THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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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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CONFESSIONS:
Friday: After 7.30am Mass
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

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them
Matthew 18:20

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
18TH OCTOBER 2026
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: ASCRIBE TO THE LORD GLORY AND POWER.

Sat 17th	**ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR, MEMORIAL**		
	St. J	10.00am	Mass: Decima White RIP (FM)
	St. J	10.30am	**Rosary**
	OLSS	12.30pm	**Wedding:** Simon Florance & Sharnna Bunyan
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: Louise McKenna RIP
Sun 18th Oct	**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK 1)**		
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: Tia Maria Tu Agostinho, João Manuel RIP
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: People of the Parish
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Carol Tersigni RIP †
	ND	5.30pm	**Rosary**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Rev Auguste Boone RIP (FM)
Mon 19th	**St. J**	7.30am	Mass: Seymour Le Marchant (FM)
	OLSS	11.30am	**Rosary**
	OLSS	12noon	Mass: Eileen Ennis RIP
Tues 20th	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Snr Julieta & All family in Purgatory
			Mass: John Hickey (FM)
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am		
Wed 21st	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Private Intentions
	St. J	6.30pm	Mass: Agnes Maud Hickey (FM)
	St. J	7.00pm	*Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations*
Thur 22nd	**St. J**	9.30am	Mass: Joseite Schueller & Fred Hitchon RIP
	Exposition of the blessed sacrament until 10.30am		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: O' Connor Family (FM)
Fri 23rd	**DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER AND REPARATION FOR LIFE**		
	St. J	7.30am	Mass: Birthday – Chukwufumnanya Eugene
	LP	11.00am	Mass: Holy Souls
	CFP	7.30pm	**Rosary**
Sat 24th	**OUR LADY ON SATURDAY**		
	Guernsey & Sark: St Magloire, Bishop, memorial		
	St. J	10.00am	Mass: Esther O'Connor (FM)
	St. J	10.30am	**Rosary**
	OLSS	2.30pm	**The Annual Service of Healing and Blessing**
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY		
	OLSS	6.00pm	Mass: People of the Parish
Sun 25th Oct	**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (PSALTER WEEK 2)**		†
	St. J	8.00am	Mass: For the Souls in Purgatory
	OLSS	9.15am	Mass: William Judd RIP (FM)
	St. J	10.30am	Mass: Lawrence & Phyllis Troalic RIP (FM)
	ND	5.30pm	**Rosary**
	ND	6.00pm	Mass: Alfie Hollowell

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

Enrolment for Our Catholic Primary Schools – September 2027

Have you applied for your child's Reception place yet?
Next **Friday** is the deadline. To find out more please contact
ndp.office@education.gg mmp.office@education.gg

The Annual Service of Healing and Blessing

is on Saturday 24th October at 2.30pm at Our Lady Star of the Sea followed by light refreshments in the Alzheimer's Centre next door.
If you would like to take part in this beautiful service and need a lift to get there, please contact Angela on 07781 112 221 or Meg 252401 as soon as possible.
Everyone is welcome.

WELCOME

A warm welcome to everybody, please do join us for Tea & Coffee after the **8.00am & 10.30am mass in St Joseph's and after 9.15am Mass at OLSS.**

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit charismatic Prayer Group will be meeting on Monday October 19th 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

LAUDATO Si'

Will meet on Monday 19th October from 7pm in the St. Yves parish room. Please do join us, you are all welcome.

ROSARY

For the beatification of Edel Quinn (Legion of Mary) will take place at 2.30pm in St Joseph's parish room on Sunday 25th October

DIARY DATE A service For Our Blessed Mother Mary, Saturday 31st October - The Little Chapel - 2pm **More details to follow.**

ALTAR SERVERS FROM ALL THREE CHURCHES

Father Marcin would like all the Altar servers from all three churches to attend a meeting at St. Josephs church on Saturday 7th November at 2pm. Thank you so much for all you do.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Menus are now available

Sunday 6th December - Les Rocquettes Hotel, 12.30pm. We ask that all those attending have their menus handed into the parish office by Sunday 22nd November latest please. A raffle will also take place. Please if anyone can donate a prize it would be very much appreciated, these can be left at the parish office.

BIBLE ALIVE & DAY BY DAY BOOKS

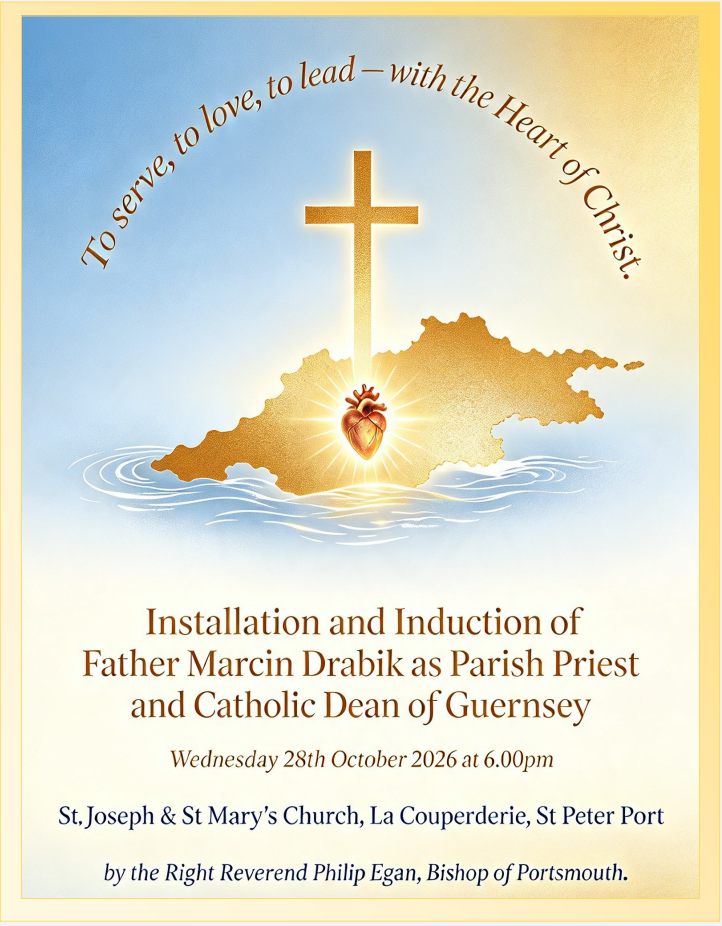
The new Nov/Dec double edition bible alive and November day by day is now in the box at the repository in St Joseph's Church. Payment can be placed in the money box on the wall in the church porch or by using the Dona Machines.

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. We recommend writing the date of your renewal on a calendar or dairy.

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.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

Our Holy Father 'Pope Leo' for healing
Le Platon Home & all in residential & Nursing Care
All who are Sick and housebound in the parish
Hospital Chaplains in the Diocese
All Doctors, Surgeons, Nurses & Healthcare staff
All Artists, architects, craftsmen and designers working for the Church

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Janet Carnachan whose funeral service will be at St. Josephs Church on Tuesday 27th October at 1pm
and all those whose anniversaries occur around now.
May they Rest In Peace. +

LE PLATON

Results of the September draw
1st 94 £100; **2nd 16** £50; **3rd 03** £25

OFFERTORY: £3551.00 (Inc standing orders and donations through the website and Dona card machines)
Attendance numbers: **576**

Sunday 18 October – Today is World Mission Sunday
Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. The Holy Father has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, united in mission' to celebrate 100 years of World Mission Sunday and encourages us to unite with missionaries as they strive to reach out with God's love to communities in need. Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. **To donate**, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit **missio.org.uk** to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.
You can also scan the **QR** code

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Our Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ, Dear Friends, Our Dear Parishioners and warmly welcomed visitors,

There is a story from the early Church about a great bishop who was asked: "Which is the most important ministry in the diocese?" Some said preaching, some said the altar, others said caring for the poor. But the bishop smiled and said: "The most important ministry is the one at the door. Because before anyone can be fed, taught, or healed — they must first feel welcome. And the person who welcomes them stands in God's own place."

That is exactly what so many of You do for our parish family. You are that first face of Christ that people meet. You make strangers into friends, and visitors into family. You open not just a door — but a home. Thank You, all our welcomers, for your warm smiles, your gentle care, and the quiet, beautiful dignity with which You welcome everyone who walks through our doors. You are the first sermon many people will ever hear — and it is always a beautiful one.

To all who care for our churches — those who clean, arrange flowers, and keep our sacred spaces beautiful and prayerful week after week — your talents, your care, and your quiet devotion transform our houses of stone into homes of welcome, worship and peace. And a special thank You to Cynthia and Christopher, who marked their 60th wedding anniversary by generously gifting those beautiful flowers to St Joseph and St Mary's Church — what a wonderful way to share your joy with us all.

A special word of gratitude to Tom, our Youth Worker, and all who have helped with the new sound system in St Joseph and St Mary's Church. How wonderful it is that the Word of God may now be heard clearly by more people! Every word matters — especially God's Word — and your care in making this possible is truly a gift to our whole community. May we also remember to pray and sing wholeheartedly always— your voices rising together are the most beautiful sound of all!

It was such a joy to meet with the UCM (Union of Catholic Mothers) last week — your warmth, your faith, and your dedication to our families are such a blessing. And thank You, Deacon Mark, for that beautiful meditation and reflection on the Fifth Joyful Mystery — finding Jesus in the Temple. What a powerful moment for all of us!

Please keep in your prayers our five new RCIA candidates — who began their journey of faith last week! What courage, what enthusiasm, what a gift to us all. If anyone else is considering exploring the Catholic faith or discerning this journey, please know You are still very welcome to join us at any time. It is never too late — come and see, and walk this path with us. Thank You also to those who so faithfully organize and lead these meetings — your service bears beautiful fruit.

I am also deeply grateful to have been welcomed into the history and fellowship of the Guernsey Deportees Association, through our dear Jill. What a vital and precious part of our island story. We must never forget, and we must always cherish and remind the memory of those times and those people. Thank You for entrusting that history to our care. And finally, to our Pastoral Council — thank You for your wisdom, your creativity, and your heart for this Parish. Our meeting last Thursday was filled with hope, thoughtful conversation, good decisions and genuine care for the future of our community. It is a blessing to walk this journey with You.



Now a time for a car with a Story — A Fiat Panda, Parish car driven by our Dear Father Inna. There is a beautiful tradition in the Church: the things that have been used in holy service carry a quiet blessing with them. We are offering for sale the Fiat Panda 4x4 that belonged to our much-loved and deeply missed Father Inna. For many years, this little car carried him faithfully — up hills and down lanes, to sickbeds and celebrations, to visit the lonely and comfort the sorrowing. It became almost an extension of his gentle, pastoral heart. It is exceptionally well-kept with a low mileage — a sturdy, faithful little car, just like the man who drove it. For anyone who loved Father Inna and would cherish having a small, precious reminder of him, this offers a truly special opportunity. It would be wonderful if it could continue to be loved and used by any of the parishioners. If You are interested, please contact the parish office — the fair market valuation is available there, and every enquiry is most welcome.



Thinking of a Pilgrimage to Poland in late September 2027?

Many of You have mentioned how You would love to visit Poland — my beloved homeland — but the thought of organising it feels daunting. For many years, I led pilgrimages across Europe, and I always believed: a pilgrimage is not just about seeing places — it is about seeing them together, through the eyes of faith. So I would love to know: would You be interested in a parish pilgrimage to Poland next, late September 2027? We would travel by coach — not rushing but journeying together. We would take the scenic route: through France and Belgium, across Germany, and into Poland — visiting sacred places, quiet shrines, and beautiful towns that no ordinary tour bus ever finds. Then we would return home by a different route, so every day would be something new and wonderful.

It would be a time of prayer, friendship, discovery, and deep joy — seeing the treasures of faith with someone who knows them by heart. But to make this possible, we need at least 40–45 people interested. So please — if this speaks to your heart — simply let me know. There is no commitment yet — just a wonderful dream we can build together.

A Very Special Invitation — My Installation as Your Parish Priest

It is with great joy and a humble heart that I invite each and every one of You to the Mass of Installation and Induction, when Bishop Philip Egan will formally receive me as your Parish Priest and Catholic Dean of Guernsey - **Wednesday, 28 October 2026** (Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles) at 6:00 pm, at St Joseph and St Mary's Church, La Couperderie, St Peter Port

Please come — not as guests, but as Family. Your presence would be the greatest gift I could receive. Let us begin this new chapter together, in faith and in love.

Preparing for November —Remembering Our Beloved Dead

As we will approach November soon, the month when the Church prays in a special way for all our faithful departed, we would like to share our plans:

• Mass and Blessing of the Graves at Le Foulon Cemetery — We will celebrate Holy Mass at Le Foulon Cemetery, followed by the individual blessing of each grave. It would be on **Monday 2nd Nov**.

• Blessing of Graves throughout November — If You would like us to visit and bless a grave in any of our other island cemeteries during November, please simply get in touch with the parish office. We will be very happy to come and pray with You and offer this blessing whenever we are invited.

Throughout November, we will also have our November List, so simply, please write the names (PRINT) of your Beloved deceased, and have the opportunity to have the names of your loved ones remembered and read at Holy Mass, in the Holy Rosary, and in the Divine Mercy Chaplet during November. Pass it to the Office in the envelope.



With our love, our prayers, and our gratitude -

Fr Marcin & Fr Benedict