

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

Presbytery: 01481 822105

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:

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

21ST JANUARY 2024

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: LORD, MAKE ME KNOW YOUR WAYS

Sat 20th **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Elsie Martin's Intentions

Organ

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 21st Jan

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 3

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Mary de Cruz RIP

Music Group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: Alan Randle RIP

Sung/Organ

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Terry Carter RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish

Mon 22nd

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Kenneth & Joan Brennan RIP (FM)

Tues 23rd

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Jan Kuttelwascher RIP (FM)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

Wed 24th

St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Paul Savage RIP

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

Thur 25th

THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Feast

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Phyllis Brehan RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

Fri 26th

St Timothy, Bishop, Martyr & **St Titus**, Bishop, Memorial

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Michael Marshall RIP (FM)

LP 11.00 am Mass: Deolinda F Da Luz RIP

Sat 27th

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Mary McDermott Wilson

Organ

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Deceased Members of the Welling Family

Sun 28th Jan

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Psalter Week 4

Quiet Mass

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Gilberto Ferreira, Parents, Sisters & Brothers RIP

Music Group

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: Jim Young RIP

Allegro

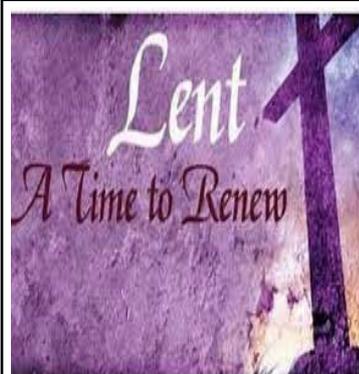
St. J 10.30 am Mass: Deceased Members of the Kelly Family

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish

Organ

FM - Foundation Mass



ST JOSEPH'S LENT TALKS

Lent is fast approaching and to help us through this important period of preparation we will be hosting a series of Lenten talks.

They will take place in St Joseph's Church from 7pm until 8pm on the following dates;

February 15th, 20th, and March 7th, 21st.

Full details of the talks will follow but meanwhile please do save the dates.



CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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.

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.

Come and see - there's no pressure, and no commitment for the first few weeks. It's not too late to join even if you missed the first session. Watch the first episode at Alpha.org/youth

Session 2: Jesus - who is he?

Tue 23rd Jan @ Delancey -or- Wed 24th Jan @ 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.

OFF ISLAND

Canon Chris will be away from Sunday evening 21st - Thursday 25th January.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Christian unity is a fruit of God's grace, and we must dispose ourselves to accept it with generous and open hearts."

Pope Francis

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 22nd January 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 most welcome!

LAUDATO SI GROUP

Pope Francis continues to encourage us to care for our precious planet. Governments have much responsibility but as individuals so do we. We need to ask ourselves. **"How can we live more simply ,more sustainably ?"** There are many things to consider; what and how we buy .. food, clothes etc, our use of energy, awareness of the problem of plastic, our throw- away habits. All these thing and many others can help, no effort is too small. **" Dear Lord help us to live simply so that others may simply live"**

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 23rd January 8pm at Maud's Flat (info via Parish Office).
Wednesday 24th January 10.45 am at Parish Room, St. Joseph's.

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



COFFEE MORNING – This Wednesday

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for coffee/tea, cake and a chat on WEDNESDAY JANUARY 24th and on every 2nd and 4th

Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am. This is a chance to enjoy a cup of coffee, meet up with others and keep warm in this cold weather! Everyone is welcome!

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Friday 26th January 11am (tea/coffee from 10.30am)
Venue Christine's house: christineguernsey2014@gmail.com or 259995 www.mothersprayers.org

URGENTLY NEEDED

A parishioner is in desperate need of a one bedroom flat/bedsit to rent. Please call Rita on 07781 434556.

VACANCY

Blanchelande college is looking to appoint a Personal Assistant to the Principal. For further details please send an email to principal@blanchelande.sch.gg



Altar Flowers

FLOWERS AT ST. JOSEPH'S

A very big thank you to all the flower arrangers in the Parish for keeping our churches looking so beautiful throughout the year.

Also, grateful thanks and appreciation to Odette for looking after St. Joseph's rota and flowers for the last few years. Odette has now retired from this role.

Are you interested in helping out arranging the flowers in St. Joseph's or in any of the churches? Please call the Parish Office. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE PARISH BEFRIENDERS

The next Tea party for housebound and elderly parishioners will be held on Saturday 3rd February (prior to the start of Lent!). The Headmaster of Blanchelande College has kindly offered the school premises for our venue this time now that access has been improved. The students will provide refreshments and entertainment. Invitations have gone out to those we know who enjoy the chance to meet up with old parish friends. If you haven't had an invitation and would like to come please get in touch with Angela 07781 112221 or Meg 01481 252401 by 29th January and let us know if you need a lift .

STAND WITH UKRAINE: Newborn Baby Hats Appeal 2024

January is the perfect time to sit in a comfy chair, in the warm, and keep your hands warm by knitting little hats for newborn babies, as well as other warm clothing that babies need (see the poster at back of church)!

Older children, and adults, are also in need of **ONLY NEW** clothing and Twiddle Muffs are wonderful for elderly people in Care Homes. So please, if you're a keen knitter, or know someone who enjoys knitting (or crochet), this is the perfect way to use your talents while bringing joy into the lives of those who still live in war-torn Ukraine. Any queries, please call 07781 455088. **'Poster back of Church'**

ECUMENICAL LADIES AND MEN'S BREAKFAST

20th January Breakfast at 8.30am £8.00. Speaker Rev Jan Le Billon. **"Improving your mental health leaving anxiety behind and finding peace"** To book please contact revjanleb@gmail.com 07781 435420

MEN CONNECT

Breakfast Saturday 20th January 9.00-10.45am at Les Cotils Centre. Full English £12.50, Continental £7.50 inclusive of tea, coffee and fruit juices. Plus **'STAY CURIOUS'** - A 20 minute Alpha video presentation. Please contact menconnectgsy@gmail.com or 07781 129446

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Les Camps Methodist Church

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th - 25th January 2024

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Sunday of the Word of God: Christian Unity
- : The Byzantine Orthodox & Oriental Orthodox Churches
- : Local Covenants of Churches
- : Archbishop Paul Verdzev (Bamenda) (2010)
- : For the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Eddie Richer and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they all rest in peace. +**

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We pray for Christopher Miller, Tim Ford and for all those who have recently died. **May they all rest in peace. +**

OFFERTORY

14th January £3,173 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)
Thank you for your continued generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection **THIS** weekend is for St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.