

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
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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

Dean and Parish Priest:

Canon Christopher Rutledge KHS (Day off Tuesday)

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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:

Saturdays:

St Joseph 10.30am-11.00am

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



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B Psalter Week 2

10TH DECEMBER 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

LET US SEE, O LORD, YOUR MERCY AND GIVE US YOUR SAVING HELP

Sat 9th	St. J 10.00 am Mass: Hedley Guillou RIP
	FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY
	OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP
Sun 10th Dec	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
✠	St. J 8.00 am Mass: Sister Frances RIP
	OLSS 9.15 am Mass: Alfredo Moniz & Carolina Da Silva RIP
	OLSS 10.45 am Baptism: Madeline Abigail Fritsch
	St. J 10.30 am Mass: Pedro Gomes RIP
	St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
	ND 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish
Mon 11th	St. J 7.30 am Mass: Ken Finch RIP
	OLSS 11.30 am Rosary
	OLSS 12 noon Mass: Mary McDermott-Wilson
Tues 12th	St. J 9.30 am Mass: Deceased Members Le Noury & Lynch Family Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am
Wed 13th	St Lucy , Virgin, Martyr, Memorial
	St. J 9.30am Mass: Edgardo Hernandez RIP
	St. J 6.00 pm Mass: Jose Gabriel Rodrigues Correia RIP
	St. J 7.00 pm Exposition, Rosary & Benediction for Vocations
Thur 14th	St John of the Cross , Religious, Doctor of the Church, Memorial
	St. J 9.30 am Mass: Editha Arentoc RIP
	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am
	OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Dennis Rutledge RIP
Fri 15th	St. J 7.30 am Mass: McGonigle Family
	BL 9.30 am Mass: For our Catholic Schools
	LP 11.00 am Mass: Private Intention
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
✠	Psalter Week 3
	St. J 8.00 am Mass: Richard Merrien & Family (FM)
	OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish
	St. J 10.45 am Baptism: Pedro Junior Gomes
	St. J 10.30 am Mass: Pedro Gomes RIP
	St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction
	ND 6.00 pm Mass: Harry Gilbey RIP

BL - BLANCHELANDE COLLEGE END OF TERM MASS

FM - FOUNDATION MASS

THE WAY OF THE NATIVITY BY CANDLELIGHT

An Advent service of Readings, Prayer and Reflection *Our Lady Star of the Sea*
this Monday December 11th 7pm Followed by Mince Pies & Hot Drinks

Advent is a time of preparation and it is important that Christ should be at the centre of our journey towards Christmas. To be ready for him we have to prepare ourselves.

This will be an ideal way to step aside and accompany Christ to the crib.

Do make an effort to attend.

MINCE PIES REQUIRED

Would you be willing to provide a few mince pies for the Parish Advent service this Monday December 11th. If so please contact Sandy on 01481249776 07781 193673 or bring them along on the night.

REFLECTION The Coming of Christ

Week Two: Christs arrival at the hour of our death

Monday: 'Not everyone who says to me Lord, Lord will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but only the one that does the will of my Father', Mt.7:21

Tuesday: We all fade like a leaf and our iniquities like the wind takes us away. Isa.64:6

Wednesday: 'I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me' Mt. 25:40

Thursday: 'Be merciful to me oh God, be merciful. For it in you my soul takes refuge, in the shadow of your wings, until the storms of destruction pass by'. Ps.57:1 4:19

Friday: Do not love sleep or else you will come to poverty; open your eyes and you will have plenty of bread. Prv. 20:13

Saturday & Sunday

Advent should not be seen as an examination to see if we are worthy to approach the crib. In reality we are not and yet Christ still invites us. In spite of their fear, criminality and societal exclusion, the shepherds rushed to the manger, yet for the powerful and privileged the event appears to have completely by them by. It was by placing themselves just as they were, humbly in the child's presence the shepherds were transformed. Sometimes our lives are not dissimilar to the dirty barn on that first Christmas night. Our sins, our life styles and choices appear just too big for us to change. It is then we should hand the task over to God. No matter how dark and grubby our souls become Christ will always continue to dwell within them and is waiting for us to arrive and repent. Its then like the shepherds our lives will be transformed.

Dcn. Mark



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church **Madeline Abigail Fritsch**. Please remember her, her parents and Godparents in your prayers.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 11th 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!



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS CHRISTMAS FLING

Tuesday 12th December 7.15pm at the Parish Hall. The Scottish Dancers are coming to dance some reels and jigs. Everyone welcome to join us whether to dance or watch. Don't miss the opportunity for a jolly and festive evening with mulled wine - just bring a plate of finger food if you can or just come. **Donations to Guernsey Welfare**

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CHARITY 'JAM' SALE

"Charity Jam, Jelly and Chutney sale" Sunday December 10th, after the 9.15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea and also on 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.

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 12th December 7pm at the Centre For Peace.
Wednesday 13th December 10.45am in St. Yves Parish Room.

COFFEE MORNING

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for coffee/tea, cake and a chat on WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13th and on every 2nd 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!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 23rd December

St. Joseph 6.00pm

Sunday 24th December

St. Joseph 9.30am



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Sunday 24th December

St Joseph 5.00pm

OLSS 6.30pm

OLSS 7.00pm

St Joseph 8.40pm

St Joseph 9.00pm

Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Carols

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Mass during the Night

Monday 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Notre Dame 8.00am

OLSS 9.15am

St Joseph 10.30am

Mass at Dawn (**Quiet Mass**)

Mass during the Day

Mass during the Day

(No Evening Mass)

Tuesday 26th December **ST STEPHEN**

St Joseph 10.00am

Mass for all Altar Servers

RECONCILIATION SERVICE WITH INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Monday 18th December 7.00pm at St Joseph's Church.

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 recurrence 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.

MOTHERS PRAYERS

Friday 15th December 11am (tea/coffee from 10.30am)
Venue Christine's house: christineguernsey2014@gmail.com or 259995 www.mothersprayers.org

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for United Reform Church in St Saviours

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

: The Holy Father (ordained priest 13.12.1969)

: Migrants & asylum seekers

: Life

: For the sick of the Parish

: Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

We pray for **Yvonne Machon** whose Funeral Service will take place at 10.30am and **Norma Eileen Ridges** Funeral Service at 1.30pm both Wednesday 13th December at Our Lady Star of the Sea.

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Rutledge, Harry Gilbey, Canon Anthony Llewellyn and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May they Rest in Peace.+

OFFERTORY

3rd December £2,804 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)
Guild of St Joseph £653. Thank you for your continued support.

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection next weekend is for **flowers** to decorate our churches for Christmas.