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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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:
Name: CDP Guernsey
Sorting Code: 309304
Account number: 00879070

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FEBRUARY 1ST 2026
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

Sat 31st	**St. John Bosco, Founder, memorial**		
	St. J	10.00am	Mass: Sylvia & Harold Whitby RIP (FM)
	St. J	**10.30am**	**Rosary**
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Living Members of Hewlett & Brierley Families
Sun 1st Feb	**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week 4) (SEPTUAGESIMA)**		
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: Nati Breton RIP
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: Kayla Muller RIP
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Michael Driver RIP (FM)
	ND	5.30pm	**Rosary**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 2nd	**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEAST (Office Proper)**		
	St. J	7.30am	Mass: Mary De Cruz RIP
	OLSS	**11.30am**	**Rosary**
	OLSS	12noon	Mass: **Josefa Deis Figueria & All Family in Purgatory RIP**
Tues 3rd	**St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, memorial**		
	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Gloria Guillou RIP
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am		
Wed 4th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Rachel Green RIP
(New Time)	**St. J**	**6.30pm**	Mass: Visinhos Benecelao & Family in Purgatory
	St. J	7.00pm	Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations
Thur 5th	**St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial**		
	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Jean Savage RIP
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Private Intention
Fri 6th	**St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial**		
	St. J	7.30 am	Mass: Holy Souls (FM)
	LP	11.00am	Mass: Arlindo De Freitas & Filomena Rocha RIP
	CFP	7.30pm	**Rosary**
Sat 7th	**Our Lady on Saturday**		
	St. J	10.00am	Mass: Lillian Woodall RIP
	St. J	**10.30am**	**Rosary**
	OLSS	**2.00pm**	**Mass for the Young People**
			Mass Intention: Sister M de Sales RIP (FM)
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP
Sun 8th Feb	**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week 1)**		
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: Deceased Members Bott & Ferguson Families
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Deceased Members Lynch & Le Noury Families
	ND	5.30pm	**Rosary**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Mary Kelly RIP

CFP - Centre for Peace FM - Foundation Mass LP - Le Platon



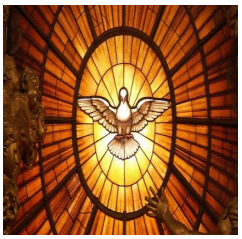
Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2026:

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to everybody, please do join us for Tea & Coffee after the **8.00am & 10.30am Masses in St Joseph's and after 9.15am Mass at OLSS.**



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Starts THIS WEEKEND for young people in Year 8 and above who would like receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer, 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. We start with Alpha Youth: watch the first episode at Alpha.org.uk/alphayouthseries. This year we have the opportunity to join other Guernsey Churches for a big Alpha Youth at St Martin's Community Centre on Sunday evenings for 7 weeks starting this **Sunday, 1st February,** 6:30pm–8:30pm. We will then continue with our own follow-up sessions after Easter. If you miss the first week it's fine to come along in week 2 - sign up at **orbitalyouth.com** and contact **Tom** – Tel: 07781 129310 / E-mail: youth@catholic.org.gg

BLESSING OF CANDLES - The Feast of Candelaria

Every year on February 2nd, the faithful gather to honor **Our Lady of Candelaria** on the feast of her namesake. We will be blessing the candles at **OLSS** at 12noon mass on Monday 2nd February.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer Group will be meeting on Monday February 2nd from 7.30pm – 8.30pm in the Parish room at St Joseph's. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. **Everyone is welcome!** For more information contact Frank on 07781 108394

FILIPINO MASS

On Sunday 8th February at 10.30am mass in St. Josephs we warmly welcome **'The Filipino Choir'** who will sing for us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteers Needed

Our parish is seeking new volunteers to help with the **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW).**

CLOW is an important ministry within the Mass, enabling our children to hear and reflect on the Word of God in a way that is appropriate to their age. It helps them to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to feel welcomed and valued within our parish community.

CLOW takes place after the opening prayer and returns before the offertory You do not need teaching experience to become involved. What matters most is a willingness to serve, a love for the faith, and a desire to help pass on the Gospel to our young people. Training, resources, and ongoing support are provided, and new volunteers are always supported by experienced leaders. All volunteers are required to have a DBS check, in accordance with safeguarding guidelines. The parish will provide help and guidance throughout the process, and we aim to make this as straightforward as possible.

This is a wonderful way to serve the parish and support families in passing on the faith

Whether you are able to help regularly or occasionally, your support would be greatly appreciated and would make a real difference.

Please pray about whether this ministry might be right for you If you would like more information or are interested in joining the team, please contact Marie at mariebanton22@gmail.com or the parish office Tel:720196

"Let the little children come to me" (Mathew 19:14)

HOLY MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2.00PM - DELANCEY

With great joy, I invite all young people and all parishioners of our parish to join us for a Special Mass for our Young People, with a special invitation extended to our Confirmation candidates,
First Holy Communion children, and their families.
This joyful celebration is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to gather in prayer, celebrate our faith, and encourage our young people as they continue to grow in the life of the Church.
Following the Holy Mass, everyone is warmly invited to continue the celebration with refreshments and soft drinks in the school hall.

Parishioners who would like to bring contributions are welcome to drop them off at the parish office or bring them along on the day. As you know, our young people especially enjoy cakes, biscuits, chocolates, and soft drinks.

Thank you for your generosity, encouragement, and continued prayers for our young people and our parish community. *Father Inna*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The parish will be running Stations of the cross during lent.
Starting Friday 20th February at 6pm in St. Josephs.
Notre Dame will be running stations of the Cross on Sundays at 5.30pm which will replace the Rosary during the season of Lent.
OLSS will be running stations of the cross on a Monday at 11.30am instead of the Rosary.

DIARY DATE: Lent 2026 Bible studies starts Tuesday 17th February online with Catholic speaker Mauro Lannicelli. Please visit **comeandsee.org/lent2026** for more information.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Les Adams Methodist Church/ Chaplaincy in Guernsey Businesses

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Racial Justice
Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
The Sick and housebound of the parish
For all struggling with addictions

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Sir Fabian Malbon
May He rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Rachel Green
and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May They Rest In Peace. +

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Thank you for your continued generosity!