

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

Dean and Parish Priest:

Canon Christopher Rutledge KHS (Day off Tuesday)

Assistant Priests:

Fr Inna Reddy Gade (Day off Friday)

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

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VESPERS

Sunday 4.30pm at St Joseph's Church

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays:

St Joseph 10.30am-11.00am(Except 8th June)

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



Live simply,
so that others may
simply live

CORPUS CHRISTI (The Body and Blood of Christ)

2 June 2024

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name.

Sat 1st June

St Justin, Martyr, Memorial

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Maud Blin in Thanksgiving

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Mary & James Bastick RIP (FM)

Sun 2nd June

CORPUS CHRISTI [The Body and Blood of Christ], Solemnity †

Office Proper

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Irene & Charles Horan RIP & Deceased members & friends of Shaw family

Music Group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: Ananias dos Reis Figuera RIP

Organ

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Carol Tersigni RIP

St. J 12 noon **Baptism:** Rafael Richard Silvester

NO SUNG EVENING PRAYER TODAY

Organ

ND 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish

Mon 3rd June

St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs, memorial

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Rozalina RIP

OLSS 11.30am **Rosary**

OLSS 12noon Mass: Daniel Trubuil

Tues 4th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Kevin Norman RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Wed 5th

St Boniface, Religious, Bishop & Martyr, memorial

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Holy Souls

St. J 6.00 pm Mass: Canon Hetherington

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

Thur 6th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Steve & Catia Pickering & family

St. J 11.00am **Funeral Service:** Bertram Enevoldsen

OLSS 6.00pm Mass: Theresa Young

Fri 7th

THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS, solemnity (Office Proper)

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Katy Elizabeth Bennington RIP (FM)

LP 11.00 am Mass: Marie Maclure RIP

CFP 7.30 pm **Rosary**

Sat 8th June

The Immaculate Heart of Mary, memorial

St. J 10.00 am **Mass: First Holy Communion**

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Mary Tomlinson RIP

Sun 9th June

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME †

Psalter Week 2

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: John & Marie Leach RIP (FM)

Music Group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: Agostinho de Abreu RIP

Allegro

St. J 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 4.30pm Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction

Organ

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Mara Beatriz Gonçalves RIP

FM - Foundation Mass **CFP** - Centre For Peace

THE SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI

On this feast day, we give special thanks and praise to God for the sublime gift of His Body and Blood that Christ left us at the Last Supper.

The Eucharist is the living memorial of His passion, death and resurrection, which brings us its sacrificial and saving power until the end of time.

It is the great Sacrament by which we encounter the living and risen Christ and receive strength in holiness so that all peoples may come to walk in the light of one faith in one communion of love.

It is the sacred banquet in which all are fed at God's table and grow into the holiness and likeness of the risen Christ.

WELCOME



A warm welcome to all visitors who join us this week. Tea & Coffee are available after the **8.00am and 10.30am Masses** in St. Joseph's Parish Room and the **9.15am Mass** at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 3rd June at 7.30pm in the St Magloire parish room at St Joseph's; teas/coffee available from 7pm. For more information please call Frank on 07781 108394. All welcome!

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

Meet at Centre for Peace on Tuesday 4th June at 7pm.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS

A small selection of First Holy Communion cards and gifts are now available in St Joseph's repository.

CONCERT IN AID OF LES BOURGS HOSPICE

This will take place at the Town Church on 14th June - doors open at 6.30pm for a 7.00pm start. Favourite songs by Purcell, Barber, Handel, Elgar and many more.

READERS ROTAS FOR ST JOSEPH'S

for the period 16 June to 4th August will be available in the Sacristy folder and on the website. The Eucharistic Ministers rota will follow in due course.

GUERNSEY CARING FOR EX-OFFENDERS - Activities Worker

An exciting opportunity has arisen to work part-time (18hrs per week) at our Activities Centre, 'The Caves', in St Peter Port. Hours will be set over 3 days per week with some flexibility necessary in order to cover for holidays and other planned absences. Annual Leave: 5 weeks plus bank holidays (pro-rata) For a full role description, please visit our website at GCCEO.org or contact Mary Herve on GCCEO@suremail.gg for further details.

SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

I invite all married couples in the Diocese who are celebrating their 25th, 30th, 40th, 50th (or longer) Wedding Anniversary to join me for this year's Significant Wedding Anniversaries Mass at **St Bede's Church, Basingstoke Saturday 7th September at 2pm.** If you and your spouse are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, be sure to save the date! If you would like to attend, for an



application form email: anniversaries@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk
Bishop Philip

ASSISTED DYING

For those of you who may be interested, this documentary was shown recently on the BBC. 'Better off Dead' BBC iPlayer. Looking at the right to die issue from a non religious perspective. Note: post watershed - not suitable for children. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m001z8wc>

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT - Annual course

LIS DIOCESE OF PORTSMOUTH on ZOOM - 7 Sessions starting on Thursday evenings, from 6th June to 18th July 2024 from 7.30pm until 9pm; Live Holy Spirit Day for course participants at St Bede's Church in Basingstoke on Saturday 29th June starting 9.30am with Mass until 1pm. Adoration at 8.30am optional! Tea and coffee will be provided. Welcome to bring and share packed lunch afterwards. **Please use this link to register** <https://us06web.zoom.us/join/register/tZlIf--trDwjGNAuzzyTiLVcwy7lzHwq87dG>

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 8th June 10.00am

First Holy Communion Day for our Children who have been preparing for this most wonderful day.

Sunday 16th June 10.30am Mass

Bishop Philip will be with us to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to 42 of our young people.

Please remember the children and young people, their families, and all those who have been preparing them over many months in your prayers.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St. Joseph's Church **Rafael Richard Silvester**. Please remember him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for the Parish Church of St Sampson & St Mary's Church, L'Islet

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : This year's First Communicants, their families and catechists
- : Diocesan Social Research Unit
- : Parish Bible Study Groups
- : World day of Prayer for Priests (June 7th)
- : The sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Yvonne Ozanne & Maria Fatima de Sousa Correia; **May they Rest in Peace.+**

ANNIVERSARIES

Nick Vizia, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May he Rest in Peace.+**

OFFERTORY

25th May £3,215 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)
Guild of St Joseph £672

Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND



URGENT APPEAL FOR THE CRISIS IN SUDAN

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity.



MASS TIMES SURVEY

Please return this weekend the Parish Survey forms that were handed out at Mass last weekend or hand in to the Parish Office by 12 noon on Monday 3rd June. Please return a printed copy of the form rather than an electronic copy, as this will reduce the workload placed on the Parish Office. If you didn't get a form last weekend there are still plenty in the church porches or please do ask for one from the office. Thank you for your help and to all those who have already sent in their forms.

The Parish Core Group

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey. Please return the form either to the Welcomers at a Mass on the weekend of 1st/2nd June or return to the Parish Office by lunchtime on Monday 3rd June. If you have any further comments, please write them in the space below.

The Core Group, Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

Dear Parishioner,

One of the first tasks of the newly set up Core Group (as introduced on the Messenger two weeks ago) is to look at weekend Mass times across the parish. It is important that we look to reduce from the current five Sunday Mass times to four for the following reasons:

- We have a duty of care to our priests who should only say a maximum of three masses (ideally, two) on a Sunday, and would need permission from the Bishop to say four;
- Sunday Mass is the centre of the expression of our faith for both clergy and parishioners; it is important that we provide the priests with sufficient time to celebrate these Masses worthily and well;
- We are aware that the 'emergency' Mass times we use on weekends when only one priest is available are not universally popular, and logistics mean all three Masses have to take place at St Josephs. This has resulted in some parishioners either being unable to attend Mass or choosing not to on those weekends;
- We would like a schedule that does not need to change if one priest is unavailable; this would meet the desire of many of the congregation for a regular, unchanging schedule of Masses;
- It is both extremely difficult and expensive to locate and utilise a supply priest so we cannot rely on one being available when one of our priests is off-island or ill.

As part of a consultation process, we would like to seek your views on some aspects of this. Please answer the following questions (all answers will remain anonymous):

1. Which Mass do you normally attend at the weekend:

Saturday 6pm OLSS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday 8am SJ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday 9.15am OLSS	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday 10.30am SJ	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sunday 6pm ND	<input type="checkbox"/>
Varies from week to week	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. If your usual Mass was no longer in the schedule, would you be most likely to:

- Go to another Mass at the same church
- Go to a different Mass at another church

3. If your usual Mass was no longer in the schedule, which Mass in the current schedule would you be most likely to attend instead:

- Saturday 6pm OLSS
- Sunday 8am SJ
- Sunday 9.15am OLSS
- Sunday 10.30am SJ
- Sunday 6pm ND
- Varies from week to week

4. Which of the following most accurately describes the style of Mass you prefer:
(Traditional/Formal is like the current 10.30 at St Josephs, where much of the Mass is sung and Latin is sometimes used.
Less Formal is like the Vigil Mass at OLSS or the Sunday evening at ND, where some parts may be sung, hymns are used, but the Mass is fully in English.
Contemporary Mass is like the 9.15 at OLSS.)

- Quiet Mass (no singing)
- Traditional/Formal Mass
- Less Formal Mass
- Contemporary Mass

5. Are there regular work commitments or other circumstances that limit the times you can attend Mass at the weekend?

- Yes
- No

If so, which of the following times are you able to attend Mass:

- Saturday evening (Vigil service)
- Sunday morning (early service) *(8am to 9.30am)*
- Sunday morning (later service) *(10am to 12 noon)*
- Sunday evening

6. We would like your views on what would make a viable Mass schedule for the future. Please fill in your suggestions in the table below, bearing in mind the following points:

- The schedule must include a Saturday vigil Mass and 3 on Sundays;
- An absolute minimum separation of 1 hour 30 minutes is required to allow the priest to travel/prepare between Masses on weekends when only one priest is available;
- The schedule should remain the same every weekend;
- At least two of the Masses must be at St Josephs so that we have enough space to enable everyone to attend;
- Some variation in style of Mass is helpful in accommodating individual preferences.

	Time	Location	Style of Mass (see q. 4)
Saturday evening Vigil Mass			
Sunday Mass 1			
Sunday Mass 2			
Sunday Mass 3			