



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

3 & 4 March 2018 ~ Third Sunday of Lent ~ Year B

God will lead you where he wants you to be, but you have to talk to him daily to see where he wants you to go. The key is prayer.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Jesus lost his temper? Wrong! Jesus got angry? Half true. But we must ask why he was angry? The object of his anger was sacrilege being committed in the Temple precincts. I would call it controlled anger.

I have known people confess to being angry and even shouting at the television, as they watch examples of injustice, suffering and poverty in the world today. I tell them there is nothing wrong with that kind of anger, especially if we try and do something about the issues portrayed, at least alleviating poverty through supporting Cafod.

Sometimes we are too comfortable to know about, let alone get angry about, the living conditions of some of our neighbours in Jersey, where we still don't have rent control which I've been asking for since I came here. Recent arrivals suffer most.

The back of some churches are a bit like the precincts of the temple in Jerusalem. Outside

the temple itself, which was very small and which only the priests could enter, there was the larger courtyard where anything could be bought to use for religious purposes, such as sheep to be sacrificed, offertory money to be changed. But it had got out of control. The same applies to churches where there is a repository selling statues, rosaries etc all creating hubbub at the back of the church, along with people selling raffle tickets! (Fortunately, Jersey's main Catholic religious repository is to be found in The Welcome Centre - take a look and see).

I like the words on a notice outside the chapel of the Little Sisters. It reads *'Before Mass talk to God. During Mass let God talk to you. After Mass, talk to each other outside.'*

Well, such is my hope for all our churches! Especially before Mass, please WHISPER to friends about your health if you have to! But remember people are praying in preparation for the holy liturgy, a preparation we should all be making. As we hear in Scripture *'My house shall be a house of prayer, for all people.'*

Father Nicholas

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LENT

PRAYER, FASTING & WORKS OF LOVE

STATION MASSES

Station Masses continue each Friday evening at 7pm at a different church. Each Mass begins with Evening Prayer and Adoration and offers the opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation:

- 9 March – Sacred Heart
- 16 March – St Matthieu
- 23 March – St Bernadette

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

- ❖ Our Lady, St Martin Sundays - 4pm
- ❖ St Thomas Sundays - 5pm
- ❖ St Matthieu Mondays - 6.30pm
- ❖ St Patrick Tuesdays - 7pm
- ❖ St Bernadette Tuesdays - 7.30pm and Wednesdays at 12 noon
- ❖ Little Sisters Fridays - 5pm
- ❖ Sacred Heart Saturdays - 5.30pm

LENT LUNCHES AT 12NOON

- **St Thomas' Hall** – Wednesdays - Funds raised are for CAFOD.
- **St Martin's Public Hall** – Fridays – on Friday 9 March the CWL will be hosting in aid of CAFOD.
- **Grouville Parish Hall** – Saturdays.

EARLY MORNING MASS AND BREAKFAST

Each Thursday at 7am in St Mary & St Peter's Church, followed with a breakfast in the Hall.

LENTEN PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Monday 26 March at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7pm.

LENT MOVIE NIGHTS AT ST PATRICK'S HALL

Excerpts from the film "Jesus of Nazareth" continue to be shown in St Patrick's Hall, in one hour episodes, each Saturday during Lent after the 6pm Mass (7.15pm to 8.15pm). Admission is free, with a voluntary donation towards the youth who will be attending 'World Meeting of Families', this August.

FAIRTRADE EASTER EGGS

Fairtrade Real Easter Eggs are available from our Catholic Gift Shop at varying prices. A charity donation is made from each sale. Order forms are available from either the shop or the back of each church and orders must be received no later than **Monday 12 March**.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA (AOS)

Please write an Easter Card to a seafarer to thank them and to spread the message of Easter - leave in one of the collection boxes at the back of the churches.

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MASS



You are warmly invited to the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass and Blessing of the Shamrock at St Mary & St Peter's Church on **Saturday 17 March at 11am**.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN



ST THOMAS' CHURCH:

Purple Group **Monday 12 March** 4pm - 5pm
Blue Group - **Tuesday 13 March** 4pm - 5pm
Green Group - **Wednesday 14 March** 4pm - 5pm
Red Group - **Thursday 15 March** 4pm - 5pm

ST MARY & ST PETER'S CHURCH:

Saturday 3 March 3.30pm - 5pm
Saturday 10 March 3pm - 4pm



The Pope's prayer intention entrusted to the Apostleship of Prayer for the month of March is:

Evangelisation: Formation in Spiritual Discernment – *That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.*

FRIENDS OF THE HOLY LAND PRAYER FOR MARCH



'For a continued Christian presence in the Holy Land'

- For an increase in interfaith dialogue and understanding.
- For those working towards peace and reconciliation in the area.
- For the Christian institutions working in the Holy Land.
- For our partners in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan, the Anglican Diocese of Jerusalem, the Pontifical Mission of Palestine and Jerusalem, and the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem.
- For the support of more pilgrims to the Holy Land.
- For the parishes and church communities in the Holy Land.
- For more job opportunities for Christian young people.
- For more facilities for Christian families and the elderly.

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of João Baptista, Lorraine Daly, Angela Harrison, James Kearns and Felicité Le Guen. May they rest in peace.

WELLSPRING PRAYER GROUP

Next meet on **Thursday 8 March** to praise and pray at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin at 7.30pm.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks

	CASH	CAFOD	PLANNED GIVING
East	£820.00	£1225.00	£462.75
St Helier	£1439.00	£2560.00	£1041.23
West	£1.016.93	tbc	£521.42

CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY THANK YOU

To all those who returned the CAFOD envelope last weekend. Envelopes can still be returned.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT 26 FEB TO 11 MARCH

- **Monday 5 March** – Cheese and Wine evening at 7pm at Church House (opposite the Town Church) with speaker Andy Ashcroft of Koolskools.) Andy sources Fairtrade cotton from India which is then made into uniforms and other items in Mauritius.
- **Thursday 8 March** – Coopers Café at Castle Quay with Speaker Mahyana Sari from Indonesia with Harriet Hill from the Fairtrade Foundation. Mahyana is the secretary of the Arinagata Coffee Co-op of 2,500 farmers in Aceh Province of Sumatra. Starts at 7pm – retiring collection.
- We will also be continuing the late Ed Le Quesne's tradition of visiting schools to present Fairtrade messages during the Fortnight.

MEETINGS

CWL JERSEY EAST GENERAL MEETING

Monday 5 March at 7pm in the Presbytery Our Lady, St Martin. All are welcome.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S STEWARDSHIP GROUP

Tuesday 6 March at SMSP at 7.30pm.

FR BENJAMIN is attending **Coordinating Pastors Meeting** with the Bishop on **Tuesday 6 March** at which there will be a discussion on the impending changes in the Jersey Marriage Law and its implications for us.

FRIENDS OF ST THOMAS' CTEE MEET Wednesday 7 March 7.30pm in St Thomas' small Hall

ISLAND FINANCE & PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Thursday 8 March at 9.30am in St Thomas'

ISLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE & CARITAS BOARD

MEMBERS meet with John Mills, Jersey Charity Commissioner on **Friday 9 March** at 6pm in CPS.

CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

Fr Nicholas invites members of the congregations of St Thomas' Church to attend a Consultative Group meeting in St Thomas' Hall on **Saturday 10 March** 9.30am.

OASIS OF PEACE WELCOME YOU TO....

Monday 5 March- 6.30pm - Stations of the Cross followed at 7pm with Preparation for Sunday Readings.

Tuesday 6 March- 2pm – 4pm - Afternoon of Adoration.

Wednesday 7 March- 5pm - Evening Prayer.

Thursday 8 March – 9am - Adoration & Rosary prior to 10am Mass, tea and coffee after Mass.

Friday 9 March - 6.30am - Morning Prayer

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux

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Facebook 'Jersey Catholic Youth'.

Friday evenings in the Youth Room - Fridays from 7pm - 10pm. School year 7 plus come along and get to know other young Catholics in Jersey as well as sharing and developing your knowledge of your faith. Join us for themed faith based activities, followed by chill-out time with friends. The focus during Lent is praying the Stations of the Cross.

Youth 2000 Thursdays - from 6.30pm - 8.30pm. Join us for praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Youth from school year 10 plus are invited to see how Jesus can help you to carry your cross this Lent.

Musicians and Singers - We are interested in hearing from you if you would like to become part of a Youth Music Group. Please contact Moyra: m.journeaux@catholicchurch.org.je or come on a Friday evening to get more information.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je

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SAVE THE DATE FOR EASTER EGGCITMENT!

Saturday 24 March - Family event in St Thomas' Hall.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

Hosts a Family Friendly Adoration every Friday at 4pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Church. We need more grandparents to commit to a rota. Are you able to help? This is a family friendly hour helping parents to introduce children to Adoration. We have appropriate prayer resources available for grandparents to use.

Parents you are very welcome to call by after school with children even if you are not attending the Family Faith and Fun group.

PRAISE & PLAY BABY & TODDLER GROUP

Mondays - 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall.

FAMILY FAITH & FUN - Fridays in St Thomas' Hall – 3pm - 5pm for babies, toddlers and primary age children.

WEST BINGO

Takes place on **Thursday 8 March**, at 7.30pm in the hall at St Bernadette.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 3 March	First Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Colin Peter Troy RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Desmond McGarry RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	John Henry Kerr RIP
Sunday 4 March	Third Sunday of Lent <i>Ex 20:1-17; Psalm 18; 1 Cor 122-25; John 2:13-25</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	The repose of the soul of Francis Hamon
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Jean Douglas RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Nicholas Greene RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Margaret Franks RIP & loved ones
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Jean Williamson RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Domingos Nóbrega RIP and João Agostinho Baptista RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 5 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent <i>2 Kings 5:1-15; Psalm 41; Luke 4:24-30</i>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 6 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent <i>Dan 3:25-34-43; Psalm 24; Matthew 18:21-35</i>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Marguerite Etienne RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Monica Davis RIP
Wednesday 7 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent <i>Deut 4:1.5-9; Psalm 147; Matthew 5:17-19</i>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Tony Percy and Family RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Gwen Pritchard RIP and Agnes Flaherty RIP
Thursday 8 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent <i>Jer 7:23-28; Psalm 94; Luke 11:14-23</i>		
	7:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Holy Souls
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Roger Hayes RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Alfredo Sousa Agrela RIP
Friday 9 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent <i>Hos 14:2-10; Psalm 80; Mark 12:28-34</i>		
	7:00pm	Sacred Heart	Station Mass
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 10 March	Of the 3rd Week of Lent <i>Hos 5:15-6:6; Psalm 50; Luke 18:9-14</i>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Ana Maria Pereira de Sousa RIP
Saturday 10 March	First Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Lent		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Maria de Jesus Dos Passos RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Mary Folan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Cremilde Almeida & Luís Pereira 25th Wedding Anniversary
Sunday 11 March	Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>2 Chron 36:14-16.19-23; Psalm 136; Eph 2:4-10; John 3:14-21</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Intentions of C.W.L.
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Michael & Margaret Brady RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Nicholas Greene RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Angela Harrison RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	João Ferreira RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: : Deceased family and friends of Susana Luís, Maria da Conceição Marques RIP, Domingos Nóbrega RIP, Maria Nóbrega RIP and Carlos Teles in Thanksgiving
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Shelagh Heneghan RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish

Little Sisters: Mass at 11am each weekday and 10.30am every Sunday.

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

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