

# 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:**

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Presbytery: 01481 822105

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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

**Parish Office: CLOSED TUESDAYS**

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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



Live simply,  
so that others  
may  
simply live

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C**

**1st December 2024**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**

Sat 30th

**ST ANDREW, Apostle, feast**

**St. J** 10.00 am Mass: James Driver RIP (FM)

**St. J** 11.15 am **Baptism:** Lorenzo Matteo Paras

*Organ*

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP

**Sun 1st Dec**

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Psalter Week 1

*Quiet Mass*

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Sister Goretti RIP

*Music Group*

\* **OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Ananias Dos Reis Figueira RIP

*Sung/Organ*

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Joan Coutanche RIP

*Organ*

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

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

Mon 2nd

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: Yvonne Machon RIP

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

**No Noon Mass today**

**OLSS** 7.00 pm **The Way of the Nativity Advent Service**

Tues 3rd

**St Francis Xavier, Priest, memorial**

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Ronaldo Roberts RIP

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

Wed 4th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: John Joseph Mackesy RIP

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

Thur 5th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: James Mullan RIP

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

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Betty Warr RIP

Fri 6th

**St. J** 11.00 am **Requiem Mass:** Francisco Almeida

**LP** 11.00 am Mass: Maria Vieira RIP

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

Sat 7th

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

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

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

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

*Organ*

**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)

**CFP** - Centre for Peace **FM** - Foundation Mass \* - Children's Mass

**THE WAY OF THE NATIVITY BY CANDLELIGHT  
FINAL REMINDER**



An Advent service of Readings, Prayer and Reflection  
Followed by Mince Pies & Hot Drinks Our Lady Star of the Sea  
This Monday December 2nd 7pm.

Advent is a time of preparation and it is important that Christ  
should be at the centre of our journey towards  
Christmas. To be ready for him we have to prepare  
ourselves. This will be an ideal way to step aside and  
accompany Christ to the crib. **Do make an effort to attend.**

Would you be willing to provide a few mince pies for the Parish Advent service  
tomorrow Monday Dec 2nd ? If so please contact Sandy on 07781 193673  
or bring them along on the night.



### THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December

St Joseph	5.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
OLSS	6.30pm	Christmas Carols
OLSS	7.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
St Joseph	8.40pm	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	8.00am	Mass at Dawn
OLSS	10.00am	Mass during the Day
St Joseph	10.30am	Mass during the Day

(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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### 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.

### 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.

### PRAYERS

For all the peoples of the Middle East and the peace of Jerusalem. Sunday 1st December. Contact Maud for time & venue.

### HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

This Monday (December 2nd) the Holy Spirit Prayer group, along with the parish community, will be attending the Advent service at 7pm at Delancey. **This will be instead of the normal prayer group meeting.**

### THE HOUR OF GRACE

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

### 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.**

### NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

Pre-ordered copies are now available to collect and pay for in the Parish Office.

### ST PAUL'S WEEKLY MISSALS 2025

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

### CHRISTMAS GOODS

Small selection of Christmas gifts, cards and calendars available in St Joseph's repository.

### MISSIO

If anyone has a box to empty, please use the envelopes provided in the churches (or ask the office) and bring in before 23rd December.

### VACANCY: PARISH OFFICE ASSISTANT SECRETARY

Due to a vacancy the Catholic Parish of Our Lady and the Saints of Guernsey is seeking an Assistant Parish Secretary to join our team, based at St Joseph's, Amphyll House, Cordier Hill, St Peter Port. This is part time position 20 hours per week, usually worked over 3 days Salary: £17,680 per annum (£17.00 per hour). If you are interested in this opportunity to contribute to parish life please request a full job description and details of how to apply by contacting the parish office [office@catholic.org.gg](mailto:office@catholic.org.gg) Further details are available on the church noticeboards and on our website. Closing date for applications: 6th December 2024

### 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!**

### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St Joseph's church, **Lorenzo Paras**. Please remember him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

### FLOWER HELPERS FOR OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA

We Thank all our Flower Helpers for taking the time to provide and display lovely flowers for our Church.

As we now only have two flower ladies remaining on the rota we are desperately seeking flower helpers to assist with arranging flowers for our church services. No prior experience is necessary! This is an opportunity for you to contribute to your church community through flower arranging. Please contact Helen on 01481 225020 or via email [helen.willets@education.gg](mailto:helen.willets@education.gg)

### THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Bordeaux & St Paul's Methodist churches

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Les Cotils Retreat & Conference Centre, Guernsey
- : All migrants
- : All Religious Orders which formerly served in the Diocese
- : Children in the Diocese
- : The Sick and housebound of the Parish.
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care.

### FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Francisco Almeida** Requiem Mass will take place Friday 6th December 11.00am at St Joseph's Church **May he Rest In Peace+ ANNIVERSARIES**

Ronald Cale, Ronaldo Roberts, Yvonne Machon and all those whose anniversaries occur around now. **May they Rest In Peace. +**

### OFFERTORY

**24 November £3,308** (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) Thank you for your continued support and generosity

### RETIRING COLLECTION

**This weekend's** retiring collection is for the **Guild of St Joseph** who assist with any pressing needs for individuals and families in the Parish and wider community– **particularly at this time of year!**

### WINGS

Dear Parishioners, Thank you so much for your generous response to the last WINGS collection which amounted to £1030. This is shared between The Holy Family Children's Home, Bethlehem and CAFOD Middle East Humanitarian Appeal. Please continue to pray for a just peace in this terrible conflict. The sisters who run the Children's Home have sent a newsletter, including photos of the children. This is available on the parish website and on the notice boards so that you can see how valuable and effective your support is.