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

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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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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

Palm Sunday

Palms will be available in all our three Churches for blessing. You are most welcome to bring your own.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
22ND MARCH 2026
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: WITH THE LORD THERE IS MERCY, IN HIM IS PLENTIFUL REDEMPTION

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)
Mon 23rd	**St. J**	7.30am	Mass: Margarida Silva & All family in Purgatory RIP
	OLSS	**11.00am**	**St.MM School End of Term mass**
			Mass Intention: Fr William Kirk RIP (FM)
Tues 24th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Deceased Members of The Young & Luff Families
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am		
Wed 25th	**THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY**		
	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Carolyn Ford RIP
	BLC	10.00am	**Senior End of Term Mass**
			Mass Intention: Sister Mary De Sales RIP (FM)
	St. J	6.30pm	Mass: Legion of Mary
	St. J	7.00pm	*Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations*
Thur 26th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Alice Virginia Abreu & Bela Dos Anjos RIP
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am		
	OLSS	**11.00am**	**Notre Dame End of School Mass**
			Mass Intention: Sister Gabriel RIP (FM)
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Holy Souls
	St. J	**7.00pm**	**Lenten Talk - Professor Kevin Bales**
Fri 27th	**St. J**	7.30 am	Mass: All Abandoned Souls
	LP	11.00am	Mass: Private Intentions
	OLSS	2.00pm	**Funeral Service - Michael Bougeard**
	St. J	**6.00pm**	**Stations of the Cross**
			(Led by Delancey Music Group)
Sat 28th	**St. J**	10.00am	Mass: Pelos Vizinhos da Quinta RIP
			Reconciliation Service
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Kath Daley
Sun 29th Mar	**PALM SUNDAY of the Passion of The Lord (Psalter week 2)**		
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: People of the Parish
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: Manuel Mendes Serrão RIP
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Maria Tersigni
	ND	5.30pm	**Stations of the Cross**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Coquelin & Helmot Family (FM)

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

St Joseph's Church 2026 Lenten Talks
7pm – 8pm
Our final Lenten talk Thursday 26th March
Professor Kevin Bales
'Friends of God and Slaves of Men'
Religion and Slavery
Please Make Every Effort to Attend



Holy Thursday
7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper **(SJ)**

Good Friday
10.00am Stations of the Cross **(SJ) (OLSS) (ND)**
3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lords Passion **(SJ)**

Holy Saturday
11.00am Święconka - Blessing of Easter Baskets **(SJ)**
8.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter **(SJ)**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord
(SJ) 8.00am, 10.30am **(OLSS)** 10.00am **(ND)** 8.30am

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.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday March 23rd 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 For more information contact Frank on 07781 108394.

COFFEE MORNING – THIS WEDNESDAY – MARCH 25th.

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for tea/coffee and cake on Wednesday MARCH 25th and on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am.
Everyone is welcome!

ATTENTION ALTAR SERVERS FROM OUR 3 CHURCHES

A special training session will be held on Wednesday 1st April at 4pm in St. Josephs Church to practice for THE **EASTER TRIDUUM** services on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

HEARTFELT THANKS

The children and staff of St Mary & St Michael and Notre Dame Catholic Primary School would like to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful parish community. Within just 24 hours, we had received all the funding needed for our Milk for Schools initiative - you are all so very generous.
Your kindness will make a real difference to our children each day. Thank you to our wonderful parish.

A message from The Holy Family Children's Home in Bethlehem "During this season of Lent, a time of prayer, conversion, and hope, we turn to you with trust and heartfelt gratitude. Amid the difficult and exceptional circumstances that our Holy Land is going through, the situation has sadly worsened with the resumption of the war yesterday.
The sounds, the anxieties, and the direct impact on the local population have renewed the distress and insecurity of many families. This new escalation deeply affects our daily life and that of the children entrusted to us, as well as the work of the Crèche, which depends largely on your faithful generosity."
You can see the full newsletter in our church porches. If you would like to donate then please send to the Parish Office.
And continue to pray for peace and justice. Many Thanks..

CONFESSIONS FOR EASTER



As we prepare for our parish reconciliation service for Easter, I understand that some of you may be busy or unavailable on the scheduled day. However, I warmly encourage each of you not to miss this beautiful opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we enter into this meaningful celebration of Easter.
With this in mind, we have arranged several additional opportunities for confession, and we are also always available by appointment.

Saturday 21st
10:30am – 11:30am **(St. Joseph's)**
5:30pm – 5:50pm **(Our Lady Star of the Sea)**

Sunday 22nd
5:30pm – 5:50pm **(Notre Dame)**

Tuesday 24th
10:00am – 10:30am **(St. Joseph's)**

Wednesday 25th
7:00pm – 8:00pm **(St. Joseph's)**

Thursday 26th
10:00am – 10:30am **(St. Joseph's)**

As already announced, on the **28th we will begin with Holy Mass at 10:00am**, followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual confessions

I sincerely invite you to take advantage of these opportunities so that we may prepare our hearts well and celebrate Easter with joy and peace. **Many Thanks, Father Inna**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
All who are Sick and housebound in the parish

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Michael Bougeard whose Funeral service will be on Friday 27th March at 2pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea.
May he rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Carol Patch
and All those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May they Rest In Peace.

THE BIG LENT WALK

HELEN WILLETT'S CAFOD WALK UPDATE

Scan the QR code to donate

As of 20th March I have walked 180km with only 20km to go Raised £690 so only £60 short of my target. Any further donations during the last two weeks of Lent, no matter how small, will make a world of difference to the work of CAFOD.
Sincere thanks Helen. **To donate use the QR code or send a cheque payable to CAFOD to the Parish Office.**

OFFERTORY: £3514.00 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button **Clergy Assistance Fund: £1036.00**
Thank you for your continued generosity!