

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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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 1ST 2026

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT; FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

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) (SEPTUAGESIMA)

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

Mon 2nd

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, FEAST (Office Proper)

St. J 7.30am Mass: Mary De Cruz RIP

OLSS 11.30am Rosary

OLSS 12noon Mass: Josefa Deis Figueria & All Family in Purgatory RIP

Tues 3rd

St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr, memorial

St. J 9.30am Mass: Gloria Guillou RIP

Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am

Wed 4th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Rachel Green RIP

(New Time) St. J 6.30pm Mass: Visinhos Benecelao & Family in Purgatory

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

Thur 5th

St. Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, memorial

St. J 9.30am Mass: Jean Savage RIP

Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Private Intention

Fri 6th

St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, memorial

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Holy Souls (FM)

LP 11.00am Mass: Arlindo De Freitas & Filomena Rocha RIP

CFP 7.30pm Rosary

Sat 7th

Our Lady on Saturday

St. J 10.00am Mass: Lillian Woodall RIP

St. J 10.30am Rosary

OLSS 2.00pm Mass for the Young People

Mass Intention: Sister M de Sales RIP (FM)

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 8th Feb

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Psalter week 1)

St. J 8.00am Mass: People of the Parish

OLSS 9.15am Mass: Deceased Members Bott & Ferguson Families

St. J 10.30am Mass: Deceased Members Lynch & Le Noury Families

ND 5.30pm Rosary

ND 6.00pm Mass: Mary Kelly RIP

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

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2026:

For children with incurable diseases.

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.



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.**



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Starts THIS WEEKEND 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: 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 this **Sunday, 1st February**, 6:30pm–8:30pm. We will then continue with our own follow-up sessions after Easter. If you miss the first week it's fine to come along in week 2 - sign up at orbitalyouth.com and contact **Tom** – Tel: 07781 129310 / E-mail: youth@catholic.org.gg

BLESSING OF CANDLES - The Feast of Candelaria

Every year on February 2nd, the faithful gather to honor **Our Lady of Candelaria** on the feast of her namesake. We will be blessing the candles at **OLSS** at 12noon mass on Monday 2nd February.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer Group will be meeting on Monday February 2nd from 7.30pm – 8.30pm 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

FILIPINO MASS

On Sunday 8th February at 10.30am mass in St. Josephs we warmly welcome **'The Filipino Choir'** who will sing for us.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Volunteers Needed

Our parish is seeking new volunteers to help with the **Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW).**

CLOW is an important ministry within the Mass, enabling our children to hear and reflect on the Word of God in a way that is appropriate to their age. It helps them to deepen their relationship with Jesus and to feel welcomed and valued within our parish community.

CLOW takes place after the opening prayer and returns before the offertory You do not need teaching experience to become involved. What matters most is a willingness to serve, a love for the faith, and a desire to help pass on the Gospel to our young people. Training, resources, and ongoing support are provided, and new volunteers are always supported by experienced leaders. All volunteers are required to have a DBS check, in accordance with safeguarding guidelines. The parish will provide help and guidance throughout the process, and we aim to make this as straightforward as possible.

This is a wonderful way to serve the parish and support families in passing on the faith

Whether you are able to help regularly or occasionally, your support would be greatly appreciated and would make a real difference.

Please pray about whether this ministry might be right for you. If you would like more information or are interested in joining the team, please contact Marie at marieanton22@gmail.com or the parish office Tel: 720196

"Let the little children come to me" (Mathew 19:14)

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The parish will be running Stations of the cross during lent.

Starting Friday 20th February at 6pm in St. Josephs.

Notre Dame will be running stations of the Cross on Sundays at 5.30pm which will replace the Rosary during the season of Lent.

OLSS will be running stations of the cross on a Monday at 11.30am instead of the Rosary.

DIARY DATE: Lent 2026 Bible studies starts Tuesday 17th February online with Catholic speaker Mauro Lannicelli. Please visit comeandsee.org/lent2026 for more information.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Les Adams Methodist Church/Chaplaincy in Guernsey Businesses

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Racial Justice

Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care

The Sick and housebound of the parish

For all struggling with addictions

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Sir Fabian Malbon

May He rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Rachel Green

and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.

May They Rest In Peace. +

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Thank you for your continued generosity!