



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

## Seven Churches, One Parish

Sunday 3 November 2019 ~Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

### Canon's Corner



Belonging is what matters most. Zacchaeus in the gospel this Sunday wants to belong but feels an outsider. Being invited to join the company of Jesus changes him. Belonging is arguably what makes us Catholic. Why do we come to Sunday Mass if not to take from it the assurance that we belong to the Church which dares to believe itself the Body of Christ? With this identity we can continue walking by the light of faith. From this sense of belonging we may wish to contribute, to participate. Our parish is blessed with a good number of active groups. Some are large, others small, some meet weekly, others monthly. Some are devoted to prayer; others aim at social outreach. All are important pieces in the vibrant mosaic that is this parish.



This Sunday I want to congratulate two parishioners whose contributions to Catholic life have recently been recognised beyond our island shores. Jeanette Collins has been elected the National President of the Catholic Women's League. Daniel O'hEarchai has been elected to the National Board of Directors of the Knights of St Columba. We can be proud of them both. Their new appointments are a recognition that in the parish groups they have chosen to join they have given and received what's needed to forge a closer sense of belonging to Christ. Their appointments come at a time when these two groups are looking back as well as forward.

The Jersey CWL is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Jersey KSC its 90<sup>th</sup>. Both have recently been holding events at which the contributions of the past have been acknowledged and celebrated. Now like all our parish groups they are looking to the future, hoping that new members will come and help them continue their good work. Please think of doing so. I have much enjoyed the times I have spent with both groups. Why shouldn't you have a similar experience? Or if you wish to start up a different kind of parish group, witnessing to gospel values please let me know. The mosaic that is our island Catholic parish is not yet become so big that it cannot accommodate new pieces. By the interlocking of all these pieces do we form what Christ asks us to be: his light to the world.

Canon Dominic



### World Day of the Poor

Sunday 17 November is the 'World Day of the Poor' and our parish groups of Saint Vincent de Paul and Caritas Jersey would like to highlight this by asking for focus on extra donations for our foodbank at the Masses over that weekend. We invite you to bring your donations to the altars of our churches on that day to highlight the needs of the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalised. Offer them to the Lord that through our parish groups they can be distributed to those in need.

### PARISH CONTACTS

#### PRIESTS:

Canon Dominic Golding (Parish Priest & Dean)  
Fr Benjamin Theobald (Assistant Priest)  
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## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

- Sun: Second Collection – Bamenda Sunday;
- Mon Canon Dominic at clergy support group, Sandhurst until Tuesday.
- Tues Fr Johnpromise – day off;  
SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 2pm;
- Wed Fr Benjamin – day off;  
Canon Dominic, monthly Liturgy at Clifton Nursing Home, 2.30pm and at Caritas Jersey Board Mtg, 7.30pm;  
Connections – Afternoon Tea, CPS, 2.30pm;
- Thurs Canon Dominic, monthly Mass and visit to Le Moye Prison, 8am,  
Lectio Divina, CPS, 1pm;  
RCIA, St Thomas Hall, 7pm;
- Fri Canon Dominic at the Memorial Service at Petite Port, Egypt, 10.30am;  
Parish Clergy Monthly mtg, 7pm;  
Friday Friends, St Thomas' Hall, 7pm;
- Sat Safeguarding Training, St Thomas' Hall, 10am;  
SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 10am.

## SACRAMENTS & LITURGICAL LIFE

### This Week at The Oasis of Peace

- ❖ **Adoration & Rosary:** Thursday 7 November – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 8.45am. Tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass.
- ❖ **Morning Prayer** – Friday 8 November - 6.30am.

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### Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Sienna Campos, Tabitha Johnson, Luca Kenny, Jessica Le Bourgeois, Lottie Matthews.

### 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.

- ❖ Pauline Blench aged 95, whose Funeral Service will be held at the Crematorium on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November at 13.15.
- ❖ Romano Ricci aged 71, whose Funeral Mass will be held at Thomas Church on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November at 12.15.
- ❖ Henrique De Jesus, whose Funeral Service will be held at St Thomas on Thursday 14 November at 9.30am.

### Jersey Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

This month we are invited to pray for all those working in Communication and Media and this week we pray for St Martin's Anglican Church and for their Rector the Rev Gerry Baudains.

## PASTORAL LIFE

### Bamenda Sunday

This weekend, the Portsmouth Diocese celebrates Bamenda Sunday, when we pray especially for our brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Bamenda, Cameroon. The dioceses have been twinned for 45 years, enjoying a strong ecclesial partnership: originally Portsmouth sent out priests to work in Bamenda, now Portsmouth enjoys the benefit of six priests on loan from Bamenda: Fr George in New Milton, Fr Bern in Bournemouth, Fr Elijah in Newport, Fr Gaston in Basingstoke and Fr Emmanuel and Fr Anthony at the Cathedral. Fr Anthony and Fr Gaston are also studying at Southampton University this year. We give thanks for their ministry to us! Very sadly, their families and friends back home have endured another year of suffering as peace and justice has still not returned to the Anglophone regions of Cameroon. The International Crisis Group has stated that "both sides have committed abuses against the population, including burning villages, closing down schools and killing civilians. Violence has claimed around 3,000 lives, displaced half a million people and compelled another 40,000 to flee to Nigeria. It has deprived 700,000 children of schooling in their home areas and left one in three people in the Anglophone regions in need of humanitarian aid". The Catholic Church has been forthright in condemning the violence on all sides and advocating for peaceful dialogue.

In response to the huge number of Internally Displaced People flooding into Bamenda, Archbishop Cornelius established Ad Hoc Committees in each parish to assess the needs locally and dispense aid where it was most needed, particularly in terms of food, clothing and healthcare. The Bamenda Committee sent £20,000 during the year for the work of the Ad Hoc Committees, in addition to the £80,000 already sent for the ongoing projects, but the emergency continues and much still needs to be done. Please keep the people in your prayers and give generously to the **Bamenda appeal this weekend**, if you can. Donations can also be made online securely from the link on the Bamenda and Portsmouth website, ([www.bamendaandportsmouth.com](http://www.bamendaandportsmouth.com)) where gift aid and standing order forms can also be downloaded. A copy of the Bamenda Sunday Newsletter can be downloaded from the same website; some copies are available at our church exits.

### States School Catechists' Meeting

We are proud of the dedicated group of parishioners who volunteer to go into our states schools to provide our Catholic children with regular catechesis. Fr Johnpromise invites them to meet him on Wednesday 13 November at 7pm at Catholic Pastoral Services, partly to thank them on behalf of the parish and also to see what ongoing support they need.

### **Advent Procession of Light – Help Needed**

This year the Advent Procession of Light will be held at St Bernadette's Church, on Sunday 1 December, at 6pm. This is a candlelit service of Advent readings and carols followed by mulled wine and mince pies. Help in the following areas would be appreciated: welcomers, candle lighters, readers, singers and serving refreshments. Please contact Siobhan (07797 739720) or Deacon Brendan if you would like to volunteer. This is a Parish-wide event; an opportunity for all parishioners, family and friends to celebrate the start of Advent looking towards Christmas.

### **Apostleship of the Sea Christmas Appeal Supported by the Knights of St Columba**

Are asking you to knit woolly hats (*copies of the knitting pattern available at the back of your Church*). Please could you fill these hats with small toiletry items: bar of soap, toothpaste, toothbrush and a Christmas card from you 'to a Seafarer' thanking them for their work. A collection box will be available in all our Churches. Thank you.

### **Christmas Fayre Saturday 7 December,**

Helpers and donations of good quality goods are urgently needed. Please start collecting now – good clean books and toys, bottles, new gifts, Christmas gifts, collectables, cakes, raffle prizes and, in fact, anything that will help us make the Fayre a success. *A meeting to recruit helpers will be held in St Thomas' Hall at 7 pm on Tuesday 29 October.*

### **St Patrick's Table Top & Cake Sale**

Will take place on the weekend of 16 & 17 November in St Patrick's Hall after both weekend Masses. Raffle prizes, donations and nearly new goods would be greatly appreciated.

### **Wellspring Prayer Meeting**

Wellspring meets monthly to pray and praise at the presbytery at Our Lady and the Japanese Martyrs (St Martin's Catholic Church). The next meeting will next be on Thursday 14 November at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Wellspring is a Catholic Charismatic Prayer Group dedicated to living in a closer relationship with Jesus and a deeper life in the Holy Spirit.

### **Offertory collections**

We acknowledge with grateful thanks last Sunday's offertory of £3659.10 made up of cash: £2516.66 and Planned Giving: £1142.44. (Not inclusive of the West Offertory).

## **USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS**

Saint Vincent de Paul: 874008

Caritas Jersey: 768963

Community Christ of Bethany: 722970

Padre Pio Prayer Chain: 636772; [lorraine.pppc@gmail.com](mailto:lorraine.pppc@gmail.com)

### **In an Emergency**

Should you wish a priest to administer the Sacrament of the Sick to a hospital patient, please call the hospital switchboard on 442000 and ask them to contact the Roman Catholic Chaplain. If the sacrament is requested for someone ill or dying at home or elsewhere, please call the priests at St Thomas' on 720235, option 1. You may have to leave a message but we will respond as soon as we can.

## **MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE**

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### **Angels & Saints Party: Sunday 10 November**

**1pm - 3pm at St Thomas Hall**

This event is for all ages of children and their parents. Start planning your angels & saints dressing up with ideas from <https://www.catholicicing.com> £2 per child aged 4+ Under 4 years free. Maximum for families with 3 or more children £5. Goodie bags and food served. Games, crafts and story time fun for all. Come and be a 'Pumpkin Hero'.

### **Praise and Play Group.**

Meets **Mondays** 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's and on **Fridays** at 3pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall for babies', toddlers and school age children up to school year 2. Donation per family is £3.

### **Spirit on the Rock 2019 'Be my Witnesses'**

**Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November**

All young people in school year 7+ are welcome to register to attend. (Confirmation candidates are already registered) Donation to participate is £20. Please book your place or for more information contact Mary. We really encourage parents to book your young people on this weekend. They will encounter a dynamic weekend exploring the moral and social teachings of the Church. We have excellent speakers from the UK and we hope you won't miss this opportunity. Please contact Monika: [m.ashbrooke@catholicchurch.org.je](mailto:m.ashbrooke@catholicchurch.org.je) for a booking form and programme.

### **Volunteers Needed for Sprit on the Rock**

Please contact Mary if you can give up some time to help with this event. If you can help as a leader, with registration and security, or in hospitality or cleaning. We will also need drivers to help with transporting our guest speakers.

**Youth Ministry Groups** - School years 6 + meet in the Upper Youth Room in St Thomas' Hall.

**Friday Friends** - 7pm - 10pm

All young people are welcome for a relaxed evening of Faith, Friendship & Fun. Bring money for snacks.

### **Christ Alive!**

For young adults 16-30years. Tuesdays 7-9.30pm meet in the Upper Youth Room at St Thomas' Hall. Bring cash for a takeaway.

# THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 2 Nov</b>			
<b>First Mass for the Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Denis Webb RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Marguerite, Peter & Mickey Dreux RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Kathleen Journeaux RIP
<b>Sunday 3 Nov</b>			
<b>Thirty- First Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Wisdom 11:22 - 12:1; 2 Thess 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10</b>	
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Holy Souls
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Margaret Golding RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Fr Colin Ward RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	The People of the Parish
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Private Intentions
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Pauline Mary Blench RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese: Fatima Serrao RIP</i>
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving Intention for Vanessa
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
<b>Monday 4 Nov</b>			
<b>St Charles Borromeo</b>			
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Doreen Therin RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Albert Rowcliff RIP
<b>Tuesday 5 Nov</b>			
<b>Feria</b>			
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Archbishop Michael Bowen RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Fernando Correira RIP
<b>Wednesday 6 Nov</b>			
<b>Feria</b>			
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	PJ and EM Hardiman RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Tim Collins RIP
<b>Thursday 7 Nov</b>			
<b>St Willibrord, Bishop, optional memorial or Feria</b>			
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Celebrant's Intention
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Clarito Andicoy RIP
<b>Friday 8 Nov</b>			
<b>Feria</b>			
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Patrick Gorman RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Funeral Mass for Romano Ricci RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
<b>Saturday 9 Nov</b>			
<b>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</b>			
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>Sorry, no Mass due to clergy attending safeguarding day</i>
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Thanksgiving for Viriato Alves

## Catholic Trivia #11



Why does the pope wear white? It is believed that this became the norm in 1276 when a Dominican was elected Pope Innocent V. He chose to retain the white monastic habit favoured by his religious order. He had been a popular professor of theology at the University of Paris and as pope was revered for his clear preaching and holiness of life. His pontificate though only lasted five months but his successors opted to continue wearing a white cassock. Today it makes the pope an immediately recognisable figure. Popes are though not the only clerics to wear white. In many tropical lands the clergy wear white cassocks to help them cope with the heat and humidity.



### Confessions, Saturdays

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

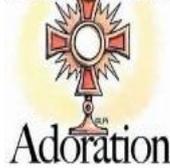
### Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament

St Thomas – Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm – 6pm  
 Chapel of the Little Sisters – Sun at 5pm  
 With Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm  
 The Oasis of Peace – Thurs at 8.30am  
 Sacred Heart – Wed at 6pm (when Mass is at 6:30pm)  
 St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – Fri at 8pm  
 St Patrick – Tues at 7pm to 8pm

### Rosary

St Thomas - Sat at 5.30pm before Mass  
 Sacred Heart - Wed at 7pm (when Mass is at 6:30pm)  
 St Patrick – Sat at 9am before Mass  
 Oasis of Peace – Thur at 8.45am

## Eucharistic



## Adoration



### SAINT FOR THE WEEK:

#### St Charles Borromeo: 4<sup>th</sup> November

He was born in a castle on the shores of Lake Maggiore in northern Italy in 1538. As the second son he was expected to find a career in the Church and when his uncle was elected Pope Pius IV in 1559, he was summoned to Rome and made a cardinal. In 1562 his older brother died leaving him head of the family but he resisted efforts to have him abandon his ecclesiastical career by secretly being ordained a priest. He was soon after consecrated Archbishop of Milan although the pope insisted he remain in Rome and continue his work on the reforms of the Catholic Church then deemed necessary including the revision of the Missal and the Catechism. Finally allowed in 1566 to move to Milan he set about reforming his diocese. It didn't make him popular with everyone – the doors were slammed in his face when he visited one church and a corrupt monk took a shot at him although the bullet didn't penetrate his clothing. He died in 1584 aged 46, by then much admired.