

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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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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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's:

St Joseph from 10.30am

Our Lady Star of the Sea 5.30pm-5.50pm

Sunday:

Notre Dame Church 5.30-5.50pm

Or by appointment

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: CDP Guernsey

Sorting Code: 309304

Account number: 00879070

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

18TH FEBRUARY 2024 Psalter Week 1

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: YOUR WAYS, LORD, ARE FAITHFULNESS AND LOVE FOR THOSE WHO KEEP YOUR COVENANT

Sat 17th **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Canon Chris & Parishioners

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Giuseppe Molinari RIP



Sun 18th Feb

Quiet Mass

Music Group

Sung/organ

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Father John Gibbons RIP

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Giuliano Giommorelli RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 5.30 pm **Stations of the Cross:** led by Parish Groups

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Bodil & Leslie de Cruz RIP (FM)



Organ

Mon 19th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: James Mannion RIP

St. A 11.00am Mass: Bridie Murphy RIP

Tues 20th

St. J 9.30 am Philomena Crowley RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

St. J 7.00 pm **Lenten Talk:** Rev Jan Le Billion

Wed 21st

St. J 10.30 am **Requiem Mass:** Diamantino Rodrigues Miranda

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

Thur 22nd

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Feast

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Mary Roe RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Healing from Cancer

Fri 23rd

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Marian Key RIP (FM)

St. J 6.00 pm **Stations of the Cross:** Holy Spirit Prayer Group

CFP 7.00 pm **Rosary**

Sat 24th

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Brenton Bray RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

Organ

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Rita Martinoia RIP



Sun 25th Feb

Quiet Mass

Music Group

Sung/organ

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Psalter Week 2

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Le Tocq & Merrien Families

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Michael & Marian Carre G.E.

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

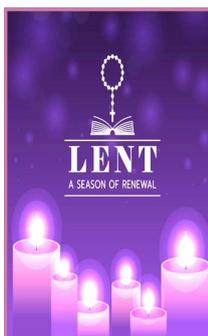
ND 5.30 pm **Stations of the Cross:** led by Parish Groups

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Diamantino Rodrigues Miranda RIP



Organ

FM - Foundation Mass **ST. A** - St Apolline Chapel **CFP** - Centre for Peace



LENTEN TALK

St Joseph's Church 2024 Lenten Talks 7pm – 8pm

This Tuesday February 20th we have our second Lenten talk

'The Only Way Is Up' It will be given by Rev Jan Le Billion

Please Make Every Effort to Attend.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will take place for 15 minutes before all the weekday Masses of Lent

MASS AT ST APOLLINE CHAPEL

Mass will be held at 11.00am each Monday during Lent at

St Apolline Chapel. (La Grande Rue, St Saviour, GY8 ODS. Parking in the road.)

This will be in place of the 12 noon Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea for the Lent Season.

Live simply,

so that others may simply live

BAMENDA Update on the well for Ntenefor Parish in Bamenda from Liz Dene

As we start Lent 2024, I wanted to give an update on the progress of the well which our Parish is funding from our 2023 Lenten almsgiving. The Bamenda Committee is still waiting on the geological survey report to confirm the proposed site for the well is suitable and to determine how deep to drill to reach the water table. As soon as the report has been received, assuming all is satisfactory, work can start without further delay. Whilst disappointing that the work has yet to start, this part of the year is best for drilling wells in Bamenda. The Committee has also agreed to allocate up to £5,000 to ensure the full costs, including a solar powered pump to draw the water, are met.

WELCOME

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

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 19th February at 7.30pm in the St Magloire parish room at St Joseph's; more info please call Frank on 07781 108394.

LAUDATO SI GROUP

Meet Monday 19th February at 7.00pm in the St Yves Parish Room at St Joseph's. All Welcome!

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday March 1st is the World Day of Prayer (formerly Women's World Day of Prayer). Services at St Matthew's Church Cobo at 2pm and Capelles Methodist Church at 7pm. Everyone is welcome and refreshments will be available after each service.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTA ST JOSEPH'S

Rotas for the period 25th February – 14th April 2024 are now available for collection just inside the Sacristy.

Please wait until the end of Mass before collecting the rota.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Friday 23rd February 11am (tea/coffee from 10.30am)
Venue Christine's house: christineguernsey2014@gmail.com or 259995 www.mothersprayers.org

LENT Bishop Philip

During the season of Lent, the Church invites us by God's grace to undertake three works that, we pray, will lead to our spiritual renewal, preparing us to celebrate Easter.

I'd like to invite you to send in anything you are doing so that others too might consider them: something modest and easily do-able. The only condition is that it must fall clearly under one of the categories **below**. We'll add to the list below as the weeks go on, thus building up a resource for future years.

Please email your proposals to Deacon Craig:
executiveassistant@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk

1. Works of (daily) prayer: attending Mass; saying part of the Rosary; making the Stations of the Cross; prayerfully reading the Gospel of the day; reading a daily meditation (online or from a book); reading a spiritual book (lives of the saints, prayer, aspect of faith); saying Morning Prayer or another part of the Divine Office.

2. Works of fasting: giving up tea, coffee, chocolate or alcohol; giving up a favourite biscuit, fruit, food or sugar in a drink; not snacking between meals; fasting on Fridays; cutting back using the computer, social media or watching TV.

3. Works of almsgiving and charity: assisting a parish charitable activity; visiting someone who is sick or elderly; volunteering when an appeal is made; saving money from a work of fasting and donating it to a good charitable cause; supporting CAFOD and Caritas; a work of 'advocacy' campaigning for a just cause (e.g. writing to an MP); random acts of kindness at school, work or in the home; giving up idle conversation.

CUT OUT AND KEEP IN YOUR WALLET

LIVE SIMPLY PRAYER

Compassionate and loving God,
you created the world for us all to share,
a world of beauty and plenty.
Create in us a desire to live simply,
so that our lives may reflect your generosity.
Creator God,
You gave us responsibility for the earth,
a world of riches and delight.
Create in us a desire to live sustainably,
so that those who follow after us
may enjoy the fruits of your creation.
God of peace and justice,
You give us the capacity to change,
to bring about a world that mirrors your wisdom.
Create in us a desire to act in solidarity,
so that the pillars of injustice crumble
and those now crushed are set free.
Amen.

The Live Simply Tree is located beside the confessional box at St. Joseph & on the noticeboards at ND & OLSS. Please write out your pledge on the sticky note provided before placing it on the tree.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Care & Nursing Homes: Residents & Staff

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

: Candidates for the Sacraments
: Fairtrade Networks
: Canon Dermot MacDermot-Roe (2019)
: The Holy Father (the Chair of St Peter)
: The needy and hungry of the world
: For the sick of the Parish
: Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

ANNIVERSARIES

Carmen Palmeri and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they all rest in peace. +**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Diamantino Rodrigues Miranda whose Requiem Mass will take place Wednesday 21st February 10.30am at St. Joseph's. **May he rest in peace. +**

OFFERTORY

11th February £3,044 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)
Thank you for your continued generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection **next** weekend is for Lent Fast Day.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 23rd February

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today go to cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families.

You can watch James' story on YouTube or Vimeo and there is more information about our Lent family fast day on Friday 23rd February on our website cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day
Please support our fast day collection by having a simple meal on Friday 23rd February and donate what you save to help people like James feed their families for good. Thank you for your support.

UNIDENTIFIED DONATION

Please could the person who kindly made a donation to the Parish's bank account of £325.80 on 13 September 2023 contact the Parish office so that we can identify its source. Thank you.

St Joseph's Church 2024 Lenten Talks

To be held in St Joseph's Church St Peter Port 7pm – 8pm

February 20th

Rev Jan Le Billon

'The Amazing Grace of God's gift of Salvation, Transformation, and Renewal through the Lord Jesus Christ.'

March 7th

Sir Richard Collas

'The Why and How of Caring for our Neighbour in Guernsey'.

March 21st

The Rt Rev Peter Doyle

Emeritus Bishop of Northampton

'Our Faith'

This last evening only will commence with Mass at 6pm prior to the talk at 7pm followed by refreshments in the parish room at 8pm