

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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Diocese of Portsmouth

Bishop Philip Egan

Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

Parochial Administrator & Acting Dean:

Fr Inna Reddy Gade (Day off Tuesday)

Assistant Priests:

Fr Benedict Ndikum (Day off Friday)

Alderney

Priest in Charge: Fr Paul Dzwig

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Canon Gerard Hetherington KCHS

Deacon: Rev Mark Leightley

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

Parish Office: Closed 24th Dec - 5th Jan

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CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays:

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

THE MESSENGER

Please take home THE MESSENGER as it covers two weekends 27/28th December and 3rd/4th January 2026

HOLIDAY

The Parish Office will be closed until Monday 5th January 2026.

All urgent calls will be answered so please leave a message.



The Stain glass window in the Lady Chapel at St Joseph & St Mary, Guernsey.

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us in our churches

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Fr Inna, Father Benedict and Deacon Mark along with Canon Hetherington wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and very prosperous New year.

THANK YOU all, from the bottom of my heart, for your generous gifts, kind cards, and heartfelt wishes and above all, for everything you are to our parish. Words are truly not enough to express how grateful I am for all that you do. Without your constant help and support, we could not move forward as a community.

Our churches are beautiful, and we are blessed with meaningful, prayerful liturgies because of your dedication. So many of you serve quietly behind the scenes, offering your time and effort without seeking recognition. Our parish simply would not be what it is without your generous hearts. You give your time, your talents, and your love so freely to our parish, and this is a true blessing for all of us. I am deeply thankful for your dedication, your sacrifices, and your unwavering love for our church community.

May God bless you and your families abundantly and reward you for every act of kindness and love you have shared with our parish. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Canon Hetherington for his availability to listen to our confessions. His continued support, guidance, and pastoral care are deeply appreciated. With Heartfelt thanks and prayers for you all - **Father Inna**

CHRISTMAS MASS COLLECTIONS

Are for the **personal use of our priests** and form a substantial part of their income. Please remember our priests and if you can give your usual offering for them this will be most gratefully appreciated. **Thank you**

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE PRIESTS

Dona Machines in all three Churches - Christmas for Priests : **Online** by debit or credit card at catholic.org.gg/donate :**By cheque:** payee 'CDP Guernsey' (mark reverse Christmas offering) **Online banking:** please ensure that, for this particular payment only, it is referenced **PRIESTS : Parish Bank account details:** CDP Guernsey
Sorting Code: 309304 Account number: 00879070



THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH
28th December 2025
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Blessed are all who fear the LORD, and walk in his ways.

Sat 27th	ST JOHN, Apostle, Evangelist, feast
St. J 10.00am	Closing Mass of Jubilee - In Thanksgiving Mass Intention: Rodulfo, Edgar, Erlinda & Winifred Huiso RIP
St. J 10.30am	Rosary
OLSS 6.00 pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mass: Deceased Members Hewlett & Brierley Families
Sun 28th Dec	THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, Feast (Office Proper)
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: People of the Parish
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: Jim Young RIP
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Maria M D Luz RIP
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	Mass: Moira Hearne RIP
Mon 29th	ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY, FEAST
St. J 7.30 am	Mass: The Le Prevost Family (FM)
OLSS 11.30 am	Rosary
OLSS 12 noon	Mass: Rachel Green RIP
Tue 30th	
St. J 9.30 am	Christmas Mass of the Legion of Mary <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am</i>
Wed 31st	
St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Da Luz Family Intentions
St. J 6.00 pm	Mass: Louis Eugene Fossey RIP (FM)
Thur 1st Jan 26	MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity
St J 10.00am	Mass: Callum Marr
Fri 2nd	Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors of the Church, Memorial
St. J 7.30 am	Mass: James John Fattorini RIP (FM)
LP 11.00am	Mass: Paul Le Marquand RIP
CFP 7.30pm	Rosary
Sat 3rd	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS
St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Maura Lees RIP(FM)
St. J 10.30 am	Rosary

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY
4th January 2026
RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
The Word became Flesh and dwelt among us.

Sat 3rd (CONT)	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
OLSS 6.00 pm	Mass: Peter Murphy RIP
Sun 4th Jan	SECOND SUNDAY after THE NATIVITY
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Deceased Sisters Alderney
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: Helene Guilimoto RIP
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Jean Savage RIP
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 5th	
St. J 7.30am	Mass: Deacon Mark
OLSS 11.30am	Rosary
OLSS 12noon	Mass: Lee Family G/E
St. J 6.00pm	Vigil Mass: Shore Family (FM)
Tues 6th	THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity
St. J 7.00 am	Mass: Auguste Tardivel & parents & brothers (FM)
* St. J 9.30am	Mass: Mary De Cruz RIP
* OLSS 11.00am	Mass: Theresa Young
Wed 7th	
St. J 9.30 am	Mass: Eric & Gwenoefa Gajewski RIP
Thur 8th	St. J 9.30am Mass: Dennis Bougourd RIP <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am</i>
OLSS 6.00pm	Mass: Angela Meadowcroft RIP
Fri 9th	St. J 7.30am Mass: Cathy Greening LP 11.00 am Mass: Peter Campbell RIP CFP 7.30pm Rosary
Sat 10th	
St. J 10.00 am	Mass: Barry & Teresa Despres RIP
OLSS 6.00 pm	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY Mass: Dec'd Members of the Welling Family
Sun 11th Jan	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, FEAST
St. J 8.00 am	Mass: Marie McDonald RIP
OLSS 9.15 am	Mass: People of the Parish
St. J 10.30 am	Mass: Irene Tersigni RIP
ND 5.30 pm	Rosary
ND 6.00 pm	Michael Flynn G/E
FM - Foundation Mass LP Le Platon * Children in Attendance	

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will be having an evening of ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT on **MONDAY DECEMBER 29th** from 7.30-9.00pm and then on the following last Monday of every month. This will be in the Parish room at St Joseph's. There will be some hymns followed by silent 'Adoration'. Prayer ministry will be available for anyone who would like individual prayer. Tea and coffee will be available from 7pm. **EVERYONE is welcome**, either for the whole evening or for part of the time.

The Holy Spirit prayer Group will be meeting on Monday January 5th 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.

A BIG THANK YOU

A huge Thank you to all who support the Food Bank with Such generosity. It is much needed and greatly appreciated. There will be no collections now until January 4th 2026. - **Deacon Mark**

PASTORAL LETTER - THE HOLY YEAR CLOSSES TODAY

Bishop Philip's letter will be read out at all Masses this Weekend. Copies will be available in the Church Porch and on the Website.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : For God's blessing on the New Year
- : Christian Communities in the Holy Land : All the sick of the Parish
- : Alpha and Café Courses
- : Altar Servers & the Archconfraternity of St Stephen
- : All child victims of war, terrorism, violence
- : Parish Safeguarding Representatives in thanks for blessings of the year.
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

OFFERTORY

21st December £3437.00 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **CRIB OFFERINGS**

The Offerings at the Cribs are for Christian Communities Struggling in The Holy Land via The Friends of The Holy land *Please visit www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/christmas to donate.*