

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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 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



Live simply,  
 so that others  
 may  
 simply live

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

16th February 2025

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord**

Sat 15th	<b>St. J</b>	10.00 am	Mass: Elsie Martin
	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY</b>		
<i>Organ</i>	<b>OLSS</b>	6.00 pm	Mass: Madeleine Hewlett
<b>Sun 16th</b>	<b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	Psalter Week 2		
<i>Quiet Mass</i>	<b>St. J</b>	8.00 am	Mass: Irene Horan RIP
<i>Music group</i>	<b>OLSS</b>	9.15 am	Mass: People of the Parish
<i>Sung/organ</i>	<b>St. J</b>	10.30 am	Mass: John Bennialick RIP
	<b>ND</b>	5.30 pm	<b>Rosary</b>
<i>Organ</i>	<b>ND</b>	6.00 pm	Mass: Teresa Marques, Manuel Coelho, Eugenia Pombo & Adelino Diogo RIP
Mon 17th	<b>St. J</b>	7.30am	Mass: André & Pierre Hervé
	<b>OLSS</b>	11.00am	<b>Requiem Mass:</b> Rachel Green RIP
Tues 18th	<b>St. J</b>	9.30 am	Mass: Brenton Bray RIP
	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am</b>		
Wed 19th	<b>St. J</b>	9.30 am	Mass: Maud Blin
	<b>St J</b>	6.00 pm	Mass: Joan Alliss & Cindy GE (FM)
	<b>St. J</b>	7.00 pm	Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for <b>Vocations</b>
Thur 20th	<b>St. J</b>	9.30 am	Mass: Jose M Da Luz RIP
	<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am</b>		
	<b>OLSS</b>	6.00pm	Mass: Carmelita Palmeri RIP
Fri 21st	<b>St. J</b>	7.30am	Mass: James John Fattorini RIP (FM)
	<b>St J</b>	11.00am	<b>Funeral Service:</b> Frances Whitehead RIP
	<b>LP</b>	11.00 am	Mass: John McGivern RIP
	<b>CFP</b>	7.30 pm	<b>Rosary</b>
Sat 22nd	<b>THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, feast</b>		
	<b>St. J</b>	10.00 am	Mass: Liz Ogier RIP
	<b>OLSS</b>	11.00am	<b>Baptism:</b> Nancy Alfiya Keeble
	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY</b>		
<i>Organ</i>	<b>OLSS</b>	6.00 pm	Mass: Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP
<b>Sun 23rd</b>	<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>		
	Psalter Week 3		
<i>Quiet Mass</i>	<b>St. J</b>	8.00 am	Mass: Merrien & Le Tocq Families
<i>Music group</i>	<b>OLSS</b>	9.15 am	Mass: Marian Key RIP (FM)
<i>Sung/organ</i>	<b>St. J</b>	10.30 am	Mass: Bodil & Leslie de Cruz RIP (FM)
	<b>ND</b>	5.30 pm	<b>Rosary</b>
<i>Organ</i>	<b>ND</b>	6.00 pm	Mass: People of the Parish



CFP - Centre for Peace FM—Foundation Mass

**RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 16 February 2025**

Bishop Paul McAleenan, the Bishops' Conference Lead Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, has released a message for this year's Racial Justice Sunday: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday - a day in England and Wales to reflect on Racial Justice, pray for it and consider how we can ensure all God's people are treated equally and with respect. This is also a Year of Jubilee – a time to put things right, especially our relationship with God, with each other and with the earth. In 2025, we are called to be Pilgrims of Hope. It is an ideal time to think more deeply about racial justice in our schools, in our parishes and in our community, our society."

You can read the rest of the message on the *Portsmouth Diocese ENews*

## 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 on Monday 17th Feb at 7.30pm in the Parish room at St Joseph's for praise, prayer and Bible sharing. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** continues after half term 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** and fun;

Also 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](http://Alpha.org/youth)

**Session 3: What does real love look like?** Tue 4th March @ Delancey or Wed 5th March @ St Joseph's or Thurs 6th March @ Blanchelande Contact Tom: [youth@catholic.org.gg](mailto:youth@catholic.org.gg) 07781 129310

## ALPHA

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. Continues Tue 4th Mar @ Delancey or Wed 5th March @ St Joseph's, both 6:30pm–8:30pm (you're invited even if you missed the first two weeks)

## COFFEE MORNING



**The next coffee morning will be on WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26th**, and on every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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!

## CAR PARK 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.

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

"The future is in the hands of God, and better than that, it could not be."  
(Pier Giorgio Frassati)

## 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](mailto:ian.acacia@cwgsy.net))

## THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Care homes & Nursing homes: Residents and Staff.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

: Racial Justice  
: The priests no longer in active ministry  
: The Association of separated and divorced Catholics  
: The Catholic Social Workers Guild  
: Fairtrade Networks in the Diocese

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

**Francis Whitehead** Funeral service Friday 21st February 11am at St Josephs.

**May they Rest in Peace.+**

## ANNIVERSARIES

For all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**May they Rest in Peace.+**

## 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, and the service has been put together by the women of the Cook Islands, there will be two opportunities to attend this ecumenical service – an afternoon service 2pm Forest Methodist church evening service 7pm Salvation Army, L'Islet. Refreshments will be served after both services. Everyone is welcome.

### PRE-LENTEN GATHERING

With refreshments and nibbles following the 6pm Mass on Sunday 2nd March at Notre Dame. All in the parish are Welcome.

### ST PATRICK'S PARISH SOCIAL EVENT



Saturday 15th March  
In St Mary & St Michael School Hall following the 6pm Mass.  
More details to follow  
All are welcome!

### WINGS, World In Need, Retiring Collection

This weekends 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.**

### LE PLATON

**Results of the January draw**

1st **44** £100; 2nd **23** £50; 3rd **39** £25

### OFFERTORY

**£2783.00** (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)