

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



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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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

2nd February 2025

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory

Sat 1st February

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

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Giuseppe Molinari RIP

Sun 2nd Feb

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, feast

Office Proper

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Beryl Restori RIP

Music group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: Canon Gerard Hetherington G.E.

Sung/organ

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Eric & Gwena Gajewski RIP

ND 5.30 pm **Rosary**

Organ

ND 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish

Mon 3rd

St Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, memorial

St. J 7.30am Mass: Joaquina Da C. Ferreira RIP

OLSS 11.30 am **Rosary**

OLSS 12noon Mass: Shore Family (FM)

Tues 4th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Sylvia Gallienne RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Wed 5th

St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Bill Waldron RIP

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

Thur 6th

St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Francois & Ruth Le Cocq RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

St. J 12.45pm **Funeral Service:** Elizabeth Ogier

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Maria Josefa Reis Figueira RIP

Fri 7th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Mary de Cruz RIP

LP 11.00 am Mass: Auguste Tardivel, parents & brothers(FM)

CFP 7.30 pm **Rosary**

Sat 8th

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Special Intentions

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 9th Feb

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 1

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Irene & Charles Horan & Deceased
Members & Friends of Shaw Family

Music group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

Sung/organ

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Jean Savage RIP

ND 5.30 pm **Rosary**

Organ

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Welfare of Christians in the Holy Land

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



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PLENARY INDULGENCES

Throughout a Jubilee year the church offers the faithful the possibility of receiving the gift of a plenary indulgence, a remission of temporal punishment due to sins applicable either to themselves or those who have died. A Plenary indulgence is an opportunity for us to receive the mercy of the Lord, to draw closer to God and experience the joy of forgiveness.

In order to obtain a plenary indulgence, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

- The penitent must visit one of the shrine churches (St Joseph's is a shrine church)
- receive Sacramental confession and Holy Communion.
- They must also pray for the intentions of the pope and make a profession of faith by praying the creed.

A plenary indulgence may be obtained once a day. At the same time, the pilgrim must exclude all attachment to sin, including venial sin. These conditions must all be completed within several days of the shrine visit.



Live simply,
so that others
may
simply live

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 the 9.15am Mass in Our Lady Star of the Sea.

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 liturgy calls us all to God's service, for God and mankind. In this service we do not wish to stand out but to stand humbly before God and let His light shine through us."* Pope Benedict XVI

PRAYERS

For all the peoples of the Middle East and the peace of Jerusalem. Sunday 2nd February. Contact Maud for time & venue.

MEMORIAL OF ST BLAISE - MONDAY 3 FEBRUARY

St Blaise is the patron saint of sore throats, and one of the most popular saints of all time. A mother came to the Bishop, asking him to cure her son, who was choking on the fishbone, stuck in his throat. The Bishop saved the boy with his prayer and with the sign of the cross. On this day, many people receive a blessing of the throat. Two blessed candles (unlit!) are tied or held together in the form of a St Andrew's cross and applied to the throat, as the priest pronounces a special invocation to St Blaise, asking him to protect the individual from diseases of the throat.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer Group will be meeting in the Parish room at St Joseph's for praise, prayer and Bible sharing on Monday 3rd February at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

The course starts next week for young people in **Year 8 and above** who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in summer 2026, or just want a chance to have real and open conversations about life, faith and purpose. Sessions are weekly and include **food, fun, a short film and discussion** in small groups. **PARENTS** and other adults are also invited to come to the sessions, if they are able, for discussion in their own Alpha small groups (see below). Choose from either Tuesday (at Delancey) or Wednesday (at St Joseph's) 6:30pm-8:30pm, or Thursday lunchtime (at Blanchelande College). **Come and see** - there's no pressure, and no commitment for the first few weeks. Watch the trailer at Alpha.org/youth

Session 1: Welcome to the Conversation

Tue 11th Feb @ Delancey or Wed 12th Feb @ St Joseph's or Thurs 6th Feb @ Blanchelande
Contact Tom: youth@catholic.org.gg 07781 129310

ALPHA FOR ADULTS



Curious about faith? Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. At each Alpha session, you'll be hosted in a small group and watch an episode on a different question of faith – then you have a chance to share your thoughts and hear what others think. You can say anything you

like, or nothing at all. Everyone's welcome. You're invited, no matter your background or beliefs. It's free and there's no pressure to come back.

Starts Tue 11th Feb @ Delancey or Wed 12th Feb @ St Joseph's, both 6:30pm-8:30pm.

JESSIE ADELE DE GARIS - BLUE PLAQUE UNVEILING

Open invitation to parishioners who may have known Jessie or are interested in attending the unveiling of the plaque on Tuesday 11th February at 10.30am outside Floraville, which is next door to Vauvert School. Jessie was a devout Catholic who regularly attended Mass and was known to many parishioners. She is being honoured for her life and outstanding legacy to Guernsey particularly in the field of special educational needs. She was the headteacher of Valnord School for children with moderate learning difficulties, and was instrumental in the development of the subsequent special needs schools in the Island.

Tea/coffee will be served afterwards in Vauvert School.



Plan your purchases: Plan your weekly meals to make a supermarket shop less wasteful. Knowing exactly what you're going to eat can prevent the need to throw out gone-off produce.

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Les Adams Methodist church/Chaplaincy in Guernsey businesses.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Victims of Human Trafficking
- : The Sick and housebound of the Parish.
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Elizabeth Ogier Funeral Service Thursday 6th February 12.45pm at St. Josephs;

Bill Trubuil Requiem Mass Tuesday 11th February 11am Our Lady Star of the Sea Church;

Michael Carre Requiem Mass Wednesday 12th February 10.30am at St. Joseph's Church.

Frances Whitehead Funeral Service Friday 21st February 11.00am at St Joseph's. **May they Rest in Peace.+**

ANNIVERSARIES

Most Revd Derek Worlock, 5th Bishop of Portsmouth (1996), Canon Francis Philips, Sylvia Gallienne and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **May they Rest in Peace.+**

OFFERTORY

£3,508 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)
St John's Cathedral £1,094

DONA CONTACTLESS MACHINES

(Contactless Giving) If you would like to donate by card we now have DONA machines in each of our Churches. Machines are located in the church porch and in the parish office. For example: donations can be made for first and second Sunday collections; Candles; Repository purchases; and for Mass Offerings etc., Please select the option you want and then the amount you wish to donate. If you require assistance using the machine then please ask any member of the parish team who will be happy to help you. **Thank you for your continued support of the parish.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GIFTS

First Holy Communion Gifts can be purchased from the Repository at St. Joseph's Church.

NEWSLETTER

All items to be in please by Thursday lunchtime at the latest.