



# The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

8/9 December ~ Second Sunday in Advent ~ Year C

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Our world today can often seem like a wilderness. There seems to be little faith in anything except celebrity and shopping, especially at this time of year when we are bombarded with adverts constantly trying to sell us something.

Yes, we live in a wilderness where it is difficult to find God, even at Christmas. Sunday's Gospel quotes Isaiah, "*A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord.*" We can be that voice in the world we are living in today. As followers of Christ we are called to proclaim the Gospel. We are called to be that voice in the wilderness which encourages others to join us.

What can you do in this coming week, whether it be at work, or at home, to bring Jesus to others? What can you do by your words and by your deeds to make others want and need to follow Christ?

Often the way we behave and the way we are with others can be so important. It can be this time of year that brings people into our Churches, people, who perhaps haven't been into a Church in some time, if ever. If we see a stranger amongst us over Advent or Christmas, we must welcome them with a smile, we must make them comfortable, so they will return to Church again. This is so important because of all the things we can do as Catholics nothing can be more wonderful than bringing another to faith in Jesus Christ.

I say this as one who sixteen years ago was introduced to Christianity on Christmas Eve by a smile and a kind word.

**Deacon Nick**

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# ADVENT

## CAROL SERVICES IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

- ❖ Tuesday 11 December - JCG at 2pm
- ❖ Wednesday 12 December – Jersey Festival Choir at 8pm.
- ❖ Thursday 13 December – Rouge Bouillon at 5.30pm

## FESTIVE EVANGELISATION

The Evangelisation Strategy Team (EST) has booked a slot outside USC (*old BHS*) on **Thursday 13 December** between 6pm to 7pm, to hand out Christmas Mass time leaflets along with some refreshments. We will be joined by the Beaulieu and FCJ school choirs to entertain the shoppers. We are looking for help to prepare mulled juice at 5pm at Catholic Pastoral Services and to carry into town. If you can help us then please contact Marta Pugsley: 731280 or leave your name at CPS 732583.

## ADORATION AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

40 Hours of continuous Adoration will take place at the Oasis of Peace from 6am on **Friday 14 December** until 10pm on **Saturday 15 December**. All are welcome to come and participate at some stage during this time as we prepare for our focus in Advent to shift towards remembering the first coming of Christ into our world. What better way than to spend some time in his presence, please feel free to call in at some stage over the two days - you will be most welcome. If you are able to commit to a 30 or 60 minute slot during this 40 hour period please contact Deacon David tel: 07797752151 or email: oasis@catholicchurch.org.je

## YOUTH ADVENT SLEEPOVER WITH GOD

At the Oasis of Peace on **Friday 14 December** at 7pm until **Saturday 15 December** at 8am. Year 7+ are welcome to come along for food, film and Adoration. Please bring a sleeping bag and £4 donation. *Please let us know by Wednesday 12 December if you plan to come.*

## FAMILY NATIVITY & BAMBINELLI BLESSING

Takes place on **Saturday 15 December** at 2pm in St Matthieu's Church. Children are invited to come dressed as shepherds, sheep or angels. You are also invited to bring your Jesus figure from your nativity scene at home to be blessed.

**EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH** – Sunday 16 December at the Hotel Ambassadeur at 1pm. Menus and application forms are at the back of East churches. Everybody is very welcome. Donations of raffle prizes can be brought on the day. Thank you.

**ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE** – Tuesday 18 December at St Mary & St Peter's Church at 7pm. Priests from across the island will be available for confession. Why go? Why not! Where else can you receive the Lord's pardon and peace so easily available?



## YOUTH ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREES

The annual appeal for shopping vouchers for use by the St Vincent De Paul Society has now begun. Please take a star from the trees in our churches. Please return your vouchers to the churches or to Catholic Pastoral Services. This year we would like the vouchers ideally by **16 December** to be able to distribute before Christmas. These vouchers continue to be used throughout the year to support the many people who come to the foodbank which opens twice a week next to St Thomas' Church. Thank you.

## CATHOLIC GIFT SHOP – WELCOME CENTRE

Open on Thursdays from 10am – 2pm during Advent for all your Christmas Gifts. Available to purchase are: Cribs, Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, Handmade Olive Wood gifts, made in Bethlehem, FHL Donation Gift Vouchers and much more.

*Closed from Friday 21 December and re-opens on Tuesday 8 January.*

## ST PATRICK'S GIFT SHOP

Christmas stock now available; come and take a look after weekend Masses.

## CAFOD WORLD GIFTS CATALOGUES

Are available at the back of each church.

## CHRISTMAS POSTERS

At the back of each Church there are some Christmas posters encouraging people to '*Keep Christ in Christmas*'. Please take some and display prominently.

# LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

## ADORATION AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Due to carol concerts taking place in St Thomas' Church, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is now finished until **Monday 7 January 2019**.

### THIS WEEK AT THE OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – Monday 10 December - 7pm.

Adoration – Tuesday 11 December - 2pm – 4pm - Come for the whole two hours, two minutes or any time in between.

Evening Prayer – Wednesday 12 December - 6:30pm.

Adoration & Rosary – Thursday *cancelled this week*.

Morning Prayer - Friday 14 December - 6:30am

### **Baptisms**

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Victoria Filipa Aileen Freitas, Luis Rodrigues Botelho Serra and Harper River Clutton.

### **Funerals**

Please pray for the souls of: Lady Bridget Cook, whose funeral will take place in Sacred Heart Church on **Wednesday 12 December** at 1pm; for Ron Smith, whose funeral will take place on **Tuesday 11 December** at 10.30am in Sacred Heart Church; for Dennis 'Joe' Twomey, whose funeral will take place on **Tuesday 11 December** at 12.30pm at Our Lady, St Martin and for Liliane Le Golf. May they rest in peace.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** - As our common act of charity for the 'World Day of the Poor' this year please continue to donate food to the SVP and help families and individuals who are in financial difficulty. Your donations are really appreciated especially at this time of year. *Collection points are at the back of each church for all 'in date, non-perishable food items'. Thank you.*

## **OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

We acknowledge with thanks:

	<b>CASH</b>	<b>PLANNED GIVING</b>
<b>East</b>	£803.54	£462.75
<b>St Helier</b>	£1695.00	£1,096.37
<b>West</b>	£956.30	£521.42

## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

### **HELP NEEDED AT SACRED HEART CHURCH**

Can you help with the brass polishing in time for Christmas? The team will meet at 1.30pm at the church on **Thursday 13 December**. If you are able to help please call Deanna tel: 638973.

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** - In aid of an East parishioner who recently suffered a serious accident. The raffle will take place at the Royal Pub in St Martin on **Saturday 15 December** from 2:30pm. Tickets are available to purchase from the East office tel: 853953 or email: east@catholicchurch.org.je.

**FUNDRAISING AT ST PATRICK'S** - Thank you to the parishioners of St Patrick's for their generosity. A total of £535 was raised for the following charities: Jersey Hospice Care, Alzheimer's Association Jersey and St Vincent de Paul Society. We have also been able to contribute towards the Christmas Raffle at The Royal Pub, St Martin on **Saturday 15 December**.

**EAST OFFICE CLOSING FOR CHRISTMAS** - The East office will be open on **Thursday 13 December** and be *closed on Friday 14 December*. It will close for Christmas on **Friday 21 December** and will re-open on **Wednesday 2 January**. *We would like to wish all our parishioners and volunteers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

### **MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE**

Contact: Mary Cahill, Pastoral Ministries Coordinator  
Email: m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je  
Tel: 07797742767/732583

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.

**Praise & Play Group** - Mondays at 9.30am - 11.30am in St Bernadette's Hall. **Closed Monday 10 December. Last week is 17 December for Christmas party.**

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

**Family Friendly Adoration** - hosted by the Catholic Grandparents Association in St Thomas' Church at 4pm - 5pm on Fridays.

**'Together on Tuesdays'** - at 6.30pm - 8.30pm in St Thomas' Youth Room - This coming week is Youth St Vincent De Paul - please come and help with the 'Giving Trees'. Hot dogs and pizza will be available. £2 for snacks. Year 7 upwards.

**JOB VACANCY AT THE CARITAS WELCOME CENTRE CAFÉ** - For three hours on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursday evenings, from 6pm to 9pm. If you are interested please contact Claudia Reis email: [82@hotmail.com](mailto:82@hotmail.com) tel: 07700362456.

### **CARITAS WELCOME CENTRE CAFE**

The Café will close for Christmas at 4pm on **Saturday 22 December** and reopen on **Wednesday 2 January**.

### **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 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  
**St Bernadette** - every Friday at 11.30am (before Mass)

### **ROSARY**

**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** 11.00am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

# Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
<b>Saturday 8 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Frank and Lilian Porter RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Hannah and Daniel Jones RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Antonio Limo and Maria Veira RIP
<b>Sunday 9 Dec</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>Bar 4 5;1-9; Psalm 125; Phil 1:3-6.8-11; Luke 3:1-6</b>
	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	Marie Rose Hynes RIP
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joao Jose Ferreira RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Margaret Franks RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Friends and relatives of the Chevalier Family and in memory of Eva Latimer and Oscar Chevalier
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	The People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Manuel and Jose Sa Diogo RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Conceicao Baptista RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
<b>Monday 10 Dec</b>	<b>Of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
<b>Tuesday 11 Dec</b>	<b>Of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b>		
	10:30 am	Sacred Heart	Funeral Mass for Ronald Smith RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Eugenie Guiton & Family RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Alice and Palo Belated 44th Wedding Anniversary and Rita O Reilly on her Birthday
<b>Wednesday 12 Dec</b>	<b>Of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b>		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Amy and Peter Eladio RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	Maria Nunes da Camara RIP
<b>Thursday 13 Dec</b>	<b>St Lucy</b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Gerry Corrigan RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Marcella Johnson
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Michael Mooney RIP
<b>Friday 14 Dec</b>	<b>St John of the Cross</b>		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Tom Lawlor RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Fedrico Piminta RIP
	7:00 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
<b>Saturday 15 Dec</b>	<b>Of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Advent</b>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	12.15 pm	St Thomas	Denis Finbar O' Driscoll RIP
<b>Saturday 15 Dec</b>	<b>First Mass for the Third Sunday of Advent</b>		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Agnes Duggan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Georgie Campbell JNR RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	
<b>Sunday 16 Dec</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>		<b>Zeph 3:14-18; Is 12; Phil 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18</b>
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Denis William Ayliffe RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Lena and John Kelly RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Graham Rogers RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Manuel Filipe RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Wladyslawa Kalinowska RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Clementina Rodrigues RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	All Souls
	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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