

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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**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:**

**Saturday:**

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:**

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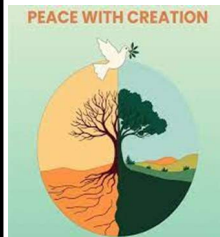
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**THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS**  
**14TH SEPTEMBER 2025**  
**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: NEVER FORGET THE DEEDS OF THE LORD!**

Sat 13th Sept	<b>ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM</b> , Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial	
	St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Lilian & John Renouf RIP
	St. J 1.00 pm	<b>Wedding:</b> Georgia Vermeulen & Callum Bennett
	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY</b>	
	OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Mary De Cruz RIP (FM)
Sun 14th Sept	<b>THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, feast</b>	
	St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Jean Ann Boyd RIP
	St. J 10.30 am	<b>Mass: Canon Chris Farewell Mass</b>
	ND 5.30pm	<b>Rosary</b>
	ND 6.00pm	Mass: Henri & Helene Guilamoto & Family (FM)
Mon 15th	<b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS, memorial</b>	
	St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Sister Dolores
	OLSS 11.30 am	<b>Rosary</b>
Tues 16th	<b>Ss Cornelius, Pope, &amp; Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs, memorial</b>	
	St. J 10.30 am	<b>Requiem Mass: Gloria Guillou</b>
Wed 17th	<b>BLC 9.30 am</b>	<b>Beginning of Term Mass (Seniors)</b>
	St. J 7.00 pm	<b>Parishioners welcome</b>
		<i>Exposition, Rosary &amp; Benediction for Vocations</i>
Thur 18th	St. J 9.30am	Mass: Caroline Richards for Good Health
Fri 19th	<b>No Mass today</b>	
	LP 11.00am	Mass: Kevin Northover
	CFP 7.30 pm	<b>Rosary</b>
Sat 20th Sept	<b>St. Andrew Kim Taegon, Priest, St Paul Chong Hasang &amp; Companions, Martyrs</b>	
	St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Paul Scambler & Family
	<b>FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY</b>	
	OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP
Sun 21st Sept	<b>TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter Week 1)</b>	
	St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Edmunda Leczyk RIP
	St. J 10.30am	<b>Season of Creation Mass</b>
	St. J 12 noon	<b>Baptism: Oscar Dacunha Pignatelli</b>
	ND 5.30pm	<b>Rosary</b>
	ND 6.00pm	Mass: Catherine & Gordon Tostevin RIP (FM)

CFP - Centre for Peace FM - Foundation Mass BLC - Blanchelande College



## SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation will be marked at Masses on the weekend 20th/21st September (evening Mass at Delancey and 10:30am at St Joseph's), with the theme being

**'Peace with Creation'**

Delancey Music Group and Andrew Warren will be playing the Saturday evening Mass at Delancey on the 20th.



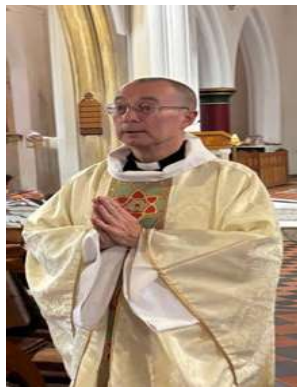
**so that others may simply live**

## 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

## FAREWELL TO CANON CHRIS

We say farewell to Canon Chris on Monday, Please join us in Prayer by thanking him for all he has done for us. His kindness has touched many of us and we thank you Canon Chris for everything. May God bless you with peace and happiness on this new Journey into your new Parish of Andover.  
**Dominus vobiscum!**



## 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 HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer Group will be meeting on Monday September 15th from 7.30pm - 9pm in the Parish room at St Joseph's. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. **Everyone is welcome!**

## CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY LIGHT EVENING MEAL

We will be having a Light evening meal in aid of Cafod Family Fast Day on Saturday October 4th, 7pm at St Mary & St Michael School Hall (after 6pm Mass). Soup and bread will be provided but you are invited to bring a light plate.

## GUERNSEY CHURCHES PRAYER BREAKFAST

An opportunity to join with other Christians from across the Island to ask God to renew the Church in Guernsey and to bless our wider community. Everyone is welcome to join us on Wednesday October 1st from 7am to 8am at Shiloh Church for coffee, worship and prayer. These gatherings will then take place on the first Wednesday of each month at the same time but in different locations. For more details please contact Jon Honour (Trinity Church) email: [jon@trinitygsy.org](mailto:jon@trinitygsy.org)

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Confirmation preparation starts in January for young people in Year 8 and above who would like to be confirmed this summer, or don't necessarily want to be confirmed but just want to explore more about their faith.

Contact Tom: [youth@catholic.org.gg](mailto:youth@catholic.org.gg) 07781 129310.



## Blanchelande College

**Blanchelande College Open Morning, Saturday 27th September (10 am - 12.30 pm). Come and visit Guernsey's Catholic independent school for boys and girls from age 2½ to 18. The Principal, Mrs Alexa Yeoman, will give a brief presentation at 10am, followed by guided tours. Prospective families and parishioners are most welcome. For enquiries contact Sonia Hollowell (Registrar) on 232744 or [hollowells@blanchelande.sch.gg](mailto:hollowells@blanchelande.sch.gg)**



## Catholic Primary School Registration

Parents are reminded that children due to start school in September 2026 must be registered between Friday 24th October 2025 and Thursday 4th December 2025. If your child is baptised, or due to be baptised, Catholic, they can be registered at either of our Catholic primary schools: Notre Dame du Rosaire or St Mary & St Michael. Please pop into the schools, or email the school office to request registration forms:

- Notre Dame du Rosaire: [ndp.office@education.gg](mailto:ndp.office@education.gg)
- St Mary & St Michael: [mmp.office@education.gg](mailto:mmp.office@education.gg)

Families are warmly welcome to arrange a tour of the school with our Executive Headteacher, Mrs Mary Robertshaw.

Please share this information with any families you know who have a child due to start school.

## THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for PACE/ Catholic Schools in Guernsey

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Lillian Woodall for good health  
Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care  
The Sick and housebound of the parish  
Teams of Our Lady  
All those who are struggling to find faith in god

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Gloria Guillou** whose Requiem Mass will be at St Josephs Tuesday 16th September 2025 at 10.30am  
**May She Rest In Peace. +**

## ANNIVERSARIES

**Catherine Tostevin**

and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.

**May They Rest In Peace. +**

**OFFERTORY: £3629.00** (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button

**Next weekends retiring Collection** will be for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (formally known as Home Mission Sunday) is observed annually on the third Sunday of September. It is a day dedicated to proclaiming the joyful message of the Gospel—a message that brings hope and transformation to all who receive it with an open heart. This year, the Church commemorates a significant milestone: the 1,700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This historic gathering of bishops laid the foundation for the creed we profess each Sunday, a creed that expresses the core of our faith and mission—to know and love God in this life, in order to be happy with Him forever in the next. The creed begins with the powerful declaration, “I believe,” which serves as the theme for Evangelii Gaudium Sunday 2025.

**Thank you for your continued generosity!**

Autumn 2025

# Bamenda Update



Thank you for your support

## Ongoing Political Crisis

The “Anglophone crisis” continues to impact the lives of people in Bamenda and across the north and West of Cameroon. We are in regular contact with the archdiocese including Father Bernardine Nsom who served in our diocese for ten years before returning home in 2022.

In his latest news, Fr. Bern told us that shootings, kidnappings, targeted killings and disappearances continue almost without pause. Mondays remain "ghost town" days as armed separatists enforce lockdowns of businesses and schools. Kidnapping for ransom is a real concern – in April a Mill Hill Missionary and his assistant were abducted.

For ordinary people life is a struggle – roadblocks impede the movement of produce to markets affecting both consumers and producers and people continue to move from the countryside seeking the relatively safety of the towns putting further pressure on already stretched schools and health services.

Despite these challenges the archdiocese continues to serve the spiritual and practical needs of the community, and your generosity is making a real difference.

## Education

Since July 2024 your generosity has enabled us to send our sister archdiocese over £130,000 to support seven projects. Here’s just some of the ways this is making a difference to people’s lives.



292 children - all either orphans or children of families forced to leave their home due to insecurity – are now attending school. Your generosity has met the costs of school fees and books for children who would otherwise miss out.

In June, work started on a much-needed new primary school in Fr Bern’s parish, Ntenefor. Funding for this project (£32,000) includes a very significant contribution from parishioners in Guernsey. The foundations have been started and we look forward to sharing details of the building work as it progresses.



## Health

The Archdiocese Health Services provide vital services for Catholics and non-Catholics across Bamenda. Parishioners across the Diocese have provided surgical equipment for the maternity ward of the archdiocese run St Blaise’s hospital. This equipment is helping women many with complex pregnancies – including those who have come from insecure rural areas in search of help – to deliver children safely.



Further health support is being given through developing the skills and confidence of over 30 community health workers who are providing basic health services in the more remote and inaccessible areas.

