

# 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

## Parish Office:

**Open Hours 9.30am - 1.30pm weekdays**  
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**Secretary:** Mrs Yvonne Prialux

**Assistant Secretary:** Mrs Elaine McKay

## Parish Safeguarding Minister:

**Bridget Cowens: St Joseph**  
(01481) 701398 : 07781 467591

## Youth Minister:

Tom Saddington: 07781 129310

## VESPERS

Sunday 4.30pm at St. Joseph's Church

## CONFESSIONS: This Weekend 25/26 Nov & 2/3 Dec

### Saturdays at St Joseph's Church

10.30am-11.00am and 5.15pm-5.45pm  
Or by appointment

## PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:

Name: CDP Guernsey

Sorting Code: 309304

Account number: 00879070

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Office Proper 26TH NOVEMBER 2023

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; THERE IS NOTHING I SHALL WANT

Sat 25th **St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Deceased Sisters in Alderney

#### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

**St. J** 6.00 pm Mass: Bridie Harnden RIP  
*Delancey Music Group*

Sun 26th Nov



### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, solemnity Office Proper

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Sister Goretti RIP

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Patricia North RIP

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

Mon 27th

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: Sister Frances RIP

Tues 28th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Katy Elizabeth Bennington RIP (FM)

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

Wed 29th

**St. J** 9.30am Mass: Sister Veronica

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

Thur 30th

### ST ANDREW, Apostle, Feast

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: James Driver RIP(FM)

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

Fri 1st December

**LP** 11.00 am Mass: Harry Coutanche RIP(FM)

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

#### FOUNDATION MASS - FM

### SUNDAY 'EMERGENCY' MASS SCHEDULES

Canon Chris will be taking his Annual Retreat from 24 November and returning on 6 December after meeting with his support group. As only Fr Inna will be on Island the following is the schedule.

#### Mass times for Sundays 26 November and 3 December

<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass (Saturday)</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>
<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sunday Mass</b>	<b>St Joseph's</b>

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

Please note extra parking provision at Vauvert School will only be available weekend of 2/3 December because of essential works taking place at the school during last weekend of November.

### IMPORTANT

**The First Holy Communion classes** will be held in St Joseph's Parish rooms over these two weekends. Saturday evening at 5.15pm and Sunday morning at 9.45am. Children can attend either session.

# CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

Notre Dame 8.00am

OLSS 9.15am

St Joseph 10.30am

(No Evening Mass)

#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**.



Christmas Vigil Mass

**Christmas Carols**

Christmas Vigil Mass

**Christmas Carols**

Mass during the Night

Mass at Dawn (**Quiet Mass**)

Mass during the Day

Mass during the Day

## ST MARY & ST MICHAEL ANNUAL BAZAAR

All are most welcome to come along to the Annual Advent Bazaar taking place on Sunday 26th November from 2-4pm.

## ROSARY

For the beatification of Edel Quinn (Legion of Mary) will be at 2pm on Sunday 26th November in St Joseph's church.

## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer group will be having an evening of 'Adoration' on Monday November 27th 7.30-9.00pm and also on the 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.

## STS PADRE PIO AND PHILOMENA PRAYER GROUP

Thursday 30th November 7.30pm at Jenny & Bill Trubuil's home. Phone 255163 or 07781 425779

## 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](mailto:office@notredame.sch.gg) or on 01481 22241

## SAVE THE DATE

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. Please share the date and time with your family and friends.

## 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.*

## HOST FAMILY NEEDED

A family living on Sark moved to the Bailiwick of Guernsey three years ago with their two sons. The youngest son (14 years old) has been attending Blanchelande College for just over a year. Children from Sark are dependent on host families with whom they can stay during the week so they can attend secondary school in Guernsey. Unfortunately, they have no family connections and know very few people in Guernsey. If any kind Parishioner can help this lovely family out please contact the Parish office for further details.

## CAFOD PARISH VOLUNTEER

CAFOD is seeking a volunteer for our Church Parish Community. If you are interested in this vital role please contact your local CAFOD Volunteer Centre: Jo Lewry Tel: 07710 094447 or Email:

[portsmouth@cafod.org.uk](mailto:portsmouth@cafod.org.uk) Website: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) .

See posters at back of Church

*"When people are in need, giving money is not the only way to help. With volunteering, you give your time and skills to make a difference."*

## 2024 SCHOOL CALENDARS

Each of the classes at Notre Dame school has produced a beautiful picture of Our Lady and these have been made into a stunning 2024 calendar, which the school is selling to raise funds for the PTFA. They would make lovely Christmas presents for friends and family! The cost is £8 per calendar. Forms are available at the back of St. Joseph's Church, please complete and return it to either the Parish office or the school office".

## THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for the parish church of St Martin & St Martin's Mission.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR

- : Young People [National Youth Sunday]
- : Les Cotils Retreat & Conference Centre, Guernsey
- : For clergy and their families
- : For the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home & all in Residential & Nursing Care

## ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Edwards, Tony Jenkinson, Madeleine Hockey and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**May they Rest in Peace.+**

## OFFERTORY

19th November £2,642 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)

**WINGS** £780. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## RETIRING COLLECTION

Next weekends retiring collection is for the **Guild of St. Joseph**

## WINGS

Thank you so much to all who contributed to last weekends retiring collection. This money will be sent to The Holy Family Children's Home in Bethlehem which has been affected by the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. The sisters of St Vincent de Paul fund the home by also providing a guest house for pilgrims. This has had to close because of the hostilities. So your donations will be especially welcome! A Big Thank You to the children of St Mary and St Michael School who baked cakes and sold them to raise £72.50 for WINGS to send to CAFOD for the Israeli/Palestinian Crisis Appeal. Your hard work and thoughtfulness are very much appreciated. Thank you