

THE MESSENGER

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Burnt Lane, St Peter Port

Our Lady Star of the Sea, Delancey (OLSS)

Rue des Monts, St Sampson

Le Platon Home (LP)

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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

THE MESSENGER

Please take home THE MESSENGER as it covers two weekends 4/5 January and 11/12 January 2025.

HOLY YEAR 2025



The Jubilee of Hope began on Christmas Eve 2024 when Pope Francis opened the 'Holy Door' in St Peter's Basilica, Rome. The Jubilee of Hope will end on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026.

The Jubilee logo featured here shows four stylised figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity which should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is the sign not only of faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need.

There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That is why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross, which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope.

In maritime jargon the 'anchor of hope' refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency manoeuvres to stabilise the ship during storms. It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

The cross in the logo is by no means static, but it is also dynamic. It bends down towards humanity, not leaving human beings alone, but stretching out to them to offer the certainty of its presence and the security of hope. At the bottom of the logo is the motto of the 2025 Jubilee Year: *Peregrinantes in Spem* (Pilgrims in hope), represented in green letters.

HAPPY BLESSED NEW YEAR

Canon Christopher and Fr Inna thank you all very much indeed for the cards and gifts received and for your Christmas offerings.

Special thanks to ALL our Altar servers and ALL those who helped prepare the Churches for Christmas including the cleaners, musicians, choirs, welcomers, flower arrangers etc. Every one of you is most highly valued!

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Offerings at the Cribs are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. The KHS is widely believed to date back to 1099 A.D., to the first crusade. For centuries their mission has been to support the Christian community in the Holy Land. Today, made up of 30,000 members from 40 countries, lay people, priests and religious, they financially support Christians in the Middle East, and, above all, pray for them. They fund many works that support the Christians living in the Holy Land, thus ensuring that they survive and that the holy sites are still populated by Christians and do not become museums. The Knights do everything they can to help with practical projects to stabilise Christian communities. The key partner for the KHS in the Holy Land is the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem and through the Patriarchate, they fund-raise to maintain schools, formation, charitable and social activities. The need to help this year is hugely urgent, thanks to the war in the Holy Land. Thank you in advance for your generosity!



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
5th January 2025

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

Sat 4th Jan	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Dec'd Members of the Welling Family
Sun 5th Jan	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity <i>(Office Proper)</i>
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Michael Dene RIP <i>Quiet Mass</i>
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: Helene Guilimoto RIP <i>Music Group</i>
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Jim O'Hara RIP <i>Sung/Organ</i>
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	People of the Parish <i>Organ</i>
Mon 6th	
St. J 7.30 am	Mass: Mary de Cruz RIP
OLSS 11.30 am	Rosary
Tue 7th	
St. J 11.00am	Requiem Mass: Richard Williamson
Wed 8th	
BLC 9.30 am	Mass: Primary school beginning of Term Mass
St. J 7.00pm	Holy Hour: Exposition, Rosary & Benediction
Thur 9th	
St J 9.30am	Mass: Sister Madeleine de la Brosse RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am
Fri 10th	
LP 11.00am	Mass: Ian Tardivel & Family (FM)
CFP 7.30pm	Rosary
Sat 11th	
St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Maud Blin

Mass Schedules during January

Due to clergy holidays and extra travel* in January please take note of the **daily** and **weekend** Mass times.

4 Sunday Masses on 18/19 & 25/26 January

Canon Chris and Canon Hetherington will be travelling to Jersey *16/17 January to attend the Memorial Service for Mgr Nicholas France on Thursday 16th January.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
12th January 2025

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Bless the Lord, O my soul! My God, how great you are!

	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP
Sun 12th Jan	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, feast, <i>(Office Proper)</i>
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: In Thanksgiving AMM <i>Quiet Mass</i>
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: Private Intention <i>Music Group</i>
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Dennis & Barbara Smart RIP <i>Sung/Organ</i>
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	Mass: People of the Parish <i>Organ</i>
Mon 13th	BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME: Cycle 1 <i>(Psalter Week 1)</i>
St. J 7.30 am	Mass: Jade O'Donnell
OLSS 11.30am	Rosary
Tues 14th	NO MASS TODAY
Wed 15th	
St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Cathy Greening
OLSS 11.00am	Funeral Service: Marguerite Tostevin
St. J 7.00pm	Holy Hour: Exposition, Rosary & Benediction
Thur 16th	
BLC 9.30am	Mass: Senior School Beginning of Term Mass
Fri 17th	St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, memorial
St. J * 6.00pm	Mass: Marie Finch & Family
CFP 7.30pm	Rosary
Sat 18th	
St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Gilberto Ferreira, parents, sisters & brothers
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Kath Daley
Sun 19th Jan	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>(Psalter Week 2)</i>
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: John Stacey RIP
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Barry & Teresa Després RIP
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	Filipczak Family Intentions
BLC - Blanchelande College (All welcome) CFP - Centre for Peace	

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP Mondays 6th & 13th January, 7.30pm in the Parish room at St Joseph's. Tea/coffee from 7pm.

COFFEE MORNING WEDNESDAYS 8th & 22nd January in the parish room at St Joseph's. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am for coffee, cake & a chat. Everyone is welcome!

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). **Classes will begin weekend of 11/12 January.**

UCM meet on Tuesday January 14th at 7pm in the Parish Room. 'Knit & Natter' and a look back at the early years. Raffle. Members please note the earlier start time of 7pm!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION starts shortly for young people in **Year 8 and above** who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in summer 2026, or just want to explore more about their faith. For more information or questions please email youth@catholic.org.gg or call Tom on 07781 129310.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : God's blessing on the New Year;
- : Clergy celebrating Jubilees this year;
- : Engaged and married couples;
- : Those to be baptised this year, godparents, families & catechists;
- : Catenian Association;
- : Churches Together: Christian Unity;
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Richard Williamson whose Requiem Mass will take place Tuesday 7th January 11.00am at St. Joseph's.
Marguerite Tostevin whose Funeral Service will take place Wednesday 15th January 11.00am at Our Lady Star of the Sea.
May they Rest in Peace.+

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Peter Sprague, Michael Dene, Christopher Miller, Tim Ford, and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY

22nd December £3,180 & 29 December £3,089 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button). Thank you for your generosity!