



The Catholic Church in Jersey

One Catholic Parish for the Island of Jersey

1 and 2 September 2018 ~ Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year B

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



Last week, a group of thirty-seven pilgrims headed to Ireland for a pilgrimage. It was the World Meeting of Families, held in Dublin, where tens of thousands of families gathered to experience the reality of the Church as one family.

All of us began from different places, holding different questions in our hearts and carrying different burdens. Though we had varying starting points, the destination was the same - and it was not the physical place of Phoenix Park where the Pope celebrated the Sunday Mass. We were heading for the Kingdom of God. This was the destination of each of the pilgrims.

What do I mean by this? By the end of our week's journey there was a marked change in the group. From being an assembly of individuals at the beginning, we were by the end of the week one family together. We had followed the sign-posts of our destination to this Divine Kingdom. What were these sign-posts? They were posts which said such things as 'forgive', 'selflessness', 'bless when cursed', and 'love

one another'. I believe all the pilgrims followed these sign-posts and found something of the reality of the Kingdom of God.

By the time we landed at Jersey airport there were spontaneous acts of love and generosity occurring everywhere, from automatic hugs to promises of life-long friendship; from gift-giving to the giving of self in mercy and tenderness. It was a very different group from the week before; it was now a family. It was truly the Church in the world. This was and is something of what the Kingdom of God - the presence of God - looks like when we journey to it, not just on a formal pilgrimage, but through our life.

We need to follow the sign-posts which Jesus gives us, and if we follow them we can reach the reality and our true destination which is in the very heart of God.

Father Benjamin

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NEXT SUNDAY IS THE FAREWELL AND THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR NICHOLAS

We anticipate that the Fort Regent Mass will be a very large gathering of all our Catholic Community, especially to say thank you and give a fond farewell to Fr Nicholas who leaves our Island the following day to begin his retirement. Yes it will be an occasion tinged with sadness as we say farewell but we want it to be a happy occasion too as we give thanks for Fr Nicholas' wonderful ministry in Jersey over the last 19 years.

WHERE? Fort Regent TIME: 10.30am

The presentation to Fr Nicholas will be made at the end of this special Mass. *(If you have not had an opportunity to send in your contribution towards Fr Nicholas' gift, there are envelopes at the back of each church and please return them this week to Delia Hardiman at Catholic Pastoral Services. Thank you).*

During the Mass all our Catechists who have recently attended a formation course and will be involved in catechesis from September will be commissioned.

After the Mass you are all invited to the Queen's Hall for light refreshments and you will have an opportunity to view the Caritas showcase – where many of our Catholic Organisations will be showing all they do for outreach in Jersey and further afield too.

THE CONSTABLE OF ST HELIER & MRS ANGELA CROWCROFT are hosting a Farewell Celebration for Fr Nicholas at St Helier Town Hall **this Thursday 6 September** at 7.30pm. There are just 150 tickets (*free of charge*) available from the Catholic Gift shop on a 'first come, first served' basis. Did you collect your ticket?

CANON DOMINIC & FR ROSS

Will be arriving in Jersey in September – Fr Ross for the weekend of 15/16 September & Canon Dominic for the weekend of 22/23 September. We look forward to welcoming them as they begin their ministries in Jersey.

TOWN OFFICE MANAGERS

Farewell and thank you to Manuela Santos for all her years combining the role of office manager with the role of house manager for the priests in St Thomas' Presbytery.

Welcome to Julia Le Cornu, who has been appointed as the new town office manager by Canon Dominic Golding, who interviewed her when he visited Jersey at the end of June.

We wish both Manuela and Julia all the very best for the future.

FINAL CATECHIST FORMATION SESSIONS

There are now two final opportunities to attend a catechist formation session which take place this **Tuesday 4 September** at 2pm at the Oasis of Peace and at 6pm in St Thomas' Hall. Choose which session you will attend.

Please share with other catechists you know who have not yet attended or new people considering becoming a catechist.

If any catechist is unable to complete this programme it is important to contact Fr Benjamin or Mary Cahill asap if you wish to continue in role.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE NEXT CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME



Is your son/daughter in year 9 or above from September? You are invited to attend our final registration meeting on **Friday 7 September** 7.30pm in St Thomas' Hall. It is important for both the young person and at least one parent to attend. If you are unable to make this registration please contact Mary Cahill.

2ND YEAR CONFIRMATION FAMILIES

Meeting for all on **Thursday 6 September** at 7pm in St Thomas' Hall.

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ADORATION IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will recommence on **Monday 3 September**.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

Our Dublin pilgrimage group has returned and had a truly blessed time at the WMOF. They would like to thank all who supported them. Many of the pilgrims will be at the Fort Regent all Island Mass and at the Caritas showcase where they will be delighted to share their experiences with you.



EAST CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING

Takes place on **Monday 3 September** at 7pm in the Presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin. All ladies welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEAM VOLUNTEERS

We are in need of two volunteers to join the Children's Liturgy team at Our Lady, St Martin, during Sunday 9am Mass. We do have sufficient people preparing and leading the sessions, but we need two people to assist with the sessions, once every four weeks during term time. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Henry Kierulf at 07797 777623.



The Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for the Apostleship

during the month of September is:

Universal: **Young People in Africa** - *That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.*

OASIS OF PEACE

Preparation for the Sunday Readings – Monday 3 September at 7pm.
Adoration & Rosary - Thursday 6 September at 9am
Morning Prayer - Friday 7 September at 6.30am, followed by breakfast.

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

We acknowledge with thanks:

	CASH	PLANNED GIVING
East	£827.88	£462.75
St Helier	£1250.00	£1,100.21
West	£1043.10	£521.42

WELLSPRING PRAYER MEETING

Wellspring meets on the first Thursday of every month to pray and praise at the presbytery at Our Lady, St Martin's Catholic Church. The next meeting will be on **Thursday 6 September** at 7.30pm. All are welcome.



The Catenians

*Strengthening family life
through friendship and faith*

THE BAMENDA BALL A PARISH PARTY FOR ALL 2 NOVEMBER

Following the success of last year's Ball, the Jersey Catenian Circle is again sponsoring this fundraising event at the Merton Hotel, in aid of our Parish Project in support of our sister Diocese. The aim of the Ball is to sponsor a Seminarian studying in the Bamenda Diocese. We promise a happy night of African-themed cuisine, socialising and lively music. The event will be attended by Bishop Michael Bibi – Auxiliary Bishop of Bamenda. Booking Forms are available from Catenian Brothers and will be available at all churches and from the Catholic Church in Jersey website - access Caritas then Bamenda Support. The co-ordinator is Bro. Matt Bewers - for further information email him at: bathmatt808@gmail.com

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Sofia Valentina Ferreira, Thomas Leo Hogan and River James McCloskey

Funerals

Please pray for the souls of Angela Bougeard and Violet Sioux. May they rest in peace.

YOUTH NEWS AND MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Contact: Mary Cahill m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je
Tel: 07797742767/732583
Praise & Play Group and Friday Faith & Fun will re-open **week commencing 17 September**.

New developments will see closer family and youth ministry initiatives in the autumn.

The JaCy youth room will be closed on **Friday 7 September**. *Watch this space for exciting new plans starting this coming term.*

THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

To Moyra Journeaux who this weekend finishes her one year contract with our Youth Ministry Team. We thank Moyra for her commitment during the year and also for recently helping to lead the pilgrimage to Dublin.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED

SACRAMENT

Chapel of the Little Sisters – Sunday at 5pm followed by Benediction & Evening Prayer at 5.30pm

The Oasis of Peace – Thursday 9am

Sacred Heart, St Aubin – Wednesday 6pm

St Mary & St Peter (in Polish) – Friday 8pm

St Patrick – Tuesday - 7pm to 8pm

St Thomas – Mon, Wed & Fri 1pm to 6pm

St Bernadette – Friday at 11.30am (before Mass)

ROSARY

The Oasis of Peace Thursday at 9am

Sacred Heart Wednesday at 7pm after Mass

St Patrick Saturday at 9am before Mass

St Thomas 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 11.30am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm

or by arrangement with a priest



BACK TO SCHOOL

We wish children, students and teachers a successful new school term as the academic year begins once again. Special good wishes for all those starting school for the first time and to those school leavers as they either commence work or university in the next stage of their educational journey.

Mass Times in the Parish during the next week

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 1 Sept	First Mass for the Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	George and Breda Rae RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Joan Smith RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Ann Morvan RIP
Sunday 2 Sept	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	<i>Deut 4:1.6.6-8; Psalm 14; Jas 1:17-18.21- 22.27; Mark 7:1-8.14-15.21-23</i>		
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	James Quinn RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish
	9:15 am	St Thomas	The People of the Parish
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Piro Guidi RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	Intentions of Beaulieu Sisters
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	St Anthony in Thanksgiving
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Portuguese: ; Our Lady of Fatima in Thanksgiving, Costantina Caires RIP, Augusto Caires RIP, Raul Feliciano Gonçalves RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Olinda Gouveia RIP
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	Mass in Polish
Monday 3 Sept	St Gregory the Great		
	<i>1 Cor 2:1-5; Psalm 118; Luke 4:16-30</i>		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Catherine Turner RIP
Tuesday 4 Sept	St Cuthbert		
	<i>1 Cor 2:10-16; Psalm 144; Luke 4:31-37</i>		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Private Intentions
	9:30 am	St Patrick	Fernando Pinto Correia RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Patrick Reily RIP
Wednesday 5 Sept	Feria		
	<i>1 Cor 3:1-9; Psalm 32; Luke 4:38-44</i>		
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Cristina Perestrelo RIP
		6pm Adoration 7pm Rosary	
Thursday 6 Sept	Feria		
	<i>1 Cor 3:18-23; Psalm 23; Luke 5:1-11</i>		
	7:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	Tadhg MacFirbhisigh RIP
	9:30 am	St Patrick	In Thanksgiving
	10:00 am	St Matthieu	Barney McKenna for good health
Friday 7 Sept	Feria		
	<i>1 Cor 4:1-5; Psalm 36; Luke 5:33-39</i>		
	12:00 pm	St Bernadette	Holy Souls
	12:30 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	Mass in Polish + Holy Hour
Saturday 8 Sept	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin		
	<i>Mic 5:1-4; Psalm 12; Matthew 1:1-16.18-23</i>		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	
	11:00 am	St Thomas	Frs Amy, Peter and Eladio RIP
Saturday 8 Sept	First Mass for the Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	NO MASS
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	NO MASS
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	NO MASS
Sunday 9 Sept	Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	<i>Is 25:4-7; Psalm 145; Jas 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37</i>		
	10.30am	Fort Regent	All Island Thanksgiving and Farewell Mass for Fr Nicholas
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Holy Souls

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.

Catholic Pastoral Services	732583	cps@catholicchurch.org.je
The Welcome Centre	767997	thewelcomecentre@catholicchurch.org.je
Caritas Jersey	768963	info@caritasjersey.je
Marriage & Family Life	07797742767	m.cahill@catholicchurch.org.je/naturalfertility@catholicchurch.org.je
Saint Vincent de Paul Society	874008	svp@catholicchurch.org.je
The Oasis of Peace	861750	oasis@catholicchurch.org.je
Community Christ of Bethany	722970	ccb@catholicchurch.org.je (m) 07797727625
Padre Pio Prayer Chain	636772	lorraine.pppc@gmail.com

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