

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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Notre Dame du Rosaire (ND)

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VESPERS

Sundays 4.30pm at St. Joseph

ROSARY Preceding Mass:

Sunday 5.30pm Notre Dame Church;

Monday 11.30am Our Lady Star of the Sea

ROSARY weekly

Wednesday at St Joseph 7.00pm

Friday at Centre for Peace 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays:

St Joseph 10.30am-11.00am

Our Lady Star of the Sea 5.30pm-5.50pm

Sunday:

Notre Dame Church 5.30pm-5.50pm

SUNDAY 8TH JANUARY 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE.

Sat 7th Jan

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Teresa & Barry Despres RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 8th Jan

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, Feast

Office Proper

St. J 8.00 am Mass: William Leightley RIP

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Holly Robson RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Deceased Members Hewlett & Brierley Families



Mon 9th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Deceased Members of Guild of St Joseph

NO NOON MASS TODAY

Tues 10th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Holy Souls in Reparation & Thanks

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Wed 11th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Bela Isaura Dos Anjos RIP

NO EVENING MASS TONIGHT

St. J 7.00pm Exposition, Rosary & Benediction

Thur 12th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Chris Beale RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

NO EVENING MASS TONIGHT

Fri 13th

St. J 7.30am Mass: Darrynn & Claire Baartman

St. J 10.30am **Funeral Service:** Denis O'Shea

LP 11.00 am Mass: Paula Gaudion & Family (FM)

Sat 14th Jan

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Iain MacFirbhisigh RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Living Members Hewlett & Brierley Families

Sun 15th Jan

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PEACE SUNDAY

(Psalter week 2)

ND 8.00 am Mass: Alice Virginia de Abreu RIP

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Graham & Margaret Brazier RIP

St. J 12 noon **Baptism:** Theo Jose Catanho

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Henri & Helene Guilmoto & Family (FM)

FM - FOUNDATION MASS

"Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life.

Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my 'Paraclete.' In light of the hour of judgment, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death. In this regard, I am constantly reminded of what John tells us at the beginning of the Apocalypse: he sees the Son of Man in all his grandeur and falls at his feet as though dead. Yet He, placing his right hand on him, says to him: 'Do not be afraid! It is I...' (cf. Rev 1:12-17)

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

HAPPY BLESSED NEW YEAR

Canon Christopher and Fr Inna thank you all for the cards and gifts received and for your Christmas offerings.

Special thanks to **ALL** who helped prepare the Churches for Christmas including the cleaners, musicians, choirs, welcomers, flower arrangers etc.,

'Do not be afraid about the future - instead, give everything over to God in prayer:- Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart Philippians 4:6, (GNT)'

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us this week.

Tea & Coffee are available after **8.00am and 10.30am Masses** in St Joseph's and after **9.15am Mass** in Our Lady Star of the Sea.

OFF ISLAND

Canon Chris will be away from Sunday evening 8th - Wednesday evening 11th January.

PASTORAL LETTER

Bishop Philip has written a Pastoral Letter for this weekend **'Pope Benedict XVI'** Copies are available in the churches.

Also available to take home is Bishop Philip's Prayer book called **'LORD I AM NOT WORTHY'** Prayers to help you prepare for Mass.

CLOSER TO CHRIST

Thanks to your most generous support the total amount raised to date for the Closer to Christ Campaign now stands at £177,680 and we hope to receive as many pledges as possible before the end of January. If you wish to make a pledge, please can I ask you to return your form to the Campaign Office at your earliest convenience or hand it in to me the next time you are at Mass. **Pledge forms are available at the back of the church.**

I have been overwhelmed by the sacrifices you have made in order to help with this initiative so far. Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish. Canon Chris

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Monday 9th January in the Parish Room at St Joseph's. Tea/coffee from 7pm, prayer group starts at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact Frank on 07781 108394

UCM

First meeting of the year Tuesday 10th January 7.30pm St. Joseph's Parish Room. Come and join the ladies have for a chat and knit & natter plus raffle.

DELANCEY PARISH ROOMS

A TV on the wall owned by 'Guernsey Alzheimer's Association' was damaged beyond repair - it looks like a ball has gone into it. We the parish will have to foot the bill!

THANK YOU

Tony & Marian would like to thank all those who bought Jams, Jellies, etc at both Delancey and St. Joseph's and a big thank you to Linda Fermont who made all the tasty treats. The money raised will go towards School fees for Children in Zambia.

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 10th January 7pm at the Centre For Peace.
Wednesday 11th January 11am at Notre Dame du Rosaire Church.
All welcome - just turn up

LE PLATON

Results of the December draw
1st **38** 100; 2nd **7** £50; 3rd **54** £25

NOTRE DAME GATHERING

It has been decided to postpone the Notre Dame gathering which was due to take place after Mass this Sunday. A new date will be organised and announced in due course.

PEACE SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 15 January, is PEACE SUNDAY and this year the message from Pope Francis tells us: 'No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace'.

He asks us: 'What did we learn from the pandemic? What new paths should we follow to cast off the shackles of our old habits, to be better prepared, to dare new things? What signs of life and hope can we see, to help us move forward and try to make our world a better place?'

A vaccine has been found for Covid-19, says the Holy Father, but we still need to tackle the virus of war, and of inequality, and this can only be done together.

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which aims at working together to promote peace through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children. <https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2023> Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY
Tel: 0208 203 4884

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For educators

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- : Those to be baptised this year, their godparents, families and catechists
- : Engaged and married couples
- : Army Chaplains and Personnel
- : Peace in Ukraine, Russia, Cameroon, Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia and Nicaragua
- : All the sick of the Parish;
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI, Michael Dene, Marie Fitzakerly and Eileen English. **May they Rest in Peace.+**

FUNERAL SERVICE

For the late Denis O'Shea Friday 13th January 10.30am at St Joseph's.

ANNIVERSARIES

For all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they Rest in Peace. +**

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Les Camps Methodist Church.

OFFERTORY

1st January 2023 £2,898 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **Thank you!**

HEATING OIL EXPENSES

St. Joseph	£1,733.11
Our Lady Star of the Sea	£1,067.93
Notre Dame	£1,929.60

All on Top Up contracts at various intervals. £4,730.60 to heat our Churches. (Canon Chris today has turned down all the boilers)