



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

4/5 November ~ Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Living in the West, it is very easy for us to be influenced by the culture of our times, which is often in conflict with traditional Christian values. These once guided the laws of our land where, for example, abortion, homosexuality, even attempting suicide, were considered criminal acts.

I am glad that the sanction of prison has been removed. However, I fear that for many people what is no longer illegal, may seem no longer immoral. However, the tables have now turned and this past week I have, with other church leaders, written to the Scrutiny Panel about a new law allowing same-sex marriage, to ensure the protection of those who conscientiously do not wish to either participate in such weddings or to be employed for example as photographers, or florists at these weddings.

Now that we have changed our laws and become tolerant of different social lifestyles, there is a temptation to sit in judgement on countries that uphold the values which we ourselves once taught them. So, for example, in Cameroon,

there are no Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Rights (LGBT), and, in defence of marriage, homosexual acts, both male and female, are illegal and punishable by the courts.

The same can happen with our church laws. For example, because we are short of priests today, some argue we should do away with the ancient discipline of celibacy for priests, once much valued by our people. When Africa had few priests and relied on missionaries we did not seek the removal of the celibacy obligation. Now, when Africa, like our sister diocese of Bamenda, has plenty of priests we should not rush to change what they now value as a distinctive characteristic of Catholic priesthood. What can we learn from Africa? But won't we be very selective?

However, as we heard in the first reading this Sunday from Malachi:

"Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?"

Fr Nicholas

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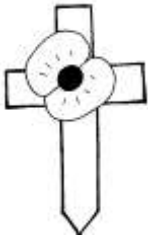
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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Fr Nicholas, as Catholic Dean, will be taking part in the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph at 11am next Sunday. All very welcome to come and attend.

FORMATION SESSION FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – WEST AREA

Deacon Brendan will be leading this session at St Bernadette's Church at 10am on **Saturday 25 November**. It will last about two hours and will include a time of Eucharistic Adoration. All current ministers are encouraged to attend with a view to being recommissioned in this important ministry in the near future. Anyone unable to attend will have an opportunity to attend a second session on an alternative date.

Baptisms - We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Rafael Jean Farnham Mendes, Cordelia Olivia Rose Liccione-Slater, Luca Gonçales, & Francisco Vargem.

Funerals - Please pray for the souls of Roland Radiguet, Aurée O'Callaghan & Daniel de Silva. May they rest in peace.

Marriage - Congratulations to Marabelle Navarro & Alan Riney who were recently married.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£771.37	£462.75
St Helier	£1,758.00	£1044.96
West	£874.68	£521.42

SECOND COLLECTION FOR BAMENDA

This weekend there is a second collection for Bamenda as well as a Diocesan Appeal for legacies.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 5 – 11 NOVEMBER

Gifts in your Will are a very valuable and lasting way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the need of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic Charities next time you update your will. For more information contact 'Your Catholic Legacy' on 02070955370 or go to: www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk or contact the Town, East or West Offices' in Jersey.

ST HELIER 500 CLUB OCTOBER DRAW

1st Prize No. 180, 2nd Prize No. 274,
3rd Prize No. 268, 4th Prize No. 106,
5th Prize No. 185. All winners have been notified.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA, JERSEY, CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 5 NOVEMBER TO 3 DECEMBER (SUPPORTED BY THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA)

Every working day of the week, an average of four vessels berth at the Port of Jersey, bringing nearly 99% of all the goods that are necessary for the island's daily life, plus passengers and cars to boost our economy. These vessels have to be crewed and so, on a daily basis, around 90 seafarers come to our shores, but rarely have the opportunity to leave their ships.

At Christmas time the Apostleship of the Sea and the Mission to Seafarers join together and visit the ships with practical gifts for the crews on your behalf, to say thank you for being our life line. No crews, no ships, no goods!

We are asking you to knit woolly hats (copies of the knitting pattern will be available at the back of your Church). We wish to 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, clearly marked, in your Church. We thank you for your continuing kind generosity in helping us with our ministry to seafarers. God Bless you all.

THANK YOU FOR CHRISTMAS SHOE BOXES

The Friends of Ecce Homo Trust have written to thank all those in the West of our Island, who so kindly donated 40 shoe boxes to be distributed to the elderly at their Christmas party at Ecce Homo in Romania. Your generosity will be gratefully received. Thank you.

MUSTARD SEED JERSEY

Mustard Seed Jersey's Shoeboxes closing date is **6 November**, please ensure you leave the shoe boxes at your respective Church by Sunday 5 November 2017.

FR NICHOLAS & DEACON IAIN ...

Will be in Portsmouth next week for the Mass for the deceased clergy of our Diocese.

MEETINGS

'LINK' EDITORIAL MEETING

Takes place on **Tuesday 7 November** in the Shenton Room at the Welcome Centre at 9.30am.

ST MARY & ST PETER'S STEWARDSHIP MEETING

Takes place on **Thursday 9 November** at 7.30pm.

CLERGY PASTORAL MEETING

Fr Nicholas will meet with all the clergy for a Pastoral Meeting on **Saturday 11 November** in the Welcome Centre from 10.30am until 1pm.

HAPPY DIAMOND JUBILEE to Monsignor Cyril Murtagh, Priest in charge of Liphook Parish in Hampshire. Our prayers and congratulations to Fr Murtagh who was curate at St Mary & St Peter's Church in the 1960s.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - DAY CENTRE VACANCIES

The Day Centre at the Jeanne Jugan Residence is open to all retired residents of St Helier every Tuesday to Friday from 10am until 4pm. The Day Centre provides many activities and a hot lunch costing £3. All are welcome to come along to as many days as desired. Transport can be arranged. Please tel: 875960 for more information.

*Date for your Diary – the Christmas Fete will take place on **Saturday 2 December**.*

FRIENDS OF DANDA-KHARKA 'PUDDING NIGHT'

This is the final Nepal earthquake fund-raising opportunity towards the new primary school. All are invited to Trinity Parish Hall, on **Thursday 9 November** at 7pm for a choice of over 30 puddings and desserts, following cheese, paté and French bread with tea and coffee, please bring your own drinks - all for a £10 donation in aid of 'Himalayan Village Community Rebuild'. Reserve your tickets from Maurice Dubras Tel: 723739 or email: mauricedubras26@gmail.com.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
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PRaise AND PLAY BABY AND TODDLER GROUP
at St Bernadettes. 9.30am - 11.30am on Mondays.

FAMILY PRAYERS - Join us to pray for our families, our Church Family and our World Family every Thursday 9am - 9.45am in Adoration with a led Rosary at 9.20am at the Oasis of Peace.

FRIDAY FAMILY FAITH & FUN – Every Friday, term time between 3.30pm - 5pm at St Thomas' Hall for babies and toddlers and up to school year 6. Come for messy crafts, games, food and fun. Come and join us for all or part of the session.

As part of this ministry we offer: marriage formation and ongoing marriage support, parenting support, Catholic based sex education help for parents, natural fertility awareness ways for family planning, Catholic Grandparents Association and much more. Please contact Mary for more details.

OASIS OF PEACE

Monday 6 November 7pm Preparation for the Sunday Readings – an opportunity to read, reflect and pray using the reading for next Sunday.

Thursday 9 November 9am Adoration & Rosary, prior to Mass at St Matthieu followed by tea and coffee,

Friday 10 November 6.30am Morning Prayer followed by breakfast.

YOUTH NEWS

Contact: Moyra Journeaux
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ARE YOU SCHOOL YEAR 10 PLUS? Are you interested in taking on a leadership role within the parish? If you are interested in joining the new Parish Youth Assembly or hearing more about what it involves, contact Moyra – details above.

NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER

National Youth Sunday offers us the opportunity to welcome young people into the heart of our parish community. **Youth from year 7 upwards are invited to join us for a 'Walk of Witness' followed by an International Mass celebration.** Meet at St Patrick's Church Hall at 1pm (more details to follow). This event is also part of the 2nd year confirmation programme but open to everyone from Year 7 upwards. For more information about National youth Sunday visit www.nationalyouthsunday.org.uk or 'like' the National Youth Sunday page on Facebook.

YOUTH CONCERT - SUNDAY 10 DECEMBER

In St Mary & St Peter's Church 2pm – 4pm. (including refreshments). Please come to enjoy and support all those taking part.

YOUTH 2000 – THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

This is a special Youth 2000, inviting all 2nd year Confirmation programme candidates to join in the 'Life in Christ' programme, including some time in Adoration.

Youth Room reopens Friday **10 November** as we continue to prepare for our Giving Tree Advent project.

For more information on what is happening in Youth Ministry and to view our autumn term programme of events, please visit our website on www.jacy.org.je or follow us on Twitter @JaCy2005 - To keep updated 'like' us on Facebook - Jersey Association of Catholic Youth

500 CLUB - Youth Ministry functions mainly on donations and an important source of our income is the 500 club. We will be renewing membership for the 2018, 500 Club in November. Will you consider joining?

CALL FOR VOLUNTEER LEADERS/HELPERS

We are looking for volunteer leader/helpers. Please contact Moyra for information.

BINGO IN THE WEST – THURSDAY 9 NOVEMBER

at 7.30pm in the hall at St Bernadette.

EAST CHRISTMAS LUNCH SUNDAY 17 DECEMBER

Details to follow. All welcome.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 4 Nov	First Mass for the Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Denis Webb RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Winnie & Frank Adie RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
Sunday 5 Nov	Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time		Mal 1:14-2:2.8-10; Psalm 130; 1 Thess 2:7-9.13; Matthew 23:1-12
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	George & Rosalie LeBacle 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	Fernando Pinto Correia RIP Birthday Memorial
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	KSC Deceased Members
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, João Júnior RIP, Maria de Jesus RIP, Xavier dos Reis RIP, Zélia Mendonça RIP, Dina Silva RIP & for the wellbeing of Conceição Freitas
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 6 Nov	Feria		Rom 11:19-36; Psalm 68; Luke 14:12-14
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Special Intention
Tuesday 7 Nov	St Willibrord		Rom 12:5-16; Psalm 130; Luke 14:15-24
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	In thanksgiving and for the intentions of all the Lourdes pilgrims
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Francis Hamon RIP & Nanette Renault RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter and Elizabeth Hardiman RIP
Wednesday 8 Nov	Feria		Rom 13:8-10; Psalm 11; Luke 14:25-33
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	José da Mata RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart 6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 9 Nov	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica		Ezek 47:1-2.8-9; Psalm 45; 1 Cor 3:9-11.16-17; Jn 2:13-22
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Yvonne Gouyette RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Jimmy Mulligan RIP
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	
Friday 10 Nov	St Leo the Great		Rom 15:14-21; Psalm 97; Luke 16:1-8
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Holy Souls and Souls in Purgatory
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Frs Amy, Peter, and Elidio RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 11 Nov	St Martin of Tours		Rom 16:3-9; .16.22-27; Psalm 144; Luke 16:9-15
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	
Saturday 11 Nov	First Mass for the Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Dr Jack O'Sullivan RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Deceased members of the Dupre & the Cairoli families
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Joan White RIP and Maribel Vieira RIP
Sunday 12 Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Remembrance Sunday		Wis 6:12-16; Psalm 62; 1 Thess 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Chris Rabet RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The Bouteloup Family Living and Deceased
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Lena and John Kelly RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Sr Marie Christiane RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Jack McFarlane RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Ernestina de Jesus RIP
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: José Mendonça RIP, Maria Augusta Paulos RIP, Rosa Camacho Santos RIP, João de Abreu Vieira RIP and Maria Augusta Andrade 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.

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Saint Vincent de Paul Society	874008	svp@catholicchurch.org.je
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For times of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Rosary & Confession. please refer to church notice boards