

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

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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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Canon Christopher Rutledge KHS

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Priest in Charge: Fr Paul Dzwig

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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

THE MESSENGER

Please take home THE MESSENGER as it covers two weekends 21/22 December and 28/29 December 2024.

HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed until Friday 3rd January 2025.

All urgent calls will be answered so please leave a message.



The Stain glass window in the Lady Chapel at St Joseph & St Mary, Guernsey.

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us in our Churches for Christmas and New Year

Celebrations: Happy Christmas! Feliz Natal! Joyeux Noël! Maligayang Pasko!

Froehliche Weihnachten! Buone Feste Natalizie! Bouan Noué!

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Canon Christopher, Fr Inna and Deacon Mark along with Canon Hetherington wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

THANK YOU

Grateful thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who work throughout the year in many different roles in our community: catechists, keeping our churches clean, flower displays, organists, singers and instrumentalists, collectors, counters, welcomers, ushers, opening up our churches, preparation before and after Mass, preparing rotas, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, visiting the sick and housebound. Hopefully no one has been missed. **Every one of you is most highly valued!**

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. **Thank you**

OFFERTORY

15th December £3,000 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE PRIESTS

- 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: CDP Guernsey
Sorting Code: 309304 Account number: 00879070



CRIB OFFERINGS

The Offerings at the Cribs are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

INVITATION TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Canon Christopher invites all servers in the Parish to the Mass on Thursday 26th December, 10.00am St. Joseph's. This Mass is especially offered for Altar Servers.

Notre Dame and Delancey servers are asked to bring along their albs from their respective churches.





FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
22nd December 2024
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Bring us back, O God; let your face shine forth,
and we shall be saved.

Sat 21st Dec	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP
Sun 22nd Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	Psalter Week 4
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Le Tocq & Merrien Families <i>Quiet Mass</i>
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: People of the Parish <i>Music Group</i>
OLSS 10.45 am	Baptism: Mateo Gouveia
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Pedro Gomes RIP <i>Sung/Organ</i>
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	Mass: Coquelin/Helmut Family (FM) <i>Organ</i>
Mon 23rd	
St. J 7.30 am	Mass: Frank and Freda Murphy RIP
OLSS 11.30 am	Rosary
OLSS 12 noon	Mass: Sister M de Sales (FM)
Tue 24th Dec	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS
St. J 5.00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass : People of the Parish
OLSS 6.30pm	Christmas Carols
OLSS 7.00 pm	Christmas Vigil Mass : People of the Parish
St. J 8.40 pm	Christmas Carols
St. J 9.00 pm	Mass during the night : People of the Parish
Wed 25th Dec	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Office Proper)
ND 8.00 am	Mass at Dawn
	People of the Parish
OLSS 10.00 am	Mass during the day : People of the Parish
St. J 10.30 am	Mass during the day : People of the Parish
St. J 10.30 am	Baptism: Flynn Cummins
	<u>NO EVENING MASS</u>
Thur 26th Dec	
St J <u>10.00 am</u>	Mass: All Altar Servers
Fri 27th Dec	ST JOHN , Apostle, Evangelist, Feast
St. J <u>10.00am</u>	Mass: Deirdre Dalton for Good Health
Sat 28th	THE HOLY INNOCENTS , Feast
St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Jim Young RIP
Please note extra parking provision will be available at Vauvert School for the Christmas Eve Masses .	

THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
29th December
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Sat 28th Dec	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Roberto Molinari RIP
Sun 29th Dec	THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, Feast (Office Proper)
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Le Tocq & Merrien Families <i>Quiet Mass</i>
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: People of the Parish <i>Music Group</i>
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Angus Crate RIP <i>Sung/Organ</i>
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	Mass: James John Fattorini RIP (FM) <i>Organ</i>
Mon 30th Dec	
St. J 10.30 am	Requiem Mass: Jacqueline Anne McMillan
OLSS 12 noon	Mass: Louis Eugene Fossey (FM)
Tues 31st Dec	
St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Le Prevost Family (FM)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am	
Wed 1st Jan 2025	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity
St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Helen Carey
OLSS 11.00 am	Mass: Kath Daley Intentions
NO HOLY HOUR THIS EVENING	
Thur 2nd Jan	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Doctors of the Church, Memorial
St. J 9.30am	Mass: Ananias Dos Reis Figueira RIP
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am	
Fri 3rd Jan	St. J NO MASS TODAY
LP 11.00 am	Mass: Maura Lees RIP
Sat 4th Jan	St. J 10.00 am Mass: Auguste Tardivel & parents & brothers (FM)
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OLSS <u>6.00 pm</u>	Mass: Dec'd Members of the Welling Family
Sun 5th Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Michael Dene RIP
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: Helene Guilimoto RIP
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Jim O'Hara RIP
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	People of the Parish



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM We welcome in baptism at Our Lady Star of the Sea **Mateo Gouveia** & at St Joseph's, **Flynn Cummins**. Please remember them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP Monday 23rd December 7.30pm in the Parish room at St Joseph's. Tea and coffee from 7pm.

ADORATION Monday December 30th from 7.30-9.00pm, also on the last Monday of every month. Includes hymns followed by silent Adoration. Tea and coffee will be available from 7pm. **All welcome.**

COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAY JANUARY 8th in the parish room at St Joseph's. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am.

ERNIE'S ANGELS Thank you to everyone who attended the sale. We were overjoyed to make just over **£400** which will help many local families. Jan & Clare.

NEW SUNDAY MISSALS

Please place your order with the Parish office.

LE PLATON Results of the November draw

1st **96** £100; 2nd **49** £50; 3rd **86** £25

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Bailiwick of Guernsey : Expectant mothers : The Bishop's Council
- : Christian Communities in the Holy Land : All the sick of the Parish
- : Knights of the Holy Sepulchre : God's blessing on the new year
- : Altar Servers & the Archconfraternity of St Stephen
- : All child victims of war, terrorism, violence
- : Parish Safeguarding Representatives : Pope Benedict XVI (2022)
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Richard Williamson.

Jacqueline Ann McMillan whose Requiem Mass will take place Monday 30 December 10.30am at St. Joseph's.

May they Rest in Peace.+

ANNIVERSARIES

Kieran Skillett, Michael Dene, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **May they Rest In Peace. +**