

# 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



**Diocese of Portsmouth**

**Bishop Philip Egan**

Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

**Dean and Parish Priest:**

Canon Christopher Rutledge KHS

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Fr Inna Reddy Gade

**Alderney**

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Presbytery: 01481 822105

**Priest in Retirement:**

Canon Gerard Hetherington KCHS

**Deacon:** Rev Mark Leightley

**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

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C**

**8th December 2024**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: What great deeds the Lord worked for us!  
Indeed, we were glad**

Sat 7th

**St Ambrose, Bishop**, Doctor of the Church, *memorial*

**St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Mara Beatriz Gonçalves RIP

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

*Organ*

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish

**Sun 8th Dec**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Psalter Week 2

*Quiet Mass*

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

*Music Group*

**OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Gerard Drainey RIP

*Sung/Organ*

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Marco & Family Good Health

**ND** 5.30 pm **Rosary**

*Organ*

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

Mon 9th

**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,**

Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, Solemnity

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: Mary De Cruz RIP

**OLSS** 11.30 am **Rosary**

**OLSS** 12 noon Mass: Dawn Klement

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Sister Frances RIP

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am**

Tues 10th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Jim & Renee Lynch RIP

**St. J** 6.00 pm Mass: Mary McDermott-Wilson

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

Wed 11th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Lurdes Ferreira Da Luz

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am**

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: John Stacey RIP

Thur 12th

Fri 13th

**St Lucy, Virgin**, Martyr, *memorial*

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: Michelle McGonigle & Family

**LP** 11.00 am Mass: Fr Paul

**CFP** 7.30 pm **Rosary**

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 ('GAUDET')**

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*

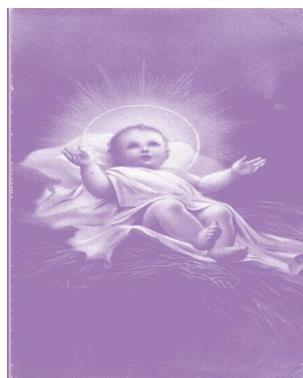
**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Anthony Bennett RIP

**ND** 5.30 pm **Rosary**

*Organ*

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

**CFP** - Centre for Peace **FM** - Foundation Mass



**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  
to meet Jesus



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 25<sup>th</sup> 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
Le Platon	11.00 am	Mass for Residents their Families & Staff

(No Evening Mass)

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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.

### THE HOUR OF GRACE

Sunday 8th December Notre Dame Du Rosaire Church 12-1.00pm. All invited to join!

### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer Group will be meeting in the Parish room at St Joseph's on Monday 9th December at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

### ST MARY & ST MICHAEL SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The children will be performing their Christmas concert at 9.30am on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Everyone is welcome! Teas and coffees will be served. **NB:** this is a dress rehearsal - parents do not normally attend.

### COFFEE MORNING – This Wednesday

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for coffee/tea on WEDNESDAY December 11th and on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am for coffee, cake/mince pies and a chat. Everyone is welcome – do come and join us and keep warm in this cold weather!

### MOTHERS PRAYERS

Friday 13th December 11am (tea/coffee from 10.30am) Venue Christine's house: [christineguernsey2014@gmail.com](mailto:christineguernsey2014@gmail.com) or 259995 [www.mothersprayers.org](http://www.mothersprayers.org)

### CHILDREN'S FESTIVE BUSKING

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

### CHURCH CLEANERS ROTAS FOR ST JOSEPH'S

For the period January to mid July 2025 will be available on the noticeboard, Sacristy folder and on the website. We would be delighted to welcome new cleaners.

### 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 8th December** in the **coffee room** at Our Lady Star of the Sea after the 9.15am Mass.

**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!**

### THANK YOU

#### PARISH LUNCH

Thank you to all who came along to the wonderful Christmas Parish Lunch held at Les Rocquettes Hotel and to all those who donated raffle prizes. **£281** was raised for "**Le Platon Home**" *A Special thank you to Eileen Baird for organising.*

#### ADVENT SERVICE

Thank you to all who supported this year's advent service and assisted in so many ways. The readers, musicians and projectionist. Above all to all those parishioners who came along to commence our wait and preparation for Christmas.

#### MINCE PIES

A big thank you to all who so generously contributed delicious mince pies for our get together after the service not forgetting those who worked so hard to serve us. Coming together was greatly appreciated and very much enjoyed by all.

#### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PARENTS EVENING

The Sacramental Preparation Parent Meeting will be held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### ST PAUL'S WEEKLY MISSALS 2025

Please contact Parish Office to order one before 17th December.

#### THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for United Reform church in St Saviour

#### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : The Holy Father (ordained priest 13.12.1969)
- : Prayer for clergy and their families
- : The Sick and housebound of the Parish.
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care.

#### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Father Eric Spencer** (former priest & last resident priest in Sark), **Mgr Canon Nicholas France** (former Catholic Dean of Jersey), **Beryl Restori** (Fr Steven Restori's mum). **May they Rest In Peace. +**

#### ANNIVERSARIES

**Dennis Rutledge, Harry Gilbey, Canon Anthony Llewhellen** and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.

**May they Rest In Peace. +**

#### OFFERTORY

**1st December £3,090** (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **Guild of St Joseph £965**

Thank you for your continued support and generosity

#### RETIRING COLLECTION

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

#### PASTORAL LETTER - HOPE

Bishop Philip's Pastoral letter will be read out at all masses this weekend. Copies will be available from the church porch and on the website.