

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 16th December

St Joseph from 10.30am

Our Lady Star of the Sea 5.30pm-5.50pm

Sunday:

Notre Dame Church 5.30pm-5.50pm

Or by appointment

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: CDP Guernsey

Sorting Code: 309304

Account number: 00879070



The Parish Office will be closed Friday 22nd December 2023 - Tuesday 2nd January 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B Psalter Week 3

17TH DECEMBER 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: MY SOUL REJOICES IN MY GOD

Sat 16th **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Sister Carmel RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Roberto Molinari RIP

Sun 17th Dec



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Richard Merrien & Family (FM)

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Pedro Gomes RIP

St. J 12 noon **Baptism:** Pedro Junior Gomes

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Harry Gilbey RIP

Mon 18th



St. J 7.30 am Mass: Christopher Baber RIP

OLSS 12 noon Mass: Teresa de Fatima Da Luz Roberts

St. J 7.00 pm **Reconciliation Service**

Tues 19th

* **St. J** **10.00 am** Mass: Chris Beale RIP

Wed 20th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Janette Robson RIP

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

Thur 21st

St. J **10.00 am** Mass: Rumens/Robert Families RIP; Hind Living (FM)

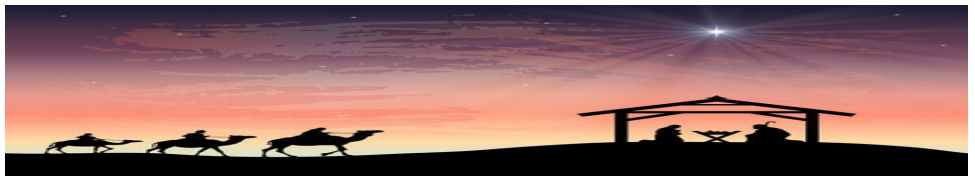
OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Ron Winterbottom RIP

Fri 22nd

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Jean & Jim Semple Intentions

LP 11.00 am Mass: Freda & Frank Murphy RIP

FM - FOUNDATION MASS * - NOTRE DAME, ST MARY & ST MICHAEL SCHOOLS ATTENDING



RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Monday 18th December 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church. Five priests will be available for confessions including two priests from Jersey. This is the main opportunity for confessions, so please make every effort to attend in **Preparation for Christmas.**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Psalter Week 4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I WILL SING FOREVER OF YOUR LOVE, O LORD

Saturday 23rd December **NO MORNING MASS**

St. Joseph 6.00pm Mass: James & Leah McKee

Sunday 24th December

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

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD VIGIL MASS

Sunday 24th December

St Joseph 5.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

OLSS 6.30pm **Christmas Carols**

OLSS 7.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

St Joseph 8.40pm **Christmas Carols**

St Joseph 9.00pm Mass during the Night



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Monday 25th December

Notre Dame 8.00am Mass at Dawn (**Quiet Mass**)

OLSS 9.15am Mass during the Day

St Joseph 10.30am Mass during the Day

(**No Evening Mass**)

Tuesday 26th December **ST STEPHEN**

St Joseph 10.00am Mass for all Altar Servers

REFLECTION The Coming of Christ

Week Three Christs coming at Christmas

Monday; 'Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy' Lk2:10

Tuesday; 'Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth, worship the Lord with gladness, come into his presence' Ps.100:1-2

Wednesday; 'A cheerful heart is a good medicine but a downcast spirit dries up the bones'' Ps.17:22

Thursday; 'He is the reflection of Gods glory and the exact imprint of Gods very being, and sustains all things by his powerful word' Heb 1:1-3

Friday; 'Come Lord Jesus' Rev.22:20

SATURDAY & SUNDAY

If we accept that God revealed himself to us through the tiny infant in the manger then we must also accept the humble, self-emptying way in which he arrived. This does not sit comfortably. After all we like to have influence, success and power. The child in swaddling clothes contradicts all our pretensions. We are no longer alone however; he beckons us from the stable to follow him through the narrow gate to a place of real peace and joy.

Glory to God in the highest heaven, And on earth peace among those whom he favours. Dcn. Mark

MASS TIMES

Please note Mass time will be at **10 am** on Tuesday 19th December to allow both our Catholic primary schools to join us for an End of Term Mass.

Also Thursday 21st December as Canon Chris and Fr Inna will be in Jersey Wednesday evening to assist Canon Dominic with Confessions returning to Guernsey early Thursday morning.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St Joseph's Church **Pedro Junior Gomes**. Please remember him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHARITY 'JAM' SALE

"Charity Jam, Jelly and Chutney sale" Sunday December 17th following the 10.30am Mass in St Joseph's Parish Room. All produce homemade with most varieties not available in the shops. All proceeds for WAYAYA House, the orphanage in Zambia.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 18th December 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!

The Holy Spirit prayer group will be having an evening of 'Adoration' on MONDAY JANUARY 1st from 7.30-9.00pm and then on the following last Monday of every month. This will include some hymns followed by silent 'Adoration'. Prayer ministry will be available for anyone who would like individual prayer. This will take place in the Parish Room at St Joseph's. Tea and coffee will be available from 7pm. Everyone is welcome to join us for these 'Adoration' evenings, even if you do not normally come to the prayer group.

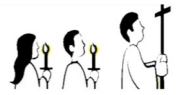
END OF TERM MASS

The staff and pupils of Notre Dame du Rosaire and St Mary & St Michael school would like you to join them for a joint End of Term Christmas Mass at St Joseph's 10am on **Tuesday 19th** December. All family and friends are also invited.

THE MESSENGER WILL BE A DOUBLE ISSUE NEXT WEEKEND

INVITATION TO ALL ALTAR SERVERS

Canon Chris invites all servers in the Parish to the Mass on St Stephen's Day, 26th December, 10 am at 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.

LE PLATON

Results of the November draw

1st **38** £100; 2nd **3** £50; 3rd **57** £25

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who came along to the wonderful Christmas Parish Lunch held at Les Rocquettes Hotel and to all those who donated raffle prizes. We raised **£292** for "**The Guernsey Alzheimer's Association**". A **Special thank you** to Eileen Baird for organising.

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHRISTMAS VIGIL

Four Welcomers Urgently Required Whilst wonderful last year to see so many people come along to this Mass it was heartbreaking to have to turn some away because of the capacity of the building. In order to try and avoid a reoccurrence it is important that parishioners are on hand not only to give a warm welcome but also to ensure that everyone is seated safely and that all available space is being fully occupied. If you feel able to help in this important role, please call Dcn Mark through the office or direct on 07781416176.

LAUDATO SI

As Christmas approaches the shops are full of glitter and shine but beware, all that glitter and shine is not gold; it is PLASTIC in one form or another; sequins covering a dress, glittery edges and touches for decoration on so many items are plastic which is non recyclable and does not disintegrate; it is with us forever. We are all human and avoiding plastic completely is almost impossible BUT we can try - look for alternatives; they are around.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Capelles Methodist Church.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : The Holy Father (born 17.12.1936)
- : Caritas in the Diocese
- : All undertakers who serve our parishes
- : Chaplains to those with special needs
- : For the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen English, Denis O'Shea, Canon Bourde de la Rogerie and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May they Rest in Peace.+

OFFERTORY

10th December £2,796 (incl.standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection this weekend is for **flowers** to decorate our churches for Christmas. Thank you for your continued support .

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. You may do so in one of five ways:-

- : **Christmas Offering Envelopes** (in Churches this weekend)
- . **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** see front of newsletter

Crib Collections during Christmastide for Christian Communities in the Holy Land via the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre.