

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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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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25TH 2026

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY SALVATION

Sat 24th	St. Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, memorial
St. J	10.00am Mass: Phyllis Breban RIP
St. J	10.30am Rosary

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 25th Jan **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week 3)**

St. J 8.00am Mass: Lillian Woodall RIP

OLSS 9.15am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30am Mass: Terry Carter RIP

St. J 12noon **Baptism: Ayrton Elmettouri-Allan**

ND 5.30pm **Rosary**

ND 6.00pm Mass: Ann Martin RIP



Mon 26th **St. Timothy, Bishop, Martyr & St Titus, Bishop, Memorial**

St. J 7.30am Mass: Niall O'Neill RIP

OLSS 11.30am **Rosary**

OLSS 12noon Mass: Giuseppe Molinari RIP

Tues 27th St. J 9.30am Mass: Margarida Silva & Maria Santos RIP

Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am

Wed 28th **St Thomas Aquinas, Religious, Doctor of the Church, memorial**

St. J 9.30am Mass: Blessed Virgin Mary

LF 12.00noon **Funeral Service: Maria Breton**

St. J 6.00pm Mass: Private Intentions

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

Thur 29th St. J 9.30am Mass: All Holy souls in reparation & Thanks

Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: The Holy soul near to go to heaven

Fri 30th St. J 7.30 am Mass: Holy Souls

LP 11.00am Mass: Margarida Silva & All Family in Purgatory RIP

CFP 7.30pm **Rosary**

Sat 31st **St. John Bosco, Founder, memorial**

St. J 10.00am Mass: Sylvia & Harold Whitby RIP (FM)

St. J 10.30am **Rosary**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Living Members of Hewlett & Brierley Families

Sun 1st Feb **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week 4)**

St. J 8.00am Mass: Nati Breton RIP

OLSS 9.15am Mass: Kayla Muller RIP

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

ND 5.30pm **Rosary**

ND 6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

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



HOLY MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2.00PM - DELANCEY

With great joy, I invite all young people and all parishioners of our parish to join us for a Special Mass for our Young People, with a special invitation extended to our Confirmation candidates,

First Holy Communion children, and their families. This joyful celebration is a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to gather in prayer, celebrate our faith, and encourage our young people as they continue to grow in the life of the Church. Following the Holy Mass, everyone is warmly invited to continue the celebration with refreshments and soft drinks in the school hall. Parishioners who would like to bring contributions are welcome to drop them off at the parish office or bring them along on the day. As you know, our young people especially enjoy cakes, biscuits, chocolates, and soft drinks.

Thank you for your generosity, encouragement, and continued prayers for our young people and our parish community. *Father Inna*



Live Simply so that others may simply live

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.**

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.

ROSARY

For the beatification of Edel Quinn (**Legion of Mary**) will take place at 2pm in St Joseph's parish room **This** Sunday 25th January

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will be having an evening of ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT on MONDAY JANUARY 26th from 7.30-8.30pm in the Parish room at St Joseph's. Tea and coffee is available from 7pm. There will be some hymns followed by silent 'Adoration'. Prayer ministry will also be available. If you need prayer for anything at all, this is an opportunity to come and receive prayer. EVERYONE is welcome, either for the whole evening or for part of the time.

COFFEE MORNING – THIS WEDNESDAY – JANUARY 28th.

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for tea/coffee and cake on Wednesday JANUARY 28th and on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am.

LET IT BE

A 5 session video series about Mary – Session 2 is on Wednesday January 28th. This CaFE (Catholic faith exploration) course on how Mary helps us to be filled with God will be shown in the Parish room at St Joseph's from 11am-12 on the coffee morning days (2nd and 4th Wednesdays). Come for a cup of coffee first, or just come along at 11am for the video session. It doesn't matter if you missed the 1st session – everyone is welcome!

CANDLEMAS TEA PARTY

The Parish Befrienders and Blanchelande College are hosting a Candlemas Tea Party on **Saturday 31st January** from 2.30pm - 4pm in the hall at Blanchelande College. This is for the Less able, Housebound & Elderly Parishioners who would enjoy a chance to catch up with old friends. The students are providing & serving delicious refreshments. If you would like to come or know someone who would please contact **Angela** on 07781 112221 or **Meg** on 252401. **Lifts can also be arranged.**

CONGRATULATIONS

To Martha Mollet & Mariana Jorge who received their Bronze altar servers medals on St. Stephens day. Thank you to you both.



Blanchelande College

CATERING ASSISTANT

The College seeks to appoint an enthusiastic Catering Assistant to join our catering team helping to serve students from our food truck.

Closing Date – Friday 30th January 2026 If you have any further questions or need any clarification,

please contact the Principal's P.A.
Mrs Tracy Feehan.

Tel: 01481 237200

Email: feehant@blanchelande.sch.gg

St Joseph's Church 2026 Lenten Talks Diary Dates

It seems that no sooner do we leave Christmas behind us then lent looms up in front of us. To once again help us on our journey St Josephs will be hosting a series of Lenten talks. An inspiring list of speakers have been lined up with more details to follow.

Meanwhile please make a note of the dates.
February 26th, March 11th and March 26th

All talks will commence at 7pm and finish at 8pm.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St Joseph's church.
Ayrton Elmettouri - Allan
Please remember him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

READERS ROTA FOR ST JOSEPH AND ST MARY

The new readers rota for St Joseph and St Mary for the period 8th February to 29th March 2026, will be available in the sacristy, please collect after Mass. It will also be on the website next week.

MISSIO VOLUNTEER

We are looking for a parishioner who could kindly give up some time to help with the Missio Red boxes. If you could help then please do contact the parish office for more information at office@catholic.org.gg Thank you so much.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Sunday of the Word of God

(Let the word of Christ dwell among you." Colossians 3:16)

Religious teaching orders in the church
Staff and Students In Higher Education

For those who devise special liturgies for use in our churches
Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
The Sick and housebound of the parish

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Maria Breton whose Funeral service will be at Le Foulon on Wednesday 28th January at 12.00noon
May She rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Francis Whitehead

and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.

May They Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY: £3346.00 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button.

Thank you for all your kind donations at the Cribs - **£810.00** has been forwarded to the Friends of the Holyland .

This Weekends Second Collection is for The Cathedral

(from Canon James McAuley) In recent years, the amount raised has been declining. The cathedral is situated in the most deprived part of the diocese, and the weekly collection in the last financial year covered only just over half of our ordinary running costs of £5,000 per week.

Please support the mother church of our diocese. Thank you.

Thank you for your continued generosity!