

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9th February 2025

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

In the Presence of the angels, I praise you, O Lord

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 6.00pm Mass: Welfare of Christians in the Holy Land

Mon 10th

St Scholastica, Virgin, memorial

St. J 7.30am Mass: Mary McDermott Wilson Intentions

OLSS 11.30 am **Rosary**

Tues 11th

OLSS 11.00am **Requiem Mass:** Bill Trubuil RIP

Wed 12th

St. J 10.30am **Requiem Mass:** Michael Carre RIP

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

Thur 13th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Living Members Hewlett & Brierley
families

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Fri 14th

ST CYRIL, Religious & ST METHIDIUS,

Bishop, Patrons of Europe, *feast*

LP 11.00 am Mass: Ann Carney

Please note time

St. J **6.00pm** Mass: Sister De Lourdes

CFP 7.30 pm **Rosary**

Sat 15th

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Elsie Martin

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Madeleine Hewlett

Sun 16th

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 2

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Irene Horan RIP

Music group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

Sung/organ

St. J 10.30 am Mass: John Bennialick RIP

ND 5.30 pm **Rosary**

Organ

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Teresa Marques, Manuel Coelho,
Eugenia Pombo & Adelino Diogo RIP

CFP - Centre for Peace

CAR PARK ARRANGEMENTS AT ST JOSEPH'S

The Church has now entered into a lease arrangement with Queen's Road Medical Practice (QRMP) whereby they will be renting a designated 10 tandem spaces at the rear of the church car park at La Couperderie during the week (7am-7pm) and on Saturday mornings until 1pm.

The agreement allows persons attending services or functions at St Joseph's Church to park motor vehicles within the designated parking spaces at QRMP only on a Sunday, Good Friday, Christmas Eve after 6.00pm or Christmas Day, and after 1.00pm on Saturdays, provided that at no time may such persons make any use of any area of land that is not a designated parking space.

Please note that the church now rents all the parking spaces along the West Wall of the car park from Monday to Saturday - the entire left hand side as you enter the car park through the arch.



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

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 10th February at 7.30pm. Tea and coffee available from 7pm
Everyone is welcome.

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.

UCM MEETING

The UCM meet on Tuesday 11th February in the parish room at 7pm for the Annual General Meeting; a raffle will also be held.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION starts this week for young people in **Year 8 and above** who would like 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 13th 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.

COFFEE MORNING – THIS WEDNESDAY

The next coffee morning will be on **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 12th**, and on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, in the parish room at St Joseph's. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am for coffee, cake and a chat. Everyone is welcome!

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Friday 14th February 11am (tea/coffee from 10.30am)
Venue Christine's house: christineguernsey2014@gmail.com or 259995 www.mothersprayers.org

ST VALENTINE'S TEA PARTY

The Parish Befrienders and Blanchelande College are hosting a St Valentine's Tea Party on Saturday 15th February from 2.30pm to 4.30pm in the school hall for senior parishioners who would enjoy a chance to catch up with old friends. The students are providing delicious refreshments as well as the chance to see some scenes from Oliver!, the musical that they are rehearsing. If you would like to come, or know someone who would, please contact Angela on 07781 112 221 or Meg on 252401 as soon as possible.

Lifts can be arranged.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION

The Catenian Association is a local organisation of Catholic men who meet regularly and raise funds for charitable purposes - for more information please contact our membership officer Ian Ross (ian.acacia@cwgsy.net)

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Vazon Elim Church/The Rock Community Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

: World day of prayer for the sick (11th Feb) Our Lady of Lourdes
: The people of Europe especially of Eastern Europe
: The Sick and housebound of the Parish.
: Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

William (Billy) 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.

Rachel Green Requiem Mass Monday 17th February 11am Our Lady Star of the Sea Church.

May they Rest in Peace.+

ANNIVERSARIES

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

May they Rest in Peace.+

OFFERTORY

£3,167 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)

WINGS, World In Need, collection Saturday 15th and Sunday 16th February.

Thank you all for your continued generous support and prayers. After the last collection we were able to send £545 each to the Bethlehem Children's Home and to CAFOD's Middle East Emergency Appeal.

The next collection will go to support the work of the Don Bosco Salesians in Liberia and Sierra Leone where they provide accommodation, meals, education and activities for the children in the poorest areas. WINGS became involved with this mission many years ago through the late Fr Charles Chauvel, a Guernsey man and a Salesian educator himself. **Thank you, your donations and prayers are invaluable.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) this year is on **FRIDAY 7th MARCH**. Afternoon service 2pm Forest Methodist church; evening service 7pm Salvation Army, L'Islet.

ST PATRICK'S PARISH SOCIAL EVENT

Saturday 15th March in St Mary & St Michael School Hall following the 6pm Mass. All are welcome!

