



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

23/24 September 2017 ~Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

A friend of mine was talking to me on the 'phone recently about how he feels isolated and alone, due to his solo job and lack of intimacy with family and friends. He confessed to feeling lonely, as well as alone.

My friend asked me whether I ever spoke about the aloneness some parishioners may feel at Mass, when their partner is not a Catholic and their children have given up their faith. When you feel alone, it is sometimes hard to keep going. I was grateful for what he said, as it made me more aware of the many people who come to Mass by themselves.

This awareness of the needs and feelings of our neighbour should make us aware sometimes of the need to reach out and touch someone who appears to be hurting, even if we do not know them personally, but sit near them frequently at Church on Sundays. What about the person who is always there, but isn't one day. Away on holiday or visiting relatives? Or, perhaps, unwell and an enquiry would be kind without being nose-y.

Being alone is different from being lonely. As Catholics we have always had respect for the

single person, unlike in Judaism or Islam where marriage is seen as essential. We have a great tradition of single women in forms of parish ministry, the consecrated life and even as modern hermits.

There is a sense in which all of us have to walk the path of life alone, until we make our lone entry through the door of death. I have chosen that way as a celibate priest, not without regrets at loss of intimacy. However, especially at my current age, I identify with St Paul in looking forward to my future life with God, while conscious of not wanting to abandon my pastoral responsibilities.

That's why Paul in today's first reading wrote: *"Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death will bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results - I do not know what I should choose. I'm caught in this dilemma; I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake".*

**Father Nicholas**

### PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP PHILIP

A letter from Bishop Philip Egan will be read out at this weekend's Masses. Copies are available from both the diocesan website and the Catholic Church in Jersey website – there are some hard copies available at the back of each church.

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## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

### 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 if not baptised in the Catholic Church in Jersey.*

**ST THOMAS' CHURCH:** After 9.15am Mass this Sunday 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: **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 this Sunday 24 September.

### OUR LADY, ST MARTIN AND ST PATRICK:

This Tuesday 26 September at 6pm in the Berni Hall. *Please note the earlier time.*

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

### 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' commencing at 5.15pm before 6pm Mass
- **Wednesday 4 October** at Sacred Heart after 6.30pm Mass
- **Thursday 5 October** at St Patrick after 9.30am Mass
- **Friday 6 October** after 11am Mass at the Little Sisters of the Poor

### CENTENARY FESTA OF THE APPARITIONS OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We welcome Fr Bernardino Trindade SCJ, who is coming for the Centenary Celebrations taking place on **Saturday 14 and Sunday 15 October**.

On **Saturday 14 October**, at 8pm there will be Rosary and Confessions and Mass with an outdoor candlelight procession. All our clergy will be taking part.

On **Sunday 15 October** at 3pm there will be Rosary, Confessions and Mass, concluding with a farewell to our Lady indoor procession.

### OASIS OF PEACE JERSEY – 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Next month the Oasis of Peace celebrates the 10th Anniversary of its dedication by Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor and Bishop Crispian. Please see our posters for more details.

### Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Matilde Berenguer, Rodrigo Caires, Mayara Abreu Camacho, Mayana Abreu Camacho, Elisa-Louise Varela, Luna Louise Ozard and Valentina Da Silva.

### Marriages

Congratulations to Henry Blackmore and Joanna Ball who were recently married.

### Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Georgette Dareau, Edith Garnier Gauvin and Aidan Power. May they rest in peace.

### BABY REMEMBERING CANDLE LIGHTING SERVICE

A service for those whose lives have been touched by the loss of a child will take place on **Sunday 15 October** at 3pm in the Hospital Chapel.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	tbc	£462.75
St Helier	£1752.00	£1044.96
West	£1017.44	£521.42

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### 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.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY VISITATION

Fr Nicholas and the clergy look forward to meeting all representatives for Health and Safety this **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.

### SAFEGUARDING TRAINING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Safeguarding training is **ESSENTIAL** every three years if you have contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults on behalf of the Catholic Church (even if you have done this training with another organisation). If you have never attended training or need to know when you last attended please contact Paula Andrew at [p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:p.andrew@catholicchurch.org.je) or call 732583. The training will take place in St Mary & St Peter's Hall on **Saturday 14 October: Safeguarding Children & Young People** - 11am - 1pm  
**Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults** - 2pm - 4pm.

## MEETINGS

### FR NICHOLAS .....

Will be attending the Golden Jubilee of the Chapter of Canons' in Arundel Cathedral this **Monday 25 September**.

### FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' AGM – 27 SEPTEMBER

At 7.30pm in the Caritas Reception room.

### CLERGY PASTORAL MEETING – 30 SEPTEMBER

Takes place at 10.30am in the Shenton Room at the Welcome Centre followed by lunch.

### CARITAS BOARD MEETING – 3 OCTOBER

At 7.30pm in St Thomas' Presbytery.

## YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux

[m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je)

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

**Youth 2000.** – Youth 2000 has returned after its summer break. Join us Thursday evenings in the Youth Room from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. This is aimed at school years 10 upwards. If you want an opportunity to explore, discuss and develop your faith in a friendly environment then please join us in the Youth Room above St Thomas's Hall. There is an opportunity to order takeaway. This week we will be beginning the 'Life in Christ' programme.

**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 enjoy playing an instrument or singing for fun please contact Moyra for more information.

**YSVP** – There are lots of opportunities available for youth to become involved in volunteering activities in order to give a service to our wider community. 'Learn, Live, Love'. This **Friday 22 September** we will be having a talk in the Youth Room and looking at how you can become involved in Youth St Vincent de Paul.

**JaCy 500 Club Summer Draw Numbers:** 44, 436 and 481 were the winning numbers and winners have been notified. We will soon be renewing memberships for our 2018 draws. Thanks for supporting the Youth Ministry work.

For more information on Youth Ministry and to view our autumn term programme of events, please visit our website: [www.jacy.org.je](http://www.jacy.org.je). The new Twitter is now available @JaCy. To keep updated 'like' us on Facebook – Jersey Association of Catholic Youth.

### THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS.....

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

**Adoration and Rosary** - on Thursdays – join us in praying for family life at 9am - 9.45am.

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

## 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](mailto:m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org)

All families or adult individuals interested please email: [m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto: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.

### WILL YOU READ A BOOK?

Last year, Alasdair Crosby, in consultation with Fr Nicholas, wrote a book about the Catholic Church in Jersey in modern times. Have you read it? We have copies available in all our churches. It really is an interesting read - will you support our church by purchasing a copy? We are disappointed that sales were not higher so have reduced the price to £5. Perhaps put away your iPad for a weekend and treat yourself to a good read with a *book*.

### MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: **Mary Cahill** [m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto: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 **Friday 6 October**. Drop in when you can. Open to all families from baby & toddler up to school year 6. We will be relaunching with a 'Cafod Brighten Up' Event. Our usual donation of £2 a family will be £3 this week to support Cafod. Food, fun and faith to share.

**MAGNIFIKID** are in our churches for primary age children. Please ask the Welcomers for a copy.

**CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION** - gather at Catholic Pastoral Services on **Wednesday 4 October** 10.30am - 12noon ending with the Angelus.

**NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS:** appointments are available with our qualified practitioner Mary Cahill RGN who can also offer support for parents with Catholic sex education for children and teens. Please contact Mary in confidence.

### BINGO - CWL EAST – IN 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](mailto:horman.millie@gmail.com).

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 23 Sept</b>	<b>First Mass Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Maurice Power RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Terry Bailey RIP
<b>Sunday 24 Sept</b>	<b>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
			<b><i>Is 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Phil 1:20-24,27; Matthew 20:1-16</i></b>
	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	Maureen Ward 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
<b>Monday 25 Sept</b>	<b>Feria</b>		
			<b><i>Ezra 1:1-6; Psalm 125; Luke 8:16-18</i></b>
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
<b>Tuesday 26 Sept</b>	<b>Ss Cosmas &amp; Damian</b>		
			<b><i>Ezra 6:7,8,12,14-20; Psalm 121; Luke 8:19-21</i></b>
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Maureen Ward RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Maureen Ward RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Fernandes Gonçalves & Domingas Diogo in Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday 27 Sept</b>	<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>		
			<b><i>Ezra 9:5-9; Tob 13:2,4,6-8; Luke 9:1-16</i></b>
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Silvino João and Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Paul Trayers RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
<b>Thursday 28 Sept</b>	<b>St Wencelslaus</b>		
			<b><i>Haggai 1:1-8; Psalm 149; Luke 9:7-9</i></b>
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Catherine Turner RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<b>NO MASS</b>
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	
<b>Friday 29 Sept</b>	<b>The Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel &amp; Raphael</b>		
			<b><i>Dan 7:9-10,13-14; Psalm 137; John 1:47-51</i></b>
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Diogo Sá and Maria Fernandes in Thanksgiving
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 30 Sept</b>	<b>St Jerome</b>		
			<b><i>Zech 2:5-9,14-15; Jer 31:10-13; Luke 9:43-45</i></b>
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Maureen Ward RIP
	11:00 am	St Thomas	José Guilherme and Family RIP
<b>Saturday 30 Sept</b>	<b>First Mass for the Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Elizabeth Bonn RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Suzanne Sullivan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Constantina Caires RIP
<b>Sunday 1 Oct</b>	<b>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
			<b><i>Ezek 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Phil 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32</i></b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Mrs Lynette Brennan 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	Odette Parker RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Baby Leah Ward RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Luís de Abreu RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, Xavier dos Reis RIP and Manuel Salvador Vieira Joaquim RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	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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