

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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**Diocese of Portsmouth**

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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

**Dean and Parish Priest:**

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**Alderney**

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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

**CONFESSIONS:**

**This weekend:**

St Joseph from 10.30am and 5.30pm-  
5.50pm.

**Next weekend 20/21 January**

**Saturday:** St Joseph 10.30am-11.00am

Our Lady Star of the Sea 5.30pm-5.50pm

**Sunday:** Notre Dame Church 5.30-5.50pm

**Or by appointment**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**14TH JANUARY 2024**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: HERE I AM, LORD! I COME TO DO YOUR WILL.**

Sat 13th **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Genofa & Erszam Gajewski RIP

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**St. J** 6.00 pm Mass: Kath Daley

**Sun 14th Jan**



**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Psalter Week 2

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Patrick & Anne Le Tocq in Thanksgiving

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Anthony Gibbons RIP

**St. J** 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 15th **OLSS** 10.30 am **Requiem Mass:** Angela Bush

Tues 16th **NO MASS TODAY**

**St. J** 11.00am **Funeral Service:** Brian Herod

Wed 17th

**St Anthony of Egypt**, Abbot, memorial

**St. J** 9.30am Mass: Rev Denise Dekker

**St. J** 11.00am **Funeral Service:** Kieran Skillett

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

Thur 18th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Joan and Albert Perrio RIP

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am**

Fri 19th

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: Maria Vieira RIP

**LP** 11.00 am Mass: Ian Butterfield

Sat 20th

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

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

**Sun 21st Jan**



**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Psalter Week 3

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Mary de Cruz RIP

**OLSS** 9.15am Mass: Alan Randle RIP

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Terry Carter RIP

**St. J** 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

**St. J** 6.00pm Mass: People of the Parish

**SUNDAY HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULES**

With Fr Inna being away until 19th January the Sunday Masses for 13/14 January are:-

**6.00pm** Vigil Mass (Saturday) **St Joseph's**

**8.00am** Sunday Mass **St Joseph's**

**10.30am** Sunday Mass **St Joseph's**

The Delancey Music Group accompanied by Andrew Warren will play at the Saturday Vigil Mass.

*Please note extra parking provision at Vauvert School will be made available for both weekends by kind permission of the Headteacher. We are grateful to the Catenians for looking after this.*

**IMPORTANT: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

The First Holy Communion classes will be held in St Joseph's Parish rooms weekend of 13/14 January. Saturday evening at 5.15pm and Sunday morning at 9.45am.

Children can attend either session.



## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

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

We start with Alpha Youth, a series which explores life, faith and meaning. Each episode looks at a different question around faith and is designed

to create conversation. It's for anyone who has questions. 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 so come along to one of the first few sessions see what it's all about. Watch the first episode at [Alpha.org/youth](http://Alpha.org/youth)

**Session 1: Life: Is This It?** Tue 16th Jan @ Delancey or Wed 17th Jan @ St Joseph's. Contact Tom: [youth@catholic.org.gg](mailto:youth@catholic.org.gg) 07781 129310

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

: World Peace (this weekend is Peace Sunday)  
: The Catenian Association  
: Churches Together  
: Diocesan Team for Christian Unity  
: For the sick of the Parish  
: Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Angela Bush: Requiem Mass, Monday 15th January 10.30am  
Our Lady Star of the Sea;  
Brian Herod: Funeral Service, Tuesday 16th January, 11.00am, St Joseph's;  
Kieran Skillett: Funeral Service, Wednesday 17th January, 11.00am, St Joseph's.

**May they all rest in peace. +**

## ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Peter Sprague, Karen Rumens, Joan Perrio, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they all rest in peace. +**

## OFFERTORY

7th January £3241 (Inc. Standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

## RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection **NEXT** weekend is for St John's Cathedral in Portsmouth. Father James McAuley, Cathedral Dean, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia has asked me to pass on the following message to you.

Father James writes:-

*"I became Dean of our Cathedral Church of St John the Evangelist in September 2022. Since then, the parish has paid for emergency repairs of serious leaks in the Blessed Sacrament and St Patrick chapels, and in the Discovery Centre, which cost £23,060 in total. The cost of these repairs was paid for by parishioners, who responded generously to an appeal for contributions. In January 2023, the 120-year-old West Window began to collapse because of deterioration in the lead work. Its restoration was completed in December 2023 at an estimated final cost of more than £100,000. So far, we have raised almost £38,000 towards the cost of restoration of the West Window. These projects have used up virtually all the Cathedral's available funds.*

*The heating and electrical systems are in urgent need of upgrading. One of the three boilers, which heat the Cathedral and Cathedral House, has been broken since spring 2022. The money I had allocated to replace it had to be diverted to pay for the repairs to the West Window. The two remaining boilers both failed in late November 2023. After a week of no central heating, the two boilers were repaired, but we have been advised that all three boilers have come to the end of their useful life, having been installed about 25 years ago. We have no money to replace the boilers, never mind upgrade the heating system to a more energy efficient, "greener" system.*

*In the summer of 2023, the quinquennial architectural survey was completed and the report we received in September outlined work required over the next five years to the roof, windows, heating, and electrical systems at an estimated cost of more than £1 million.*

*I fully appreciate the financial pressures being felt by you and by your parishioners but would appeal to you to promote and support the Second Collection for the Cathedral on 21<sup>st</sup> January. Never has this annual collection by parishes for the Mother Church of the Diocese been more critical or needed. Your support is vitally important to us."*

## WELCOME

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us this week. Tea & Coffee are available after the 8.00am and 10.30am Mass in St Joseph's.

## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 15th 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

Meeting on Monday 15th January at 7.00pm in the St Yves Parish Room, St Joseph's. All most welcome.

## Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



## COFFEE MORNING

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!

## LE PLATON HOME

The Board of Directors of Le Platon Home are advertising for the position of Company Secretary. This is a part time role of 12 hours per week, and flexible to suit the successful applicant. For more information or to apply for this role, please email [secretary@leplatonhome.gg](mailto:secretary@leplatonhome.gg). Deadline for applications is 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## LE PLATON MONTHLY DRAW

Results for December:-

1st 85 £100      2nd 69 £50      3rd 20 £25

## THANK YOU

A heartfelt but belated thank you to all who purchased items from this year's charity jam sales. The amounts raised were: £212 from Delancey on Dec 10th and £133.50 from St Joseph's on Dec 17th. All proceeds go to **Wayaya House in Zambia**.

## URGENTLY NEEDED

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

## LENT

The beginning of Lent is Ash Wednesday on the 14th February. This year we are arranging guest speakers to help us have a greater Spiritual understanding of Lent. Watch this space!