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

Diocese of Portsmouth

Bishop Philip Egan

Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

Parochial Administrator & Acting Dean:
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Canon Gerard Hetherington KCHS

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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

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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

Lenten Reflections

Devote our hearts to Christ
Love one another
Prayer to be closer to Christ

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
15TH MARCH 2026
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT.

Sat 14th	**St. J**	10.00am	Mass: Maria & Gomes Life Intentions
	St. J	**10.30am**	**Rosary**
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Dec'd Members Priaulx Family
Sun 15th Mar	**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter week 4)**		
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: Phyllis Breban RIP
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: People of the Parish
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Francis Hollowell RIP (FM)
	ND	5.30pm	**Stations of the Cross**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Leonardo Alfonso Ruiz RIP
Mon 16th	**St. J**	7.30am	Mass: Maria Conceiçao Gomes Figueira
	BLC	9.30am	**Primary end of Term Mass** Holy Souls (FM)
	OLSS	**11.30am**	**Stations of the Cross**
	OLSS	12noon	Mass: Sister Mary Patricia RIP (FM)
Tues 17th	**ST PATRICK, BISHOP, FEAST**		
	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Maria, Steph & Paul Topley Intentions
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am		
Wed 18th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Shafia Ali Alshehry RIP
	St. J	6.30pm	Mass: Ananias Dos Reis Figueira RIP & All Family in Purgatory
	St. J	7.00pm	*Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations*
Thur 19th	**ST JOSEPH, Solemnity**		
	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Sister Joseph RIP
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Lillian Woodall RIP
Fri 20th	**St. J**	7.30 am	Mass: Maria Josefa Reis Figueira RIP & All Family in Purgatory
	LP	11.00am	Mass: Private Intention
	St. J	**6.00pm**	**Stations of the Cross (Led by The Catenians & Laudato Si)**
Sat 21st	**St. J**	10.00am	Mass: May McKeowen RIP
	St. J	**10.30am**	**Rosary**
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: James Tomlinson RIP
Sun 22nd Mar	**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter week 1)**		
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: Derrick Morris RIP
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Elsie Martin
	ND	5.30pm	**Stations of the Cross**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Henri & Helene Guilmoto RIP (FM)

FM - Foundation Mass **LP - Le Platon** **BLC - Blanchelande College**

MOTHERING - SUNDAY 15th March
Delancey Music Group are playing at 9.15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea
Allegro will be playing at 10.30am Mass in St. Josephs
The Parish Schola will be singing at Notre Dame 6pm mass

Saturday 28th March • St Joseph's • Reconciliation service

We will have individual confessions in preparation for Easter . We will begin with Holy Mass at **10.00am** followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Individual confessions. We are grateful to Canon Hetherington who has kindly offered to come and assist. This is a wonderful opportunity to encounter God's Mercy and deepen our relationship with '**HIM**' as we prepare to celebrate Easter. ***Father Inna***

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.**

LEGION OF MARY

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.

ROSARY

For the beatification of Edel Quinn (Legion of Mary) will take place at 2pm in St Joseph's parish room on Sunday 29th March. All are welcome.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday March 16th from 7.30pm – 8.30pm in the St Magloire Parish room at St Joseph's. Tea and coffee available from 7pm. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact Frank on 07781 108394.

LAUDATO SI GROUP

Will Meet Monday 16th March at 7.00pm in the St Yves Parish Room at St Joseph's. All Welcome!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS FROM OUR 3 CHURCHES

You are most welcome to help us out in St Joseph's Church for THE EASTER TRIDUUM services—on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. A special training session will be held in the lead up to Holy Week.

CARING FOR EX-OFFENDERS ANNUAL REPORT 2025

Copies of this Annual report are now available on the church noticeboards and show how the Charity is encouraging and assisting ex-offenders to make a new start and take their place in society after serving their sentence.

BLANCHELANDE COLLEGE

are seeking a dedicated Groundsperson and Minibus Driver to join their Estate team. For full details please contact Mrs Tracy Feehan, Principal's PA: **T:**237200 **Email** recruitment@blanchelande.sch.gg

THE GUERNSEY DAIRY 'MILK FOR SCHOOLS' INITIATIVE

Dear Parishioners, I am reaching out to our parish community to see if any local businesses or parishioners would consider establishing a community link to support our students.

We are looking for a sponsor to support the 'Milk for Schools' initiative for the coming year. A total of **£1,500** would provide fresh milk for the breakfast clubs at **both** of our schools.

Why your support matters:

Fuel for Learning: Many of our children rely on our breakfast clubs to start their day. This funding ensures every child - especially those from our most vulnerable families - is fuelled, focused, and ready to learn.

Health & Well-being: This initiative supports our curriculum by teaching children about healthy lifestyle choices and helps them regulate before the school day begins.

Community Investment: This is a tangible way for a local business to invest directly in the health of Guernsey's children and the business would be shared with all our parents.

If you own a business or know of an organisation that could help us reach this **£1,500 goal**, please contact me directly on mary.robertshaw@education.gg *Mary Robertshaw, Exec Head*

Thank you for your continued support of our Catholic schools.



ST PATRICK SOCIAL!

Celebrate Delancey's Irish roots and St Patrick! Saturday 21st March after evening Mass - about 7.15pm.
St Mary and St Michael school hall.
Music, dance, quizzes, soup, refreshments, drinks and good company.
Please bring a plate of food to share.

Family friendly! All are invited.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Mothering Sunday

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
All who are Sick and housebound in the parish
Our own Sisters of Mercy and all those in the Diocese
All those living with dementia, their families and carers

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May They rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Gerard Reeve, Mgr Canon Thomas Hickey, David O'Toole and All those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May they Rest In Peace. +

THE BIG LENT WALK

NOTRE DAME & ST MARY & ST MICHAEL SCHOOLS

Sponsored 'Walking for Water' for The Eleanor Foundation, a Guernsey based charity, which provides clean water and supports school communities in Tanzania. Scan QR code to donate or use link: https://giving.gg/donate/event/10250/Walk-for-Water--Guernsey-Catholic-Primary-Schools-Lenten-Challenge

HELEN WILLETT'S CAFOD WALK UPDATE

as of 11 March Helen had walked 119.8km and raised £605. She sends sincere thanks to all for their kind support. **CAFOD** has asked her to now increase her target to £750 ! To donate use the QR code or send a cheque payable to CAFOD to the Parish Office.

Scan the QR code to donate

LE PLATON MONTHLY DRAW

The Friends of Le Platon Lottery has taken place for the Month of February **(Results below)** If you wish to join the draw on a monthly basis it costs as little as £5 per month with a chance of winning £100, £50 or £25. Simply email: **secretary@leplatonhome.gg**

Results of the February draw

1st **10** £100; **2nd** **70** £50; **3rd** **40** £25

OFFERTORY: £3608.00 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button

This weekend's collection is for the Clergy Assistance Fund. This fund contributes to the work of the Department for Clergy Team, responsible for looking after the welfare, ongoing formation and personal support for our Clergy such as the provision of spiritual direction, counselling, appraisal, ongoing formation days, courses and sabbaticals. It looks after the junior clergy, the overseas clergy, and especially the retired clergy. **Thank you for your generosity!**