trust in you!* Christ as The Divine Mercy instructs us to approach Him in prayer to ask for His mercy, to let His mercy flow from us to others, and above all, to trust completely in Him in order to truly experience the graces of His mercy.

Come and celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday – at the Oasis of Peace this Sunday at 2.30pm - 4pm, with family friendly activities and story followed by the Divine Mercy Chaplet and afternoon tea. Bring cakes to share. All ages welcome.

ANA MARIA REBELO RIP

A Memorial Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Tuesday 25 April** at 6pm in St Thomas' Church for Ana.

Fr Nicholas and her family thank everybody who has contributed towards the cost of her repatriation to Portugal. Sufficient funds have now been raised. Please keep Ana and her family in your prayers.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

The Knights of St Columba are looking to undertake an 'inter area' 5-a-side football tournament this summer. The competition is open to all ages and to both boys and girls, with the emphasis on fun! All proceeds will go towards the Knights' chosen charity for this year, 'Missio'. To register an interest please email the Grand Knight, Br Danny OhEarchai: daineal.ohearchai@jayen.co.uk

NEPAL CONCERT IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Everyone is invited to the 2nd Anniversary Nepal Earthquake Concert – taking place this **Monday 24 April**. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start.



This concert is to raise funds for a 6-class Primary School in Danda-Kharka village community in Nepal.

Performing are: The Musical Originals Singers and Training Choirs; the Jersey Academy of Music Flutasia and Vermont Brass ensembles; Simone and Jessica Garton; the 'A Chaired Taste' boys choir; and Grainville School Students Choir with soloists.

This will be a wonderful assembly of Jersey's foremost young people generously giving of their talents for Nepal's poorest children.

Please come, listen, enjoy and give equally generously.

WELCOME TO DAWN COWIESON....

Our new Island Finance Administrator based at Catholic Pastoral Services who works on Tuesday to Friday mornings 9.30am to 1.30pm.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES MEETING

Takes place on **Wednesday 26 April** at 7pm at Catholic Pastoral Services.

ISLAND FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Next meet on **Thursday 27 April** at 4pm in St Thomas' Presbytery.

BRASS CLEANING AT ST MARY AND ST PETER'S CHURCH

Volunteers are urgently needed to help with the monthly brass cleaning. Please contact Diana Richmond: 07829915627 if you can help.

FATIMA PILGRIMS

We send our prayers to all those pilgrims visiting Fatima next **Friday 28 April until Tuesday 2 May**, led by Fr Nicholas and Deacon Iain.

THANK YOU FOR LENTEN LUNCHESES

This year's St Thomas' CAFOD Lenten Lunches, together with the Thursday morning Mass breakfast donations, raised a total of £2,047. This was a great result! Many thanks to Rosemarie Hill and her dedicated band of kitchen hands and soup-makers, and well done to our faithful patrons.

SPONSORED WALK

Please come and join our Sponsored 'Walk on Water' to France, in support of Seafarers, at St Catherine's Breakwater on **Bank Holiday Monday, 1 May** starting at 9am until 2pm. Forms are available from the back of each church. We thank you for your continuing support.

*Fr Nicholas and Fr Francis are both away for the Walk but have agreed to walk on **Monday 8 May** at 10am, at St Catherine's to support the work of AOS, so please continue to sponsor them.*

BINGO IN THE WEST

Takes place on **Thursday 27 April** at 7.30pm in the hall at St Bernadette's.

CWL EAST COFFEE MORNING

Catholic Women's League East is holding a coffee morning with home-made cakes for sale in St Martin's Public Hall from 10am to 12pm on **Saturday 29 April**, in aid of CWL charities. All very welcome to come along.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Pope Francis asks each of us to pray for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. If each person who reads this offers one small prayer, it will make a difference.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS' MEETING

Will take place on **Wednesday 27 April** at 7.30pm

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Takes place on **Thursday 27 April** at 7.30pm in the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin.

ADORATION AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has been cancelled on Bank Holiday Monday 24 April.

Baptism

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Gabriela Teixeira.

Marriage

Congratulations to Michael Gallagher and Rachel Barr who were recently married.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Dennis Goddard, José de Agrela, Keith Jones and Luis Abrantes. May they rest in peace.



YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Samantha Richmond
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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

SPIRIT ON THE ROCK 2017 'HOLY IS HIS NAME'

The Annual Youth Retreat takes place next **Saturday 29 April** from 9am - 9.30pm hosted at St Mary & St Peter's Church and Beaulieu School for everybody in school year 7 and above. *Please note there is no overnight stay this year.*

This event is open to all young people from school year 7+. **Confirmation** candidates are already booked as attending. All others who wish to register should email Sam: s.richmond@catholicchurch.org.je Registration forms are available in the churches. We also need adults to help with varying aspects of the weekend such as cleaning, catering, supervision, reception and also as leaders if you are police checked and trained for working with children in our church. Please contact Sam Richmond, even if you can only help for part of Saturday. Thank you.

As part of the day we will be presenting a session on the Church's teaching on Love & Sexuality. Any parents, who wish to have more information before the session, please contact Mary Cahill.

Please note that next Friday 28 April JaCy will be closed.

THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE...

Monday 24 April at 7pm - Preparation for the Sunday Readings – An opportunity to reflect, discuss and pray.

Thursday 27 April 9am Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea & coffee.

Friday 28 April at 6.30am Morning prayer followed by breakfast.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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Catholic Grandparents Association - next meet on **Wednesday 26 April** at 10.30am at Catholic Pastoral Services. All grandparents are warmly welcome to join us.

Friday Faith, Fun and Food - Term-time every Friday at 3.30pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall. Re-opening **Friday 5 May** due to Spirit on the Rock preparations and a study day (note changed date).

Praise & Play Baby & Toddlers - We re-open this **Monday 24 April** at 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall. Come dressed for messy play as we plant our Goodness Garden!

LGBTQ? Prayer and support group - **Wednesday 26 April** meeting at the Oasis of Peace. New friends welcome. Supper served at 7pm so please RSVP for food.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	9 APRIL CASH	HOLY PLACES	PLANNED GIVING
East	£1008.70	£470.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1981.00	£290.00	£1044.96
West	£866.63	£389.15	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

In aid of CAFOD's famine relief work in South Sudan.

RED MISSION BOXES (WEST)

A big thank-you to all Red Box holders and those who give by direct donations. £987 was raised from Red Boxes and direct donations raised £326, making a total of £1,313 from St Matthieu's and Sacred Heart.

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 Bernadette – Every Thursday at 7pm

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

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 22 April	First Mass for the Second Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Denis Webb RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	John & Christopher Lakeman RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Sunday 23 April	Second Sunday of Easter		Acts 2:42-47; Psalm 117; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31
	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	Olga and Len Hamel RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Bruno Neves RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Blanche Perkins RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	James O'Neill RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Fatima & Maria Moedas & Family RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Canon David Mahy's Welfare
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 24 April	St George		Acts 4:23-31; Psalm 2; John 3:1-8
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Brian Hick RIP
Tuesday 25 April	St Mark		1 Peter 5:5-14; Psalm 88; Mark 16:15-20
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Deceased members of the Dwyer family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Memorial Mass for Ana Maria Rebelo
Wednesday 26 April	Of the 2nd Week of Easter		Acts 5:17-26; Psalm 33; John 3:16-21
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Vera Connor RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Laurinda Moreira Dias RIP
Thursday 27 April	Of the 2nd Week of Easter		Acts 5:27-33; Psalm 33; John 3:31-36
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Thanksgiving Mass to Our Lady of Fatima
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Recovery of Margaret
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Bill Ayles RIP
Friday 28 April	Of the 2nd Week of Easter		Acts 5:34-42; Psalm 26; John 6:1-15
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Dennis Goddard RIP
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Catherine Turner RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 29 April	St Catherine of Siena		Acts 6:1-7; Psalm 32; John 6:16-21
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Special Intention
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Tony Pezet RIP
Saturday 29 April	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Easter		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Hugh and Joan Loughnane - Wedding Anniversary
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Winnie & Frank Adie RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Kevin Farry RIP
Sunday 30 April	Third Sunday of Easter		Acts 2:14,22-28; Psalm 15; 1 Pet 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35
	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	João Teles RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Bill Ayles RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	In Thanksgiving for Missio Red Box holders and their families
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Maria and Manuel Veloza RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Maria Silva Encarnação RIP, Agostinho Coelho RIP & José da Silva Carpinteiro RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Canon Terence John Healy - Welfare
	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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