

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

PUBLICATION OF CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH NO. 1199568 - GUERNSEY REGISTERED CHARITY CH263



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St Joseph & St Mary (St. J)

La Couperderie, St Peter Port

Notre Dame du Rosaire (ND)

Burnt Lane, St Peter Port

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Delancey (OLSS)

Rue des Monts, St Sampson

Le Platon Home (LP)

Clifton, St Peter Port, Guernsey

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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

Or by appointment

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: CDP Guernsey

Sorting Code: 309304

Account number: 00879070

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C

15th December 2024

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Shout aloud and sing praise, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel

Sat 14th **St John of the Cross**, Religious, Doctor of the Church, *memorial*
St. J 10.00 am Mass: Hedley Guillou RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ **OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: James & Jean Semple's Intentions

Sun 15th Dec THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (GAUDETE)

Psalter Week 3

Quiet Mass **St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Richard Merrien & Family (FM)

Music Group **OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

Sung/Organ **St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Anthony Bennett RIP

ND 5.30 pm **Rosary**

Organ **ND** 6.00 pm Mass: Harry Gilbey RIP

Mon 16th * **St. J** **10.00 am** Mass: Maria Vieira RIP

OLSS 11.30 am **Rosary**

OLSS 12 noon Mass: Shore Family (FM)

* **St. J** 7.00 pm **Carol Service:** Blanchelande College

Tues 17th **St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Betty Warr RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Wed 18th * **St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Holy Souls (FM)

St. J 6.00 pm Mass: Alfonsa Huizo RIP

St. J 7.00 pm Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for **Vocations**

Thur 19th **St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Chris Beale RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

St. J 6.00 pm **Confessions:** In preparation for Christmas

Fri 20th **St. J** 7.30 am Mass: James & Leah McKee Intentions

LP 11.00 am Mass: John Stacey RIP

CFP 7.30 pm **Rosary**

Sat 21st **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Rumens & Roberts Families RIP &
Hind Family Living (FM)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ **OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 22nd Dec FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalter Week 4

Quiet Mass **St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Le Tocq & Merrien Families

Music Group **OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

Sung/Organ **OLSS** 10.45 am **Baptism:** Mateo Gouveia

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Pedro Gomes RIP

ND 5.30 pm **Rosary**

Organ **ND** 6.00 pm Mass: Coquelin & Helmut Family (FM)

CFP - Centre for Peace **FM** - Foundation Mass * - Blanchelande Carol Service

* - Notre Dame & St. Mary & St Michael Whole School in attendance

* - Blanchelande College Primary Children attending



WELCOME

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

Tea & Coffee is available after the

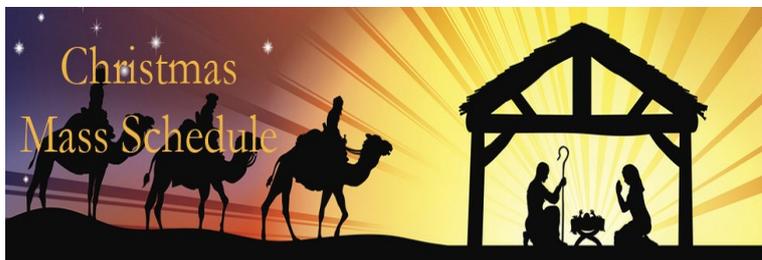
8.00am & 10.30am Masses in St Joseph's and after the
9.15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

We take our children to town
to meet santa...

Why not take them to church



Live simply,
so that others
may
simply live



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December

St Joseph	5.00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
OLSS	6.30 pm	Christmas Carols
OLSS	7.00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
St Joseph	8.40 pm	Christmas Carols
St Joseph	9.00pm	Mass during the Night

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December

Notre Dame	8.00 am	Mass at Dawn
OLSS	10.00 am	Mass during the Day
St Joseph	10.30 am	Mass during the Day

(No Evening Mass)

Thursday 26th December ST STEPHEN

St Joseph	10.00am	Mass for all Altar Servers
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Friday 27th December ST JOHN

St Joseph	10.00am	
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CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Thursday 19th December 6.00 - 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church.
 This is the main opportunity for confessions, so please make every effort to attend in Preparation for Christmas.
LET EVERY HEART PREPARE!

PARISH EVENTS

DIY NATIVITY SERVICE

All are welcome to join us for a DIY Nativity Service Saturday 21st December 3.00pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea followed by refreshments in the hall. Children can come dressed up as stable animals, camels, shepherds and angels. We will also have costumes you can borrow (please come early to try these on) Carol singing with our music group. Contact Jennifer Langlois for further details Jennifer.Langlois@education.gg

FESTIVE BUSKING

Festive Busking: Sunday 22nd December at Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall after 9.15 am Mass' coffee, with The Godly Play for Children run by Tom Saddington - soup lunch after. All welcome.

WAYAYA

Charity Jam sale in aid of WAYAYA. The proceeds from the Jam sales will go to supporting Children in Zambia. Tony & Marian are hoping to bring the Children to Guernsey in Aug 2025 for a holiday
Sunday 15th December in the Narthex of St Joseph's Church after the 8.00am & 10.30am Mass. With Canon Chris' permission.
Sunday 22nd December If possible (and supplies permitting!) in the coffee room at Our Lady Star of the Sea after 9.15am Mass.
Thank you for your continued support!

LEGION OF MARY

Legion of Mary – Active Members of Our Lady of Victories Praesidium meet Saturday mornings, 11am in the Parish Rooms. Please come and visit us! New members are always welcome. For more information contact Mary Baldry; 07781 128462.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer Group will be meeting in the Parish room at St Joseph's on Monday 16th December at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

New Sunday Missals can still be ordered, please let the office know.

INVITATION TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Canon Chris invites all servers in the Parish to the Mass on St Stephen's Day, 26th December, 10 am at St Joseph's.



This Mass is especially offered for Altar Servers and medals are presented to those due to receive them. Notre Dame and Delancey servers are asked to bring along their albs from their respective churches.



POINSETTIA for Our Lady Star of the Sea Church

Bring a Poinsettia plant to church on the **fourth Sunday of Advent** - to decorate the Church for Christmas. This will be in Memory of your Loved Ones.

ERNIE'S ANGELS

Jan & Clare would like to Thank everyone who attended our sale. We were overjoyed to make just over £4010 which will help many local families.

END OF TERM MASS

The staff and pupils of Notre Dame du Rosaire and St Mary & St Michael school would like you to join them for a joint End of Term Christmas Mass at St Joseph's **10.00am** on **Monday 16th** December. All family and friends are also invited.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS EVENING

The Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting will be held on **Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7pm in St Joseph's School Hall.** The programme will be introduced and parents can purchase their child's work books (£10 each). Registration forms are available in the church porches. **Classes will begin weekend of 11/12 January**

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Capelles Methodist Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Life
- : The Holy Father (born 17.12.1936)
- : Bishop's office staff
- : Caritas in the Diocese
- : Expectant mothers
- : The Sick and housebound of the Parish.
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care.

ANNIVERSARIES

Angela Bush, Brian Herod, Canon Anselm Bourde de La Rogerie (1954) and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May they Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY

8th December £2,590 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)
 Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection this weekend is for **flowers** to decorate our churches for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASS COLLECTIONS

Are for the **personal use of our priests** and form a substantial part of their income. Please remember our priests and if you can give your usual offering for them this will be most gratefully appreciated.

- You may do so in one of five ways:-
- : **Christmas Offering Envelopes** (in Churches this weekend)
 - . **Online** by debit or credit card at catholic.org.gg/donate
 - . **By cheque:** payee 'CDP Guernsey' (mark reverse Christmas offering)
 - . **Online banking:** please ensure that, for this particular payment only, it is referenced **CHRISTMAS** or **PRIESTS**
 - . **Parish Bank account details** see front of newsletter
- Crib Collections during Christmastide for Christian Communities in the Holy Land via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.**



THE MESSENGER WILL BE A DOUBLE ISSUE NEXT WEEKEND (21/22 & 28/29 DECEMBER)