



The Catholic Church in Jersey

Seven Churches, One Parish

Sunday 17 November 2019 ~ Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year C

Canon's Corner

We can have a great affection for those who minister to us as priests and deacons. They lead us in worship Sunday after Sunday, they assist us at those special moments like baptisms and weddings, and when we grieve or need sacramental healing, they bring us the Risen Christ. We treasure their ministry and yes, we put up with any foibles they might have.

Many parishioners will be saddened to learn of the death of Fr Brian Sandeman. Aged 93 he passed away peacefully last Tuesday at the Little Sisters of the Poor. He was ordained in 1993, somewhat late in life, having been happily married to Jane with whom he had eight children. Before ordination he had taught for many years at De La Salle College. Appointed an assistant priest to this parish he served at St Patrick's and as a chaplain to Jersey Hospital. Lots of you will have received his pastoral care and known his priestly influence in your lives and those of your families. Fr Brian's funeral is likely to be the week after next. This Sunday let us pray for the repose of his soul and for the consolation of his grieving family.

Fr Brian would, I think, have smiled to see that notice of his passing is here followed by mention of coats and lots of them! Last week's request yielded about 300 in various sizes and colours. Many thanks to the volunteers from CPS and SVP who, supported by the KSC, handed them out yesterday along with many bacon baps. And thanks to all of you for giving another sign that we who form this parish are striving to be the Body of Christ ministering both within his Church and beyond its doors.

Canon Dominic

Spirit on the Rock Weekend – Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November

Youth Drama Production: 'Be My Witnesses'

We invite our parish to come and watch a drama performance by our Youth on Friday 22 November at 7pm in St Mary & St Peter's Church. Our Youth team will be looking at the lives of some of our young saints and their stories. Please do support them as they open our Spirit on the Rock event. Raffle tickets will be on sale in aid of the cost of the weekend.

On Saturday 23 November at 9am the event continues at St Mary & St Peter's Church before moving to St Bernadette's at 1pm. Our young people will be exploring topics on 'Being Missionary Disciples', looking at the lives of saints, discovering more on topics of Church teachings, such as pro-life issues, abortion and assisted dying, love, sexuality and gender and the church's social justice teachings. There will also be a session especially for 16-30 year old young adults on Saturday evening.

Service of Light – Saturday 23 November - This is a key part of our weekend which is open to all parishioners at 8pm in St Bernadette's Church and will include reconciliation opportunities, adoration and prayer.

PARISH CONTACTS

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PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

- Sun: World Day of the Poor: we bring our food donations to Mass;
Table Top & Cake Sale in St Patrick's Hall
- Mon Canon Dominic – day off;
- Tues Fr Johnpromise – day off;
Canon Dominic at Annual Mass for Deceased Diocesan Clergy, St John's Cathedral, Portsmouth, 12.15pm;
SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 2pm;
- Wed Fr Benjamin – day off;
States' Schools Catechists' Meeting, 7pm, CPS
- Thurs Lectio Divina, CPS, 1pm;
Parish Finance Committee, 6.30pm, CPS
RCIA, St Thomas Hall, 7pm;
- Fri Spirit on the Rock – 7pm onwards
- Sat Spirit on the Rock – continues all day;
SVP Food bank, SVP Room, St Thomas', 10am.

SACRAMENTS & LITURGICAL LIFE

Fr Colm Cahill

Welcome (back) to Fr Colm, son of Dcn David and Mary Cahill, who's visiting his family at this time. He was ordained in 2017 and currently serves as Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. He will celebrate this Sunday's 9.30am at St Matthieu's.

Readers

We are blessed in this parish with many audible and reliable readers at Mass. Will they please though introduce the readings as given in the lectionary, i.e., 'A reading from the prophet Isaiah.' Lately, some readers have chosen to change this such that we have heard, 'From Isaiah we read' to 'Listen to the prophet Isaiah' to 'On page 154 of the Parish Mass Book we find the first reading which is a reading from the prophet Isaiah.' As ministers we are the stewards of the Church's liturgy and as such it is not for any of us on a personal initiative to omit, alter or change anything in the liturgical books.

This Week at The Oasis of Peace

- ❖ **Preparation for the Sunday Readings:** Monday 18 November - 7pm.
- ❖ **Adoration & Rosary:** Thursday 21 November – 8.30am with Rosary starting at 8.45am. Tea and coffee after 9.30am Mass.
- ❖ **AGM:** Thursday 21 November 10.30am.
- ❖ **Morning Prayer** - Friday 22 November - 6.30am.

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Jersey Ecumenical Cycle of Prayer

This month we are invited to pray for those working in Communication and Media and this week for Grouville and St Peter La Rocque Anglican Churches and for Rev Mike Lange-Smith.

Baptisms

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism: Lucas da Silvia, Bryanna McCauley, Kiara de Sousa and Rafael Ribeiro.

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.

- ❖ Patricia Girard, aged 85, whose Funeral Service will be held at the Crematorium on Wednesday 20 November at 12noon;
- ❖ Erna Troy, aged 88, whose Funeral Service will be held at St Patrick's on Friday 29 November at 11am;
- ❖ John McClinton, aged 74 whose funeral date is to be advised.
- ❖ Frank Drummond, a regular at Sacred Heart's Vigil Mass, who has died and whose funeral will be in Scotland. A Memorial Mass here will be announced in due course.

PASTORAL LIFE

World Day of the Poor

Three years ago, Pope Francis asked the Church to keep one Sunday a year set aside for particular prayer and activity to support the poor. It falls today. As announced last week we invite you to bring to Mass today donations of food. Please leave them on the Sanctuary and during Mass pray for those in the local area who will receive them. All donated food is distributed by our parish St Vincent de Paul Group.

The Holy Father has written a message for this day. It's available online at w2.vatican.va but here's an extract, *"Recently, we were saddened by the death of a great apostle of the poor, Jean Vanier... God gave him the gift of devoting his life to our brothers and sisters with grave disabilities, people whom society often tends to exclude. He was one of those saints "next door"; thanks to his enthusiasm, he gathered around himself great numbers of young people, men and women, who worked daily to give love and restore a smile to many vulnerable persons, offering them a true "ark" of salvation from marginalization and solitude. His witness changed the life of countless persons and helped the world to look differently at those less fortunate than ourselves... The option for those who are least, those whom society discards, is a priority that Christ's followers are called to pursue..."*

St Thomas' Church Spire

A planning application has been posted on the church railings advising that we hope to make repairs to the spire in the spring. The cross at the top of the spire sits in a stone ball which is wrapped in iron strips. All of this is showing the inevitable signs of wear and tear. The proposed repairs are intended to ensure the cross stays where it is providing us all with a prominent sign of faith. More on this in due course.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

Canon Dominic will lead a 7-night pilgrimage to Medjugorje from 3-10 June 2020. The price is £745 per person inclusive of flights there and back from Jersey via Gatwick, all transfers and taxes, seven nights' accommodation in Medjugorje close to St James Church, sharing twin, double or treble rooms with private facilities and all breakfast and evening meals. Single rooms available at a supplement. Arranged with Joe Walsh Tours – who the Canon has been to Medjugorje with several times – they are offering a special Early Booking Discount of £100 off per person for bookings paid in full before 6 December 2019. To register your interest and to receive more information please contact the St Helier Parish Office. In May 2019 the Vatican sanctioned pilgrimages to Medjugorje. Come and experience for yourself the messages of Our Lady, Queen of Peace in a place that's been called the 'confessional of the world.'

St Patrick's Table Top & Cake Sale

Please come along to support the Table Top & Cake Sale in St Patrick's Hall after the weekend Masses this weekend. Raffle tickets will also be on sale. All proceeds will go to St Vincent De Paul Society.

States Schools Catechists' Meeting Reconvened

Fr Johnpromise invites our States' Schools Catechists' to meet with him **this Wednesday 20 November** at 7pm at Catholic Pastoral Services.

Advent Adventure

Families with primary aged children are invited to come to St Thomas' Hall on Saturday 30 November at 1pm - 3pm to make advent crafts and food for your family to share at home - costs £5 per family.

Annual Soup Kitchen

Tuesday 3 December will be the day of the 21st Annual Soup Kitchen in aid of the Shelter Trust for the Homeless. There will be over 40 different soups on offer, including one from the Catholic Church in Jersey. The soup will be available from 10.30am to 2.30pm in the Royal Square. Please come along and support the homeless

Advent Procession of Light

Will take place at St Bernadette's Church, on Sunday 1 December, at 6pm.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 7 December

Helpers and donations of good quality goods are still urgently needed for our Christmas Fayre. Please start collecting now.

East Christmas Lunch – Sunday 15 December.

Menus and booking forms will be at the back of Our Lady, St Martin & St Patrick churches on Sunday 24 November.

Christmas Hamper Raffle

Raffle tickets will be on sale after Sunday Masses at our Lady, St Martin from this weekend and next weekend. Tickets cost £1 each and are in aid of CWL Charities.

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.

Ladies Friendship Group

Next meet for lunch this Monday 18 November at Cheffins, Beaumont, at 12 noon.



MARRIAGE, YOUTH & FAMILY LIFE

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Spirit on the Rock - Urgent Help Needed

Our Spirit on the Rock event cannot happen without the generous time given by our volunteers. We urgently need more help this year from volunteers who are DBS checked for the church to help with supervision. We also need help with registration, door supervision and catering assistance.

The times of help needed:

Saturday 23 November from: 8am -2pm; 2pm – 8pm; 8pm – midnight; midnight – 6am; 6am – 1pm and onwards for clearing up.

We also need volunteer drivers for transporting guest speakers.

Catholic Grandparents Association - next meet on Friday 29 November at 11am at Catholic Pastoral Services followed by 12.15pm Mass. All welcome.

Christ Alive! For young adults 16 - 30years. Tuesdays 7pm - 9.30pm at St Thomas Hall. Bring cash for a takeaway.

Praise and Play Groups

Meet on **Mondays**, 9.30am - 11.30am at St Bernadette's and on **Fridays** 3pm - 5pm in St Thomas' Hall – *Please note we will be closed on Friday 22 November and Friday 6 December.*

THIS WEEK'S PARISH MASS TIMES

Date	Time	Church	Mass intention
Saturday 16 Nov	First Mass for the Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		
	6:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Jenny Henstridge RIP
	6:00 pm	St Patrick	Georgie Campbell Jnr RIP
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Peter & Gillian Dawson RIP
Sunday 17 Nov	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time		Malachi 3:19-20; 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12; Luke 21:5-19
	9:00 am	Our Lady, St Martin	Bernie Keany RIP
	9:00 am	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
	9:15 am	St Thomas	Bouteloup Family Living and Deceased
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	Joyce Williams RIP
	11:00 am	St Patrick	John Etienne RIP
	11:15 am	St Bernadette	Lena and John Kelly RIP
	11:30 am	St Mary & St Peter	People of the Parish
	3:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Portuguese:</i> Francisco Goncalves
	6:00 pm	St Thomas	Priest's Intentions
	7:30 pm	St Thomas	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Monday 18 Nov	Optional Memorial Dedication of the Basilicas of St SS Peter & Paul, Rome		
	9:30 am	Our Lady, St Martin	
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Bodin Family RIP
Tuesday 19 Nov	Feria		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>Sorry no Mass</i>
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Esme Mulry RIP
Wednesday 20 Nov	Feria		
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Peter and Cecilia Marshall RIP
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Tom Lawlor RIP
Thursday 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary		
	9:30 am	St Matthieu	For the Intentions of the Friends of The Oasis
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Mel Smith RIP
Friday 22 Nov	St Cecilia		
	9:30 am	Sacred Heart	Peter Fallows RIP
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Luciano Pavarotti RIP
	7:00 pm	St Mary & St Peter	<i>Mass in Polish</i>
Saturday 23 Nov	Our Lady on Saturday, or Feria		
	9:30 am	St Patrick	<i>Sorry no Mass</i>
	12:15 pm	St Thomas	Margaret O'Driscoll RIP

Catholic Trivia#13

Is it only the priest who offers the Mass? No! Every Mass is an action of Christ and his Church. As Eucharistic Prayer 1 puts it, *'Remember Lord, your servants and all gathered here, whose faith and devotion are known to you. For them, we offer you this sacrifice of praise or they offer it for themselves and all who are dear to them, for the redemption of their souls, in hope of health and well-being, and paying their homage to you, the eternal God.'* So we come with our intentions but if the priest is asked to offer a particular intention, custom says the one asking makes a financial offering to help provide for the priest's sustenance - in this diocese £10 is suggested.



Confessions, Saturdays

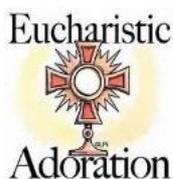
St Thomas, 11am - 12noon & 5pm - 5.45pm
 Sacred Heart, - 5.15pm - 5.45pm
 St Patrick, after 9.30am Mass & before 6pm Mass

Exposition Of The Blessed Sacrament

St Thomas – Mon, Wed & Fri at 1pm – 6pm
 Chapel of the Little Sisters – every Sunday at 5pm followed by 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 - Saturday 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 – Thursday at 8.45am



Eucharistic Adoration



SAINT FOR THE WEEK

St Cecilia, 22 November

She is the patron saint of musicians. This is because as musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord". Her feast day is celebrated in the Latin Catholic, Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches and in the Anglican Communion on November 22. She is one of seven women, in addition to the Blessed Virgin, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. The story of her life involves a lot of fiction but her existence and martyrdom are considered a historical fact. She is said to have been beheaded in Rome with a sword, one of countless martyrs of the early Church. Santa Cecilia Church, founded in the 3rd century by Pope Urban I in the Trastevere section of Rome is reputedly on the site of her home. A number of musical compositions are dedicated to her, and her feast day has become the occasion for concerts and musical festivals.