

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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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

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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

	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	3rd November 2024	
	RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I love you, Lord, my strength.	
	Commemoration of ALL SOULS (Office of the Dead)	
Sat 2nd	St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Holy Father's Intention
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY	
<i>Organ</i>	OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Vivian Hewlett RIP
Sun 3rd Nov	THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	Psalter Week 3	
<i>Quiet Mass</i>	St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Holy Souls
<i>Sung/Organ</i>	St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Maria Vieira Rodrigues & Fernanda Rodrigues RIP
<i>Organ</i>	ND 6.00 pm	Mass: Faithful Departed
Mon 4th	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop, memorial	
	St. J 7.30 am	Mass: The Family of Emmanuel Eugene
	OLSS 11.30 am	Rosary
Tues 5th	St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Deceased Members Knights of St Columba Guernsey Branch (FM)
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am	
Wed 6th	St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Holy Souls in Reparation & Thanks
	St. J 7.00 pm	Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations
Thur 7th	St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Sister Carmel RIP
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am	
Fri 8th	St. J 7.30 am	Mass: Holy Souls in Reparation & Thanks
	LP 11.00 am	Mass: Frank Duff RIP
	CFP 7.30 pm	Rosary
Sat 9th	THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA, feast	
	St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Legion of Mary Deceased Members
	St. J 11.15 am	Baptism: Thandi Gumede
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY	
<i>Organ</i>	OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP
Sun 10th Nov	THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
	Remembrance Sunday Psalter Week 4	
<i>Quiet Mass</i>	St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Brian White RIP (FM)
<i>Music Group</i>	OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: People of the Parish
<i>Sung/Organ</i>	St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Dead of All Wars
<i>Organ</i>	ND 6.00 pm	Mass: Francis & Marguerite Paul RIP
	CFP - Centre for Peace	FM - Foundation Mass



NOVEMBER PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

In November, please pray each day for the holy souls in Purgatory, that is, our relatives, friends and benefactors who have died, and those with no one to remember or pray for them.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

Books of the Dead - Are opened in our three churches. Please add the name/s of your dearly departed loved ones, relations and friends if they aren't already inscribed.

Mass for the Dead - The Annual Mass for the Departed of the Parish and all those whose names are inscribed in the Books of the Dead will be held Saturday 16th November in St Joseph's Church at 10.00am. All are very welcome to attend this Mass to remember their loved ones who have died.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY- Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Service

At the War Memorial at the top of Smith Street 11.00am Sunday 10th November for this short service and wreath laying which is open to all.

NOTICE OF HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

2nd & 3rd November

As Canon Chris will be on holiday 30 October to 7 November

the Mass times will be as follows:

6.00 pm	Vigil Mass	Our Lady Star of the Sea
8.00 am	Sunday Mass	St Joseph
10.30 am	Sunday Mass	St Joseph
6.00 pm	Sunday Mass	Notre Dame du Rosaire



CONGRATULATIONS

Happy Birthday to our dear Canon Hetherington who celebrates his 90th birthday on 1st November. *May God continue to keep you and Bless you!*

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.

Bamenda Sunday - a short PowerPoint presentation will be played in the Parish Room after the 08:00 and 10:30 Masses. Liz Dene will be there to answer any questions you may have.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St Joseph's church, **Thandi Nozizwe Sibusisiwe Gumede**. Please remember her, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.

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.

PRAYERS

For all the peoples of the Middle East and the peace of Jerusalem. Sunday 3rd November. Contact Maud for time & venue T:729445.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Life in the Spirit Seminars continue on Monday 4th November with session 5 - 'Growth'. This will be in the parish room at St Joseph's and will run from 6.30-7.30pm.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The prayer group will be meeting on Monday 4th November from 7.45-9.00pm with tea and coffee from 7.30pm. This will be in the parish room at St Joseph's. Everyone is welcome!

FRIENDS OF ROMANIA

Please accept our heartfelt thanks to all who have contributed to our work this year, whether by financial donation, sponsoring families, or supporting our appeal for toiletries. Your generosity at the Harvest Festival Service was incredible! This means we can now start preparing parcels for 2025!

As you read this our driver will be about to start the long journey back to Guernsey, having delivered a load of clothing, bedding and several hundred Christmas gifts. Once again many thanks and may God bless you all. Wilf and Patricia Holland.

WINGS collection on weekend Saturday/Sunday 17th and 18th November. Will be for both the **DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal** and the **Daughters of Bethlehem Children's Home in Bethlehem in the West Bank Appeal**.

CHRISTMAS PARISH LUNCH

Sunday 1st December

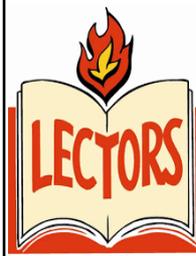
Les Rocquettes Hotel
12.30pm for 1.00pm.

Adult: Three course £30; **Children:** 12 and under One course £6.50 plus optional dessert at £2.75. Booking forms (Gold Paper; children's on Yellow Paper) these are now available at the back of Church or on the website catholic.org.gg Please return the booking forms no later than 20th November.

Donations of raffle prizes gratefully accepted and can be left at the Parish office. Thank you



Christmas
LUNCH



DO YOU EVER DO THE READING AT MASS?

Are you a regular Reader at Mass? Or are you interested in taking up this important ministry? Or are you interested in learning about the new lectionary? Then this session is for YOU! We are pleased to offer two sessions about the new lectionary. The new lectionary comes into use in Advent. Each session will be led by Fr. Anthony Fyk, Director of Liturgy, and will be identical - so you need only attend one. The session will cover what the lectionary is, its revisions and what they mean for us. It is also an opportunity for Questions and Answers.

This important session will be screened in St Joseph's Church on Tuesday 5 November and again on Tuesday 19 November at 7.00pm, it will finish by 8.30pm. If you are unable to join us in person you can register to join online by emailing liturgy@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Parish church of St Philippe & Methodist church, Torteval.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Our twinned Diocese of Bamenda & the Bamenda Committee.
- : Faithful departed of each parish or community.
- : All deceased clergy of the Diocese
- : Recipients of awards 'Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' and 'Bene Merenti', and of Diocesan Medals, during the year.
- : Day of Prayer for prisoners and their families.
- : The Sick and housebound of the Parish.
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Ted McDonough and all those who have recently died.

May they Rest In Peace. +

ANNIVERSARIES

Nick Vizia and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.

May they Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY

27th October £3,201 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR BAMENDA

Sunday 3rd November is Bamenda Sunday and this year we mark a very special anniversary, namely its golden jubilee. Fifty years ago, Bishop Worlock and Bishop Verdzekov, of the then newly established Diocese of Bamenda, initiated the twinning as a practical demonstration of St Pope Paul VI's Vatican II document "**Gaudium et Spes**".

Since 1974, the relationship has grown and strengthened. In the early years, priests from our Diocese worked in Bamenda, teaching the Faith, establishing parishes, schools, youth ministries, etc. Their mission was hugely successful and saw a fledgling Church grow and develop. Many were inspired by them bringing the Gospel message directly to them. Today, we have the great privilege of welcoming priests from Bamenda into our own parishes and their mission to us is one of renewal at a time when our communities become daily more secular. We have much to thank God for from this twinning.

A core aspect of the twinning is the practical projects that have been funded through the over £1,000,000 that has been raised by our parishes, largely through the annual Bamenda Sunday collection. This source of funding remains an important and tangible part of the relationship. Bamenda (Cameroon) is ranked 151st on the UN's Human Development Index covering 193 countries. The UK is ranked 15th. Please give as generously as possible to the Bamenda Sunday collection, **every penny** will go directly to an approved project aimed at cementing this twinning. Donations can *also be made online*

<https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/donate?cid=136990#amount>

Thank you in advance for your generosity.