



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island

Sunday 17 March 2019 ~ Second Sunday of Lent ~ Year C

I love mountains. The ancient Israelites too, loved mountains. It was where they met God. From Mounts Sinai to Nebo, from Carmel to Hebron, heaven and earth were seen to meet. This was why Jesus took Peter, James and John up a mountain. He wanted them to meet His Father and experience the powerful love of God.

A few weeks ago, I too went up a mountain, on retreat to a monastery, where for six days, there was only silence and stillness. It was an opportunity for God and I to meet and spend quality time with one another. It was like being wrapped in serenity.

Like Peter, I expressed my honest feeling to God that I could remain in that silence and stillness for the rest of my days. Again like, Peter, the answer was: no - you must go back down from the mountain and return to the noise and bustle of the earth.

Whilst experiences of the nearness of God and His love are wonderful, they also come with a spiritual health warning, which is, the danger of becoming spiritually selfish. Peter, James and John wanted to pitch tents on the mountain when they saw God's glory so that they could stay there forever and bask in the serenity of the Divine Life.

They wanted it for themselves and for themselves only. And yes, I admit, I wanted to stay on my mountain with God for a quiet, serene life of prayer.



But Jesus shows us that these experiences of God are not only for ourselves. They are given to us so that we can show others what we have experienced of the true Love of God. As soon as Jesus, Peter, James and John descended the Mount of the Transfiguration, they were healing the demon-possessed, comforting the grieving, accompanying the lonely and giving hope to the despairing. They could only do this if they were equipped.

Any experiences of prayer, of love and of the closeness of God are this equipment. They are given, not only for ourselves but for God, so that He may use them and their effects in a world which does not know Him or His Love. At Mass we meet God on the mountain of His Altar. We are then told "*Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord*".

This Lent, try to find time to come closer to God, so that, through you, He may come closer to His people, not only on a mountain but in everyday life.

Fr Benjamin

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Welcome to Fr Tom Grufferty...

Who will celebrate this Sunday's 11.30am Mass at St Mary & St Peter. Fr Tom is a semi-retired priest of the Diocese and currently chaplain to our Catholic school heads. He's been over helping our Irish parishioners to celebrate St Patrick.

Happy St Patrick's Day

Happy St Patrick's Day to all our Irish parishioners and those who bear his name. *May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks you grow. And may trouble avoid you wherever you go.*



Station Masses

Come and join us each Friday during Lent for Mass and Stations of the Cross at some of our Island churches. The Masses all begin at 6.30pm with Stations from 7pm during which there will be opportunity for the

Sacrament of Reconciliation.

- ❖ Friday 22 March Sacred Heart, St Aubin
- ❖ Friday 29 March St Matthieu, Coin Varin
- ❖ Friday 5 April Our Lady, St Martin's
- ❖ Friday 12 April St Thomas, St Helier.

Parish Reconciliation Service

This will be on the Monday of Holy Week (**15 April**) at St Thomas' Church starting at 7pm.

Lenten Stations of the Cross:

- ❖ Our Lady, St Martin Sundays - 3pm
- ❖ St Matthieu Mondays - 6.30pm
- ❖ St Patrick Tuesdays - 7pm
- ❖ St Bernadette Tuesdays - 7.30pm
- ❖ Little Sisters Fridays - 5pm
- ❖ Sacred Heart Saturdays - 5.30pm

This Week At The Oasis Of Peace

- ❖ Preparation for the Sunday Readings - Monday 18 March - 7pm.
- ❖ Adoration & Rosary - Thursday 21 March – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 9am. Tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass.
- ❖ Morning Prayer - Friday 22 March - 6.30am.
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Adoration with Community Christ of Bethany

- 20 March - St Thomas' - 7pm to 8pm
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OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday's offertory of £5477.91 made up of cash: East: £794.27, West: £971.03 and St Helier: £1586.00 and Planned Giving: East £462.75; West: £521.42 and St Helier: £1142.44.

Cafod's Family Fast Day Thank You

To all those who returned the CAFOD envelope. Envelopes can still be returned next week.

Baptism

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Ali Michael Kilic.

Funerals

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who have died recently and for the comfort and consolation of those who mourn them.

- ❖ Emillenne Andree Joanno, aged 91 whose funeral will be held at the Crematorium at 12 noon on Tuesday 19 March;
- ❖ Desmond (Des) McClinton, aged 96 whose funeral will be held at the Crematorium at 2.30pm on Wednesday 20 March;
- ❖ Fernanda Mari Abrantes, aged 58 whose funeral will be held at St Thomas' Church on Thursday 21 March;
- ❖ Ann Green, aged 55 whose funeral will be held at St Patrick's Church at 12 noon on Thursday 21 March;
- ❖ John Troy, aged 87 whose funeral will be held at St Bernadette's Church at 12 noon on Tuesday 26 March;
- ❖ Anita Martinenego, aged 83 whose funeral will be held at the Little Sisters of the Poor Chapel at 11am on Thursday 28 March.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

CAFOD Lenten Lunches

Come and support if you can a Lent lunch taking place in St Thomas' Church Hall every Wednesday throughout Lent from 12 noon to 2pm. Come and enjoy homemade soups with French bread and cheese, followed by tea/coffee.

Catholic Women's League Bingo Night

The Catholic Women's League will be hosting a Bingo Night in aid of Beresford Street Kitchen and CWL Charities, which will be held on **Friday 22 March** at 7pm in the Berni Centre at Our Lady, St Martin. Tickets cost: £5 for adults and £2.50 for children. A light supper will be served. Please call Millie on 861830 / 07797762543/ or email: horman.millie@gmail.com to book your tickets.

Ladies Friendship Group

The meeting on 18 March has been postponed until **Monday 25 March** with afternoon tea at Greenhills Hotel at 2.30pm.

Sacred Heart - Can YOU help?

Looking for something extra to do for LENT? Why not come and help us clean the brass for the Easter Services at 2pm on **Thursday 11 April** in the flower sacristy. If you can help then please call Deanna on 638973.

States School Catechists' Meeting

All States School Catechists are invited to meet with Fr Ross on **Tuesday 2 April** at 7pm in Catholic Pastoral Services. If you would like to know more about this ministry then please come along.

Parish Lunch Sunday 12 May - Ticket Application

At the back of each church are application forms and menus for the Parish lunch on **Sunday 12 May**. If you wish to apply for tickets please take a letter/form, fill it in and, together with the money, hand in or send to Daphne Minihane c/o The Friends of St Thomas at St Thomas' presbytery. Tickets are limited to 110 so please don't leave it too late to decide to come. We look forward to welcoming you to the event.

Prisoners' Families Support Worker

A prison sentence can be extremely stressful for prisoners and their families pushing them to breaking point. Parenting support for the parent in prison, linked with community support for children and families on the outside, can make a vital difference. Other family members may need support too. Caritas Jersey is seeking to employ another suitably experienced and qualified family support worker to work on its Prisoners' Families Support Scheme. The rate of pay will depend upon experience and qualifications. You will be expected to work up to 20 hours per week and 5 year's residency is required. The hours worked will be subject to negotiation. Applications should be sent to: John Scally, Executive Director, 19 Val Plaisant, St Helier or by email to johnscally@caritasjersey.je **Closing date 22 March.**

This October – an Extraordinary Mission Month

Message from Portsmouth E-news from Bishop Philip:

The Holy Father has declared this October 2019 to be an Extraordinary Mission Month. In union with the Pontifical Mission Societies, the Vatican Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples has published a collection of essays, texts and addresses to inspire us and help us make this month special in prayer and deed (published by Edizioni San Paolo, Milan: ISBN 978-88-922-1786-7). We'll be hearing more about the month later but for now let's hear again Pope Francis's words: *"May the Extraordinary Missionary Month prove an intense and fruitful occasion of grace, and promote initiatives and above all prayer, the soul of all missionary activity. May it likewise advance the preaching of the Gospel, biblical and theological reflection on the Church's mission, works of Christian charity and practical work of cooperation and solidarity between churches, so that missionary zeal may revive and never be wanting among us."*

In preparation for this month, could I ask all our parishes and schools, Evangelisation Strategy Teams at parish, Pastoral Area and Deanery levels, clergy, laity and religious, and all other groups in the Diocese of Portsmouth to begin thinking now about what might be done to keep this October special? I'd especially like to encourage you to think about prayer initiatives for mission and outreach, including to the people outside our churches and to Catholics who are non-practicing. May the Holy Spirit guide us.

Catholic Gift Shop

Cards are now on sale for, Mother's Day and Easter. *Please note that the Gift Shop will be closed every Wednesday between 12 noon and 2pm during Lent.*

MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

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Praise and Play Group

Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's.

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

Jersey Association of Catholic Youth (JaCy)

Invites all young people year 7+ to a wide range of faith filled opportunities. We have a youth room above St Thomas' Hall.

Youth Consent Forms - We are currently updating our youth ministry data base with consent for all our young people to participate in our activities. Parents please complete a form available in the church and return to Catholic Pastoral Services. Thank you.

Together on Tuesdays - Tuesday 19 March – This week's theme is 'Life in Christ' at 6.30pm – 8.30pm - Bring money for hotdogs & pizza. Social time included.

JaCy Fridays

7pm - 10pm for a relaxed social evening with a time of prayer. Bring some money for snacks. Football, table tennis and much more is available in a safe environment. We welcome parents to come and visit for more information. On **Friday 29 March** we will be meeting at the Oasis of Peace Jersey for a 'Night with the Lord', plus movie and supper. Bring a sleeping bag and donation for food. Pick up at 8.30am on Saturday 30 March.

Please feel welcome to contact Mary for marriage and family support, natural fertility appointments or any queries regarding Catholic parenting support. Support available for introducing your children and teens to all aspects of sex and relationships.

O.M.I. Free Magazine

If you would like to receive a hard copy or preferably receive a copy of the OMI magazine online, please contact Deanna on 638973 or email: deannagreene49@gmail.com so that we can find out how many are actually needed and cut down on surplus.

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Padre Pio Prayer Chain:

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This week's Parish Mass Times

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 16 March	First Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Repose of the Soul of Marjorie Routier
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Dermot Troy RIP & Troy Family
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Sunday 17 March	Second Sunday of Lent		
	<i>Genesis 15:5-12,17-18; Philipians 3:17-4:1; Luke 9:28-36</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Barry O'Loughlin RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Clinton Pringle RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Thierry de Boisanger RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Patrick Meehan RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Virginia & Giovanni Rebando RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Ernst Mendes RIP & Conceico Fernandes Pestana, Josè Alexandre Fernandes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Monday 18 March	Of the 2nd Week of Lent		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Deceased members of the Norman Family
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Noreen Kirwan RIP
Tuesday 19 March	St Joseph		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Lloyd Quenault RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Janice Plunkett RIP
Wednesday 20 March	Of the 2nd Week of Lent		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Vera Harrop
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria De Jesus Agrela RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 21 March	Of the 2nd Week of Lent		
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Alfredo Sousa Agrela RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Fernanda Maria Mendonca Abrantes RIP
Friday 22 March	Of the 2nd Week of Lent		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Danielle Nonsot RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Station Mass – Viv Durham-Waite RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Saturday 23 March	Of the 2nd Week of Lent		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>No Mass</i>
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Silvanio & Family RIP
Saturday 23 March	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Viv Durham-Waite RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Folan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Tessie Kennedy
Sunday 24 March	Third Sunday of Lent		
	<i>Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12; Luke 13:1-9</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Eduardo Braunspahn RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Thanksgiving for the 3rd Anniversary of Elizabeth Clayton RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Jose Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Eileen & James & Nellie O'Donovan RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Shirley Le Marquand RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Manual Mendes RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Maria Isabel Coito Sardinho RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>



CONFESSIONS, Saturdays

Sacred Heart, - 5.15pm - 5.45pm
 St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass
 St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

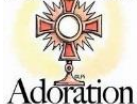
Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday at 5pm
 followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm
 The Oasis of Peace – Thurs at 9am

Sacred Heart – Wed at 6pm
 St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – Fri at 8pm
 St Patrick – Tues at 7pm to 8pm
 St Thomas – Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm – 6pm

ROSARY

Sacred Heart - Wed at 7pm after Mass
 St Patrick – Sat at 9am before Mass
 St Thomas - Saturday at 5.30pm before Mass

Eucharistic



Adoration



SAINT FOR THE WEEK

ST CUTHBERT – 20TH MARCH

One of England's greatest saints he lived as a monk on the north-east coastal island of Lindisfarne. From there he often went about the neighbourhood giving missions; his preaching zeal was much admired. St Bede wrote his life and noted his personal charm and holiness. Made a bishop much against his will, he died in 687 and his bones, having been kept safe from the Viking invasion, have rested at Durham Cathedral ever since the year 999.