

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:

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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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VESPERS

Sunday 4.30pm at St. Joseph's Church

ROSARY weekly

Wednesday 7.00pm at St. Joseph's

Friday 7.30pm at Centre For Peace

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

4TH FEBRUARY 2024

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE BROKEN-HEARTED

Sat 3rd **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Maura Lees RIP (FM)

Organ

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Pat Cochrane

Sun 4th Feb

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Psalter Week 1

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Teresa & Barry Despres RIP

Music Group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish (*child participants*)

Sung/organ

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Teresa da Luz Roberts

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

Organ

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Margarida Silva RIP

Mon 5th

St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Stephen & Bina Lee RIP

OLSS 12 noon Mass: Chris Niles RIP

Tues 6th

St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Jean Savage RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

Wed 7th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Norman Bourel RIP

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

Thur 8th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Rosie & Sean Keegan RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Gerard McMahon RIP

Fri 9th

St. J 10.30 am **Requiem Mass:** Jean Savage

NO Le Platon Mass today

Sat 10th

St Scholastica, Religious, Memorial

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Margarida Silva RIP

St. J 11.00 am **Baptism:** Dennis Daniel Dasagupta

Organ

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 11th Feb

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Psalter Week 2

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Sr de Lourdes

Music Group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

Sung/organ

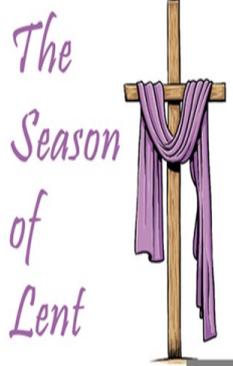
St. J 10.30 am Mass: John Bennialck RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

Organ

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Odette Honey RIP (FM)

FM - Foundation Mass



The
Season
of
Lent

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH LENTEN TALKS

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

FEBRUARY

Thursday 15th - Deacon Mark Leightley

'Sin, The Elephant in The Room'

Tuesday 20th - Rev Jan Le Billon

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

MARCH

Thursday 7th - Sir Richard Collas

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

Thursday 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.



ASH WEDNESDAY 14 FEBRUARY
A day of Fasting and Abstinence
Distribution of ashes at all Masses

St. Joseph's
7.30 am and 6.00 pm
Our Lady Star of the Sea
11.00 am

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday at 6pm in St Joseph's Church
Led each week by a different Parish Group



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

continues this week for young people in Year 8 and above who would like receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this June, or just want to explore more about their faith.

This is the last week new people can join the sessions. Sessions are weekly and include food, fun, a short film and discussion in small groups.

Choose from either

Tuesdays or Wednesdays, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

Session 4: Faith - How can I have faith?

Tuesday 6th February @ Delancey or
Wednesday 7th February @ St Joseph's

Contact Tom: youth@catholic.org.gg 07781 129310

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.

We welcome Canon Chris's Support Group who are staying for a few days on the Island.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Simeon and Anna cherished the hope proclaimed by the prophets, even though it is slow to be fulfilled and grows silently amid the infidelities and ruins of our world. They did not complain about how wrong things are, but patiently looked for the light shining in the darkness of history. **Pope Francis**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St. Joseph's Church **Dennis Daniel Dasagupta**. Please remember him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 5th February 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!

PRAYERS

For all the peoples of the Middle East and the peace of Jerusalem. Sunday 4th February. Contact Maud for time & venue T:729445.

ST APOLLINE CHAPEL

Mass will be celebrated at St Apolline Chapel **11.00am** on **Monday's during Lent** - First Mass in Lent Monday 19th February La Grande Rue, St Saviour, GY8 ODS. Parking in the road.

MASS

In recent years, a false idea has arisen that envisages the Mass as something we do, rather than what God is doing. In fact, in the Sacrifice of the Mass, Jesus offers Himself to the Father through the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit associates us with Christ's prayer and offering. This is why the Mass is not ours; it is God's work. In my Pastoral Letter dated 10 March 2013, I would like to invite everyone to review their attitude towards the Mass, to celebrate Mass authentically, to focus at Mass on Christ, not on ourselves as priests or people. It is important, of course, that we do our part, that we abide diligently by the rubrics, that we participate actively with due reverence, and that in our parishes, schools and communities, we foster the full variety and nobility of the Roman Rite, in its liturgical and musical styles, although always with the best examples. In this regard, many of our communities are now international, and so I wish to ask each parish and school to ensure, as Vatican II called for, that everyone knows the Latin prayers and the Latin chants of the Mass, at least those given in the Missal. This is important in itself and for the young, but also as a work of evangelisation: that any visitor will know they have reached the universal 'Church of the Ages'.

Bishop Philip

LAUDATO SI GROUP

We are becoming more aware of the necessity of cutting down our use of plastic yet at the same time supermarkets seem to be using more and more. One thing we can do is to take our own bags, and buy loose veg. Some shops offer biodegradable bags by their veg displays, use them and keep re-using them. Make a habit of having bags, even old plastic ones, ready in your main shopper.

It all helps in the fight to protect our planet.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Les Adams Methodist church/Chaplaincy in Guernsey businesses

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Victims of Human Trafficking
- : Benedictine Nuns in the Diocese
- : For the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

ANNIVERSARIES

Most Revd Derek Worlock, 5th Bishop of Portsmouth (1996) and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May they all rest in peace. +

REQUIEM MASSES

Jean Savage whose Requiem Mass will take place Friday 9th February 10.30am at St Joseph's.

Also for Norman Bourel whose Requiem Mass will take place Tuesday 13th February 10.30am at St Joseph's.

May they rest in peace. +

OFFERTORY

28th January £3,486 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **St John's Cathedral** £898. Thank you for your continued generosity.



RETIRING COLLECTION

This weekends Retiring Collection is for **WINGS** (World In Need Group Scheme).

After the last collection, in December 2023, £880 was sent to the Holy Family Children's Home in Bethlehem which cares for children of all faiths and none. Your support is invaluable at a time of escalating hostilities in the West Bank.

The collection this week will go to the Salesian Mission in West Africa which supports vulnerable children, providing meals where necessary and the opportunity of education. To see more of their work go to <https://www.salesians.org.uk/missions> or <https://sdbaos.org/>

WINGS 50th Anniversary Year!

A history of how WINGS started and what has been achieved is available with the Messenger. Please take one and thank you all for your continued generosity and prayers.



World In Need

WINGS

50th Anniversary

WINGS, World In Need Group Scheme, was set up in 1974 as a sub-committee of the Deanery Pastoral Council.

The aims in the WINGS constitution were to raise awareness of the 'problems and needs of the Third World (as it was designated at the time), and our responsibilities towards it, to raise funds to alleviate injustice and suffering and to liaise with other Christian organisations to that end'. High ideals indeed!

Founder members were Frank Murphy, our first chairman, Angela Le Page, secretary, Bernard Gill, treasurer, Ian Le Page, Martin Gill, Vivienne Counihan (Thomson), Margaret Edmondson, Ann O'Mahoney, Don Hearne, Lilian Hamilton, Nigel Massey and Moira Murphy and Fr Bernard Fisher and Fr Martin Laker.

Later stalwarts include Anne and Bryan Mauger, who kept WINGS going in the 90s, Helen Curran (Foxen) and Margaret Langlois.

On a personal note, a motivating factor in founding WINGS was as a memorial to Mary Gill, Bernard's daughter, my sister and a pupil at Notre Dame, who had died that year, aged 11, from leukaemia. She was greatly distressed by the suffering due to a famine in Ethiopia and counted herself lucky to be so well cared for.

Our main partner was CAFOD, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development. CAFOD had a scheme whereby groups in Catholic parishes could choose a project such as the digging of a well in a village, providing sewing machines to create cottage industries, or books for schools etc. We were provided with a description and the cost of the project then raised funds by means of a monthly second collection from the Catholic churches.

WINGS also managed the biannual CAFOD Family Fast Days and Christian Aid Week, providing door to door collectors in the St Peter Port area.

When Portsmouth Catholic Diocese was twinned with Bamenda, Cameroon in the same year, WINGS took on the request of Bishop Worlock to raise £1,000 toward the building of a church and community centre in Bamenda. An appeal was made at the end of Masses by WINGS members. The Catholic community in Guernsey responded with huge generosity and over £1200 was donated in a month. Bear in mind that today £1200 would have a value of around £12,000.

Besides funding projects in the developing countries, WINGS members also gave talks in the Catholic schools, held film nights, produced a newssheet describing the projects funded by parishioners donations, researched the provision of Fair Trade products like coffee and liaised with the other parish groups such as UCM, Knights of St Columba, Legion of Mary, Friday Club, the Co Workers of Mother Teresa and ICYC, the Catholic Youth club.

Times changed and membership changed as did the frequency of collections. The small projects were no longer provided by CAFOD but WINGS continues to support the CAFOD emergency appeals, unfortunately still necessary to this day.

Currently WINGS sends yearly donations to the work of the Salesians for the street children of Liberia (Fr Charles Chauvel), the Holy Family Children's Home in Bethlehem (Canon Hetherington). Wayaya (Marian and Tony Falla) and Friends of Katete (Peter and Margaret Keeling) have also received WINGS donations over the years.

Both the Bamenda appeal and CAFOD Family Fast Days became independent of WINGS.

Today WINGS receives 3 second collections a year raising approximately £1800 a year. However, when Emergency Appeals are made the average of £600 rises to the £1000s.

Over 50 years it is hard to put a figure on the contribution made by the Catholics of Guernsey through WINGS to the 'alleviation of suffering', especially allowing for the huge change in the value of money but it is well over £100,000 not allowing for inflation.

So well done to our Catholic Community whose heart is always in the right place when appealing for those less fortunate than we are.

Thank you for your prayers and generosity.
Angela Le Page