

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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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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Closed Wednesdays

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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



Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Holy Spirit. John 3:5

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, FEAST
JANUARY 11TH 2026

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD WILL BLESS HIS PEOPLE WITH PEACE

Sat 10th	St. J	10.00am	Mass: Barry & Teresa Despres RIP
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Dec'd Members of the Welling Family
Sun 11th Jan	THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, FEAST (Office Proper)		✠
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: Marie McDonald RIP
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: People of the Parish
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Irene Tersigni RIP
	ND	5.30pm	Rosary
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Michael Flynn G/E
Mon 12th	BEGINNING OF ORDINARY TIME - Cycle 2 (Psalter week 1)		
	St. J	7.30 am	Mass: Peter Campbell RIP
	OLSS	11.30am	Rosary
	OLSS	12noon	Mass: Phil Kelly & Rosie Keegan RIP
Tues 13th	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Bela Isousa, Alice Abreu & All Family in Purgatory
			Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am
Wed 14th	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Pauline Tostevin RIP
	St. J	6.00pm	Mass: Michael Paul RIP
	St. J	7.00pm	Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations
Thur 15th	St. J	9.30am	Mass: Margarida Silva & All Family in Purgatory
			Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Catherine Smith RIP
Fri 16th	St. J	7.30 am	Mass: Jim Mooney RIP
	LP	11.00am	Mass: Lillian Woodall RIP
	CFP	7.30pm	Rosary
Sat 17th	St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot, memorial		
	St. J	10.00am	Mass: Merrien & Le Tocq Families
	St. J	10.30am	Rosary
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Bill Trubuil RIP
Sun 18th Jan	SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week 2)		✠
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: Lillian Woodall RIP
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: People of the Parish
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Frank O'Neill Intentions
	ND	5.30pm	Rosary
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Kelly Family RIP

CFP - Centre for Peace FM - Foundation Mass LP - Le Platon



Live Simply so that others may simply live

WELCOME

A warm welcome and a Happy New Year to everybody

Tea & Coffee is available 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 prayer Group will be meeting on Monday January 12th 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 meeting on Tuesday January 13th at 7pm in the parish room. It will be a **knit** and a **Natter**. There will also be a raffle. **New members are most welcome.**

COFFEE MORNING – THIS WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 14th.

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for tea/coffee and cake on Wednesday JANUARY 14th and on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am.

The VIDEO SERIES ON MARY will take place in the St Yves room from 11am-12noon. Come for a cup of coffee first, or just come along at 11am for the video session.

LET IT BE – a 5 session video series about Mary

Starting Wednesday January 14th This CaFE (Catholic faith exploration) course on how Mary helps us to be filled with God will be shown in the St Yves room at St Joseph's from 11-12 am on the coffee morning days (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) starting on Wednesday January 14th. Come and have a cup of tea/coffee first at the coffee morning or just come along at 11am for the video sessions. Everyone is welcome!

GODLY PLAY NETWORK

The Guernsey Godly Play Network will meet on **Thursday 15th January 7:30 -9:00** at Our Lady Star of the Sea. We will be sharing a story called The Circle of the Church Year, and also exploring the resources in the new Godly Play room. All very welcome, whether you're new to Godly Play or already use it. We'll have a full session to explore the story and then a chance to have a chat to ask questions, hear what people have been trying etc.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Starts soon for young people in **Year 8 and above** who would like receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this summer, or just want a chance to have real and open conversations about life, faith and purpose. Sessions are weekly and include **food, fun**, a short **film** and **discussion** in small groups. We start with **Alpha Youth**, a series which explores life, faith and meaning. Each episode looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation. It's for anyone who has questions. There's no pressure, and no commitment so come along to one of the first few sessions see what it's all about. Watch the first episode at **Alpha.org.uk/alphayouthseries** This year we have the opportunity to join other Guernsey churches for a big Alpha Youth at St Martin's Community Centre on **Sunday evenings for 7 weeks starting 1st February, 6:30–8:30pm.** To sign up visit **orbitalyouth.com** and also contact Tom to let him know you've done so (**details below**). We will then continue with our own follow-up sessions after Easter. We can also put on sessions on Tuesday evenings (at Delancey), Wednesday evenings (at St Joseph's), or a lunchtime or after school session at Blanchelande for anyone who can't do Sunday evenings or would prefer a quieter environment.

Contact Tom if you're interested in this youth@catholic.org.gg **07781 129310.**

TO ALL CHURCH VOLUNTEERS

Changes have been made to the Disclosure and Barring Services Update Service (DBS), to which many volunteers already subscribe. To keep DBS Certificates up to date the Update Service are sending emails to volunteers 30 days before their certificates are due for renewal, dates are based on your joining date. This email will ask volunteers to access their Update Service Account and confirm. In preparation for this change DBS advises volunteers to check that the email address attached to their subscription is the correct email address. For those who confirm, this request will be repeated annually. If no confirmation is made, their volunteer subscription will automatically be cancelled. Volunteers who do not renew their subscription will not be able to keep their DBS certificate(s) up to date and organisations will not be able to check them. They will need to reapply for a DBS as per a new applicant if they need one in the future. It is the policy of the Catholic Church to renew DBS checks every 3 years, this is a separate requirement to that of the DBS in renewing the Update Service subscription on an annual basis.

Please do check your emails as they may automatically go into your junk or Scam mailbox, your DBS Certificate is personal to you, so if you have a query you can ring the DBS on 0300 020 0190 or enquires to www.gov.uk Click for Update Service.

Thank you.

HEATING IN ST.JOSEPHS

We have adjusted the temperatures in St. Josephs. Please may all doors be closed to keep the warmth in thank you so much.

WELCOMERS NEEDED

The 10.30 mass at St. Josephs is seeking new welcomers if you do have any spare time and would like to help please contact Frank & Margaret Cusack on 07781 423548

WAYAYA

Tony and Marian Falla and Linda Fermont wish to thank all the amazing parishoners who bought jams, jellies or chutneys from one of the 5 jam sales this year. Your generosity has raised a staggering £930.20 for the Wayaya charity.

THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH!!

NEWSLETTER ENTRIES

Have you got something you would like to share with the parish community? If so let us share the good news on our weekly newsletter. All entries to be in by Thursday Lunchtime. Pop into the parish office or email on us **office@catholic.org.gg**

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

World Peace

Those to be baptised this year, their godparents, families and catechists.

Engaged and Married Couples: Churches Together

Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care

The Sick and housebound of the parish

Catenian Association: All affected by Storm Goretti

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May They rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill Trubuil, Fr Peter Sprague (2011)

and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.

May They Rest In Peace. +

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Thank you for your continued generosity!