

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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Alderney

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Canon Gerard Hetherington KCHS

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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)

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VESPERS

Sunday 4.30pm at St. Joseph's Church

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays 23rd & 30th December

St Joseph 10.30am

30th December

Our Lady Star of the Sea 5.30pm-5.50pm

Sunday 31st

Notre Dame Church 5.30pm-5.50pm

Or by appointment

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: CDP Guernsey

Sorting Code: 309304

Account number: 00879070

THE MESSENGER

Please take home THE MESSENGER as it covers two weekends 23/24th December and 30/31 December 2023.

24th December 2023

1st January 2024

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

The Parish Office will be closed until Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

All urgent calls will be answered so please leave a message.

CHRISTMAS PRAYER

A Root shall come forth from the stock of Jesse And a Flower shall rise out of his root! And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him the spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the spirit of counsel and of fortitude, the spirit of knowledge and of godliness. The people that walked in darkness shall see a great light, For a Child is born to us and a Son is given to us. To Him all power shall be given. His Name shall be: Wonderful One, Strong God, Eternal One, Prince of Peace. He shall sit on the throne of David, And He will found a new Covenant which will last for ever and ever. Amen.



The Stain glass window in the Lady Chapel at St Joseph & St Mary, Guernsey.

A warm welcome to all visitors who join us in our Churches for Christmas and New Year Celebrations.

Happy Christmas!

Feliz Natal!

Joyeux Noël!

Maligayang Pasko!

Froehliche Weihnachten!

Buone Feste Natalizie!

Bouan Noué!



CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

Canon Christopher, Fr Inna and Deacon Mark along with Canon Hetherington wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas.

THANK YOU

Grateful thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who work throughout the year in many different roles in our community: catechists, keeping our churches clean, flower displays, organists, singers and instrumentalists, collectors, counters, welcomers, ushers, opening up our churches, preparation before and after Mass, preparing rotas, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, visiting the sick and housebound. Hopefully no one has been missed. **Every one of you is most highly valued!**

CHRISTMAS MASS COLLECTIONS

Are for the **personal use of our priests** and form a substantial part of their income. Please remember our priests and if you can give your usual offering for them this will be most gratefully appreciated. See reverse for Bank details. **Thank you**

CRIB OFFERINGS

The Offerings at the Cribbs are for Christian Communities in the Holy Land via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.

INVITATION TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Canon Christopher invites all servers in the Parish to the Mass on Tuesday 26th December, 10.00am St. Joseph's. This Mass is especially offered for Altar Servers and medals are presented to those due to receive them. Notre Dame and Delancey servers are asked to bring along their albs from their respective churches.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Evening of Praise & Adoration Monday January 1st 7.30-8.45pm Parish Room at St Joseph's. Hymns followed by silent 'Adoration'. Prayer ministry available for anyone who would like individual prayer. Tea/coffee from 7pm. Everyone welcome.

ADVENT SERVICE

Thank you to all who supported this year's advent service and assisted in so many ways.

MINCE PIES

A big thank you to all who so generously brought along delicious mince pies for our get together after the service. They were greatly appreciated and very much enjoyed by all.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
I WILL SING FOR EVER OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD.

Saturday 23rd December NO MORNING MASS

St. J 6.00pm Mass: James & Leah McKee

Sunday 24th December

St. J 9.30am Mass: Denis O'Shea RIP

Sun 24th Dec THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS

St. J 5.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass : People of the Parish

OLSS 6.30pm **Christmas Carols**

OLSS 7.00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass : People of the Parish

St. J 8.40 pm **Christmas Carols**

St. J 9.00 pm Mass during the night : People of the Parish

Mon 25th Dec THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (Office Proper)

ND 8.00 am Mass at Dawn (Quiet Mass) People of the Parish

OLSS 9.15 am Mass during the day : People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass during the day : People of the Parish

NO EVENING MASS

Tues 26th **ST STEPHEN**, the first Martyr, Feast

St J **10.00 am** Mass: All Altar Servers

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Wed 27th **ST JOHN**, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast

St. J **10.00am** Mass: Frank Duff RIP

NO HOLY HOUR

Thu 28th **THE HOLY INNOCENTS**, Feast

St. J **10.00 am** Mass: James Young RIP

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Private Intentions

Fri 29th **ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**, Feast

St. J **10.00 am** Mass: The Le Prevost Family (FM)

LP 11.00 am Mass: Louis Eugene Fossey RIP (FM)

SUNDAY HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULES

Fr Inna will be away on his Christmas break from 1st January and returning on 19th January. As only Canon Chris will be on Island the following is the schedule.

Mass times for Sundays 6/7 January and 13/14 January

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.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS ROTA ST JOSEPH'S

Rotas for the period 31st Dec-18th Feb now available for collection just inside the Sacristy. **Please collect rota at end of Mass.**

COFFEE MORNINGS

As from January 2024 the Parish room will be open for coffee and cake on TWO Wednesdays each month – on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday mornings. Drop in any time between 9.30 and 11.30. The January dates will be the 10th and 24th of January. This is a chance to meet with others, enjoy a cup of coffee, and come in out of the cold. Everyone is welcome!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
HE, THE LORD, IS OUR GOD.
HE REMEMBERS HIS COVENANT FOR EVER.

Sat 30th Dec 2023

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Nora & John Bulman RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Ronaldo R Roberts RIP

Sun 31st Dec THE HOLY FAMILY of JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH, Feast (Office Proper)

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

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Denis O'Shea RIP

NO EVENING PRAYER

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Canon Bourde La Rogerie RIP (FM)

Mon 1st Jan 2024 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Teresa & Barry Despres RIP

Tues 2nd

Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishop, Doctors of the Church, Memorial
NO MASS TODAY

Wed 3rd

St J 9.30 am Mass: Ronaldo Roberts RIP

St. J 7.00pm Exposition, Rosary & Benediction

Thur 4th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Helene Guilmoto RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Fri 5th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Michael Dene RIP

LP 11.00 am Mass: Jose Vieira Da Luz RIP

Sat 6th Jan

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

St. J 6.00 pm Mass: Abel Silva RIP

Sun 7th Jan

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD, Solemnity

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Jose Santos Intentions

St. J 10.30 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- : Bailiwick of Guernsey
- : Expectant mothers
- : The Bishop's Council
- : Christian Communities in the Holy Land
- : Knights of the Holy Sepulchre
- : Altar Servers & the Archconfraternity of St Stephen
- : All child victims of war, terrorism, violence
- : Parish Safeguarding Representatives
- : Pope Benedict XVI (2022)
- : God's blessing on the new year
- : All the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Dene, Marie Fitzakerley, Norah Lewry, Stephen Rebstein and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

We pray for **Brian Herod and Angela Bush** who have died recently.

May they Rest In Peace. +

OFFERTORY

17 December £3,345 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE PRIESTS

- . **Online** by debit or credit card at catholic.org.gg/donate
- . **By cheque:** payee 'CDP Guernsey' (mark reverse Christmas offering)
- . **Online banking:** please ensure that, for this particular payment only, it is referenced **CHRISTMAS** or **PRIESTS**
- . **Parish Bank account details:** CDP Guernsey
 Sorting Code: 309304 Account number: 00879070