

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

Parochial Administrator & Acting Dean:

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Alderney

Priest in Charge: Fr Paul Dzwig

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Priest in Retirement:

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 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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22ND 2026

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: HAVE MERCY ON US, O' LORD FOR WE HAVE SINNED.

Sat 21st	St. J 10.00am	Mass: Frank & Mary Doherty RIP
	St. J 10.30am	Rosary
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY	
	OLSS 6.00pm	Mass: Bodil & Leslie de Cruz RIP (FM)
Sun 22nd Feb	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter week 1)	
	St. J 8.00am	Mass: Merrien & Le Tocq Families
	OLSS 9.15am	Mass: Rachel Green RIP
	St. J 10.30am	Mass: Miriam Bousfield RIP (FM)
	ND 5.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	ND 6.00pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 23rd	St. J 7.30am	Mass: Marian Key RIP (FM)
	OLSS 11.30am	Stations of the Cross
	OLSS 12noon	Mass: Ann Martin RIP
Tues 24th	St. J 9.30am	Mass: Guy Trimbee & Family for good health
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am	
Wed 25th	St. J 9.30am	Mass: Carmelita Palmeri RIP
	St. A 12noon	Mass: Forgotten Priests (FM)
	St. J 6.30pm	Mass: Holy souls (FM)
	St. J 7.00pm	Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations
Thur 26th	St. J 9.30am	Mass: Michael Marshall RIP (FM)
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30 am	
	OLSS 6.00pm	Mass: Lillian Woodall RIP
	St. J 7.00pm	Lenten Talk with Deacon Mark
Fri 27th	St. J 7.30 am	Mass: Countess Elizabeth Blucher RIP (FM)
	LP 11.00am	Mass: Joan Alliss & Cindy GE (FM)
	St. J 6.00pm	Stations of the Cross
		(Led by Holy Spirit Prayer Group)
	CFP 7.30pm	Rosary
Sat 28th	St. J 10.00am	Mass: Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP
	St. J 10.30am	Rosary
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY	
	OLSS 6.00pm	Mass: Deceased Members of Hewlett & Brierley Families
Sun 1st Mar	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (Psalter week 2)	
	St. J 8.00am	Mass: Sheila Plant RIP
	OLSS 9.15am	Mass: People of the Parish
	St. J 10.30am	Mass: Mario Tersigni RIP
	ND 5.30pm	Stations of the Cross
	ND 6.00pm	Mass: Odette Honey RIP (FM)
	CFP - Centre for Peace FM - Foundation Mass LP - Le Platon	
	St. A - St Apolline Chapel	



St Joseph's Church 2026 Lenten Talks

7pm - 8pm

This Thursday February 26th we have our first Lenten talk

'Walking Quietly Through a Noisy World'
It will be given by Deacon Mark

All welcome to attend and why not bring a friend?



Live Simply so that others may simply live

St Joseph's Church 2026 Lenten Talks

An Invitation to Keeping a Holy Lent

Each evening will commence at
7pm and finish at 8pm

We are pleased to announce this year's speakers

February 26th Deacon Mark

'Walking Quietly Through a Noisy World'

March 11th Rt Rev Nick Drayson

'The Desert Mothers and Fathers ... Heroes of Faith'

March 26th Professor Kevin Bales

*'Friends of God and Slaves of Men'...
Religion and Slavery*

All are welcome do make every effort to come along

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.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit Prayer Group will be having an evening of **ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT** on **MONDAY FEBRUARY 23rd** 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 – FEBRUARY 25th.

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for tea/coffee and cake on Wednesday FEBRUARY 25th and on every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am. Everyone is welcome!

LET IT BE – VIDEO SERIES ON MARY– Session 4 is on WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 25th. 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 previous sessions – **everyone is welcome!**

Are you following the Catholic Church in Guernsey on Facebook? If not, make this Lent the perfect time to join us. Discover devotionals, online Masses, and thoughtful reflections to nourish your spiritual life throughout the season, all coming straight from Guernsey!

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THE BIG LENT WALK

I will be taking part in the Big Lent Walk this year, committing to walk 200 km over the Lent period — that's 5 km each day.

I'm taking part in order to help raise funds for our brothers and sisters in Christ who are living without access to fresh, clean water.

If you would like to support this worthy cause, please use the QR code provided, or donations can be sent to the Parish Office marked "Helen Willetts – The Big Lent Walk."

Cheques payee is CAFOD.

Please be assured of my prayers in thanks for your generosity. - Helen Willetts



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LOST

One of our parishioners has lost a Sunday Missal after 10.30am mass last Sunday please if you find it could you let the parish office know. Thank you so much.

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

A Young French Lady is looking for accommodation for 6 months from Mid - March if possible near town as she will be working at Hauteville House. She is willing to pay rent. Please contact the Parish office if you can help. No DBS checks provided.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for New Life Church/ The Rock \Community

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

The Holy Father

The Grace to keep a good Lent: Those who do not believe in God
Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
All who are Sick and housebound in the parish
Candidates for the Sacraments: Diocesan Spiritual Formation Team
All Parish/community pastoral councils

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

May they rest in peace +

ANNIVERSARIES

Ann Martin, Miriam Bousfield, Gisele Inder
and All those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May They Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY: £3360.00 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button - **WINGS: £592.00**

CAFOD Family Fast Day

Next weekend, 1st March there will be collections after Mass for the CAFOD Lent Appeal. The Gospel calls us to love our neighbour. By giving what you can, you join in Christ's compassion and help another family put food on the table. Your donation can help families around the world grow food in difficult conditions – such as on flood-resistant floating gardens or using solar-powered water pumps in times of drought. You can also donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. **Your generosity and prayers are greatly appreciated. Thank you.**

Thank you for your continued generosity!