

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



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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

2/3 Dec Saturday at St Joseph's Church

10.30am-11.00am and 5.15pm-5.45pm

Next weekend 9/10 Dec

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

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: CDP Guernsey

Sorting Code: 309304

Account number: 00879070

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year B Psalter Week 1

3RD DECEMBER 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

GOD OF HOSTS, BRING US BACK; LET YOUR FACE SHINE ON US AND WE SHALL BE SAVED

Sat 2nd **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Sister Goretti RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

St. J 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP
Delancey Music Group

Sun 3rd Dec

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Psalter Week 1

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Francois & Ruth Le Cocq RIP

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Stewart Walker RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

Mon 4th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Ronaldo R Roberts RIP

Tues 5th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: James Mullan RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

Wed 6th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Charles Travers RIP (FM)

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

Thur 7th

St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Mrs Susan Simmonds RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass until 10.30am

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Mary Roughneen RIP

Fri 8th

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,

Joint-Principal Patron of the Diocese, Solemnity

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Gerard Drainey RIP

LP 11.00 am Mass: Maria Josefa Reis Figueira RIP

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

Psalter Week 2

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

FOUNDATION MASS - FM

THE WAY OF THE NATIVITY BY CANDLELIGHT

An Advent service of prayer, reflection and readings.

Our Lady Star of the Sea December 11th 7pm

As the world rushes frantically towards Christmas,

Christians are called to walk.

Our annual service will help us to slow down,
reflect the meaning of the Nativity and accompany
Christ to the crib.

Do try and make time to come along.



MINCE PIES

Would you be willing to bake a few mince pies for the Parish Advent service on Monday 11th December?

If so, please contact the office or Sandy Leightley on 07781 193673 to arrange drop off date.



REFLECTION The Coming of Christ

Advent is a period of waiting, a time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of the infant Christ. It is also a penitential time in which we take stock of our lives and the direction it is going in.

Over the weeks of advent, we will reflect the different ways in which Christ enters into our lives. For those who would like to travel this Advent journey, consider taking the line of scripture provided each day and carry it in your heart as the day unfolds. At the weekend try to find time to quietly join with the reflection below, add to it your daily thoughts and consider how best to apply it to your life.

While enjoying all the festivities that Christmas brings let us ensure that the Christ Child whom without, we are nothing, remains firmly at the Centre of this season of great hope and joy.

Week One: Christs arrival into the hearts of believers

Monday: 'Who do you say I am'? Mk.8:29

Tuesday: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Prov. 3:5

Wednesday: 'You know what time it is, how it is the moment now to wake from sleep', Rom13:11

Thursday: 'Come follow me'. Mt 4:19

Friday: 'Speak Lord, your Servant is listening'. Sam3:9

Saturday & Sunday

Aware, alive, awake, alert, are all good descriptions of the state we strive to achieve during these weeks of advent.

NOW is the time to look closely at those things we know we should let go of.

Christ is calling and there is a personal cost if we respond but an even greater personal cost if we don't. Which one we choose will depend on the above opening words. Dcn. Mark



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

Monday 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Notre Dame 8.00am

OLSS 9.15am

St Joseph 10.30am

(No Evening Mass)

Tuesday 26th December ST STEPHEN

St Joseph 10.00am

Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Carols

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Christmas Carols

Mass during the Night

Mass at Dawn (**Quiet Mass**)

Mass during the Day

Mass during the Day

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**.



HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Meet Monday 4th 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!

NOTRE DAME DU ROSAIRE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

The children and staff request the pleasure of your company at a special performance of our Christmas play Starlight in St Joseph's Hall at 1.30pm on Thursday 7th December followed by afternoon tea. Please RSVP to office@notredame.sch.gg or 01481 222412



UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS

The UCM will be holding their Annual Christmas Party on Tuesday December 12th at 7.15pm in St. Joseph's Parish Hall; with the Scottish Dancers who will be putting them through their paces.

GCOS Christmas Concert 2023

Friday 15th and Saturday 16th December 19:30 St James' Concert and Assembly Hall. A concert featuring excerpts from Camille Saint-Saëns Oratorio de Noël, John Taverner The Lamb, Philip Lane Overture on French Carols, Traditional Christmas Music and Carols. Presented by the Guernsey Choral and Orchestral Society. Musical Director Rachel Wright.

TICKETS: £15; Senior citizens; £10 Under 16s/students £5 Available from: www.stjames.gg St James' Box Office 01481 711361 www.eventbrite.co.uk

This popular concert will feature a visit from Santa, and is a truly festive start to the holiday season.

LE PLATON

Results of the October draw

1st **20** £100; 2nd **11** £50; 3rd **79** £25

FAIRTRADE

Fairtrade goods will be on sale **this Sunday** after the 8am and 10.30am Mass. This will take place at the back of St Joseph's Church.

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Bordeaux & St Paul's Methodist Churches

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : All migrants
- : Benefactors and Management Board of the Diocesan Clergy Retirement Fund
- : Children in the Diocese
- : For the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

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

ANNIVERSARIES

Ronald Walter Cale, Ronaldo R Roberts, James Mullan, Therese Brehaut, Kevin Ogier and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they Rest in Peace.+**

OFFERTORY

26th November £2,679 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection **this weekend** is for the Guild of St Joseph who assist with any pressing needs for individuals and families in the Parish and wider community.