

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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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

30TH NOVEMBER 2025

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: TO YOU, O' LORD, I LIFT UP MY SOUL

Sat 29th

Our Lady On Saturday

St. J 10.00am Mass: Bridie Harnden RIP

St. J 10.30am **Rosary**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Bridie Drainey RIP

Sun 30th Nov

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (PSALTER WEEK 1)

St. J 8.00am Mass: Deceased Convent Benefactors

OLSS 9.15am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30am Mass: James Driver RIP (FM)

ND 5.30pm **Rosary**

ND 6.00pm Mass: For the intentions of the Simon Family

Mon 1st Dec

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Sister Goretti RIP

OLSS 11.30am **Rosary**

OLSS 12noon Mass: Private Intentions

OLSS **7.00pm The way of the Nativity by Candlelight Service**

Tues 2nd

St. J 9.30am Mass: Maria, Paul & Steph Topley & Family Intentions

Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am

Wed 3rd

St Francis Xavier, Priest, memorial

St. J 9.30am Mass: Margarida Silva & All Family in purgatory

St. J 6.00 pm Mass: James Mullan RIP

St. J 7.00pm **Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations**

Thur 4th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Private Intentions

Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Jean & John Forman for good health

Fri 5th

St. J 7.30am Mass: James Mullan RIP

LP 11.00am Mass: Isilda Barros & all family in purgatory

CFP 7.30pm **Rosary**

Sat 6th

St. J 10.00am Mass: Dan Bougourd RIP

St. J 10.30am **Rosary**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 7th Dec

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (PSALTER WEEK 2)

St. J 8.00am Mass: Merrien & Le Tocq Families

OLSS 9.15am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30am Mass: Jean Savage RIP

ND 5.30pm **Rosary**

ND 6.00pm Mass: Canon Bourde De La Rogerie RIP (FM)

CFP - Centre for Peace FM - Foundation Mass



Final Reminder.

The Way of the Nativity by Candle light

An Advent service of Readings, Prayer and Reflection

Followed by Mince Pies & Hot Drinks

Our Lady Star of the Sea

This Monday December 1st 7pm

Advent is a time of *preparation* and it is important that Christ should be at the centre of our journey towards Christmas. To be ready for him we have to prepare ourselves.

This will be an ideal way to step aside and accompany Christ to the crib.

Do make an effort to attend.

MINCE PIES REQUIRED

Would you be willing to provide a few mince pies for the Parish Advent service tomorrow Monday Dec 1st ? If so please contact Sandy on 07781 193673 or bring them along on the night.



We are working towards the **Live Simply award**



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Wednesday 24th December

St Joseph	5.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
OLSS	6.30pm	Christmas Carols
OLSS	7.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
St Joseph	8.40pm	Christmas Carols
St Joseph	9.00pm	Mass during the Night

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Thursday 25th December

Notre Dame	8.00am	Mass at Dawn
OLSS	10.00am	Mass during the Day
St Joseph	10.30am	Mass during the Day

(No Evening Mass)

Friday 26th December - ST STEPHEN

St Joseph	10.00am	Mass for all Altar Servers
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CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Saturday 20th December 10am Mass St Joseph's followed by exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and individual confessions.

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 after **9.15am Mass at OLSS**.

LEGION OF MARY

The Legion will be meeting **This** Saturday 29th November. New members are always welcome.

ERNIE'S ANGELS CHRISTMAS SALE & WAYAYA JAM SALE

This Sunday 30th November after 10.30am mass in the Parish room there will be Christmas Crafts and gifts sale available. Wayaya will also be doing a jam sale

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

There will be **NO PRAYER GROUP MEETING** at St Joseph's on Monday December 1st. Instead we will be attending the Advent service at Delancey with the rest of the parish community.

Join Us for a Heart-Warming Parish Carol Service!

Thursday 18th December • 7pm • St Joseph's

Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas with carols, community, and Christ at the centre. After the service, enjoy festive mulled wine and mince pies! A new parish tradition.

This year we are supporting the Meningitis Research Foundation (Guernsey). Two incredibly brave mums will share their deeply moving stories of love and loss a reminder of why this cause matters so much.

Christmas Craft Stall: Beautiful homemade decorations available to buy
Save the date

We'd love to see you there! Please invite someone along. Anyone who loves the message of Christmas and the sanctity of life must come!

The Rite of Acceptance and Welcome

We warmly welcome at the 10.30am Mass this morning, together with their sponsors;

Charlie Glover, Thomas McConnell, Francisco Rega, Christina Kennedy, Steven Savident, Alfonso Moniz, Sara Fernandes, Carl Jackson, Francisco Moniz and Vanessa Guerreiro.

Today's Rite of Welcome and Acceptance is the first landmark on their journey of discernment towards full communion into the Catholic Church. This will take place at the Easter vigil 2026 through Baptism and Confirmation or just confirmation for those already baptized.

Please make them especially welcome

WAYAYA

Charity Jam sales in aid of Wayaya. Sunday December 14th at Delancey & Sunday December 21st at St Josephs. Tony & Marian support 6 Zambian children with the support of many parishioners and others. The money raised from the jam sale will go towards a planned visit to Guernsey for the young people.

DIY NATIVITY SERVICE - Our Lady Star of the Sea

20th December @ 2pm All are welcome to join us for a DIY Nativity Service. Children can come dressed up as stable animals, camels, shepherds and angels. We will also have costumes you can borrow (**please come early to try these on**). We will be singing some carols accompanied by our wonderful music group with refreshments in the hall afterwards.

CONGRATULATIONS

Warm congratulations to Margaret & Frank Cusack who celebrate their 57th Wedding Anniversary this Sunday 30th November. Thank you for everything you do for the parish. Love and prayers to you both. May god bless and guide you both.

HEARTFELT THANKS

Thank you so much to the Befrienders for speaking so well at all masses last weekend. We thank you all for everything you do for the parish. Anyone wishing more information please do contact the Parish office in the first instance.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
The Sick and housebound of the parish
Les Cotils Retreat & Conference Centre
Children in the diocese
All religious orders which formerly served in the diocese
Persecuted Christians around the world.
Gary Van Der Linden for healing

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Lillian Woodall - Daughter of Mark & Christine, Sister of William & Grand-daughter of Bryan & Anne Mauger
Paul Le Marquand
May They rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald Cale, Maria Dambrosio
and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May they Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY: £3116.00 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button. **This weekends second collection is for the Guild of St. Joseph** who assist with any pressing needs for individuals and families in the parish and wider community – particularly at this time of year!
Thank you for your continued generosity!