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

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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

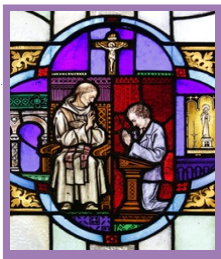
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:
Name: CDP Guernsey
Sorting Code: 309304
Account number: 00879070

2nd Sunday of advent - PEACE
'Peace be with you '

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
7TH DECEMBER 2025
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: IN HIS DAYS SHALL JUSTICE FLOURISH, AND GREAT PEACE FOREVER.

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)
Mon 8th	**THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Joint/ Principal Patron of the Diocese, solemnity**		
	St. J	7.30 am	Mass: Gerard Drainey RIP
	BLC	**10.00am**	**Senior School End of Term Mass (Mass Intention:** Ronald Roberts RIP)
	OLSS	**11.30am**	**No Rosary today**
	OLSS	12noon	Mass: Ronald Roberts RIP
Tues 9th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Neil Welsh RIP
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am		
Wed 10th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Sister Frances RIP
	St. J	6.00 pm	Mass: Neil Welsh RIP
	St. J	7.00pm	*Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations*
Thur 11th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Mary McDermott
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Ronald Roberts RIP
Fri 12th	**St. J**	7.30am	Mass: Joao Gomes, Joao Se Prao RIP & All family in Purgatory
	LP	11.00am	Mass: Denise Campbell
	CFP	7.30pm	**Rosary**
Sat 13th	**St. Lucy,** Virgin, Martyr, memorial		
	St. J	10.00am	Mass: Pauline Tostevin RIP
	St. J	10.30am	**Rosary**
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP
Sun 14th Dec	**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ('Gaudete') (PSALTER WEEK 3)**		
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: Richard Merrien & Family (FM)
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: People of the Parish
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Maria M Da Luz RIP
	ND	5.30pm	**Rosary**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Harry Gilbey RIP

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



Saturday 20th December • 10am • St Joseph's

We will have individual confessions in preparation for Christmas. We will begin with Holy Mass 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 the Birth of our Saviour. Let us make the most of this Grace-filled moment as we prepare our hearts for Christmas. May this sacred time bring peace and joy to each of us and to our parish community. - **Father Inna**

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD - Wednesday 24th December

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

Saturday 27th December - ST JOHN

St Joseph	10.00am	Closing mass of The Jubilee year

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

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 December 8th from 7.30pm - 9pm 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

UCM

The UCM will be holding their Annual Christmas Party on December 9th at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We will be joined by Scottish Dancers so come along Ladies and Strut your stuff. There will also be a raffle.

COFFEE MORNING – THIS WEDNESDAY – DECEMBER 10th.

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for tea/coffee and cake on Wednesday December 10th and on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am. **The VIDEO SERIES ON MARY** has had to be postponed and will now start on Wednesday January 14th

WAYAYA - Charity Jam sales in aid of Wayaya.
Delancey - Sunday December 14th
St Josephs - Sunday December 21st
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.

WITH DEEPEST THANKS

Advent Service

Thank you to all who attended and supported this year's advent service and assisted in so many ways.

Mince Pies

A big thank you also to all who so generously brought along delicious mince pies for our get together after the service. They were greatly appreciated and very much enjoyed by all.

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Thank you so much to the **UCM** for speaking so beautifully at The masses last weekend.
We are so grateful to all of you thank you+

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).

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.

DIARY DATE - Guernsey Choral & Orchestral Society **Christmas concerts** at St. James Concert Hall - 7.30pm Saturday & Sunday 19th/20th December. Posters on Noticeboards in all Churches.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for United Reform Church, St. Saviour/ Mill Street Community Cafe

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

The Holy Father (Ordained priest 13.12.1969)
Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
The Sick and housebound of the parish
University Chaplains in the Diocese
Persecuted Christians around the world.
Gary Van Der Linden for healing
Peace "Dear Jesus, you entered our world on Christmas as the Prince of Peace. This Advent, as we strive to become the best version of ourselves, fill us with a deep and abiding peace. Help us share that peace with everyone we encounter, especially those who need it most. Amen." **Matthew 5:9**: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Neil Welsh
May he rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Jacqueline McMillan, Harry Gilbey
and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May they Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY: £3393.00 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button. **The Guild of St. Joseph: £939.00**
Next weekends second Collection is for Flowers to decorate our churches for Christmas.
Thank you for your continued generosity!