

# 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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**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**

**PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS:**

Name: CDP Guernsey

Sorting Code: 309304

Account number: 00879070

**SUNDAY 21ST MAY 2023**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: I AM SURE I SHALL SEE THE LORD'S GOODNESS IN THE LAND OF THE LIVING**

Sat 20th

**St. J** 10.00 am Mass: John Dennis Rutledge RIP

**St. J** 11.30am **Baptism:** Lilah Rose Higgs

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Rita Martinoia RIP

Sun 21st May

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Psalter Week 3

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Marlene Dumaresq RIP

**OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Tommy Stacey RIP

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Nick Le Poidevin RIP

**OLSS** 10.45am **Baptism:** Clara Cutts-Watson & Melissa Rodrigues-Le Poidevin

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

**ND** 6.00 pm Mass: Anne Finch RIP (FM)

Mon 22nd

**St. J** 10.30am **Requiem Mass:** Beryl Le Gallez

Tues 23rd

**St. J** 11.00am **Requiem Mass:** Rosemary Le Messurier

Wed 24th

**St. J** 10.45am **Requiem Mass:** Brigid Fitch

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

Thur 25th

**St Bede the Venerable**, Religious, Doctor of the Church, Memorial

**St. J** 9.30am Mass: Madeleine & George Timmer RIP

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament today**

**St. J** 10.45am **Funeral Service:** Francis 'Ged' Duffy

(No Mass tonight)

Fri 26th

**St Philip Neri**, Priest, Founder, Memorial

(No St Joseph's Mass today)

**LP** 11.00 am Mass: John & Lilian Renouf RIP

Sat 27th

**ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTYERBURY**, Bishop, Feast

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

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Roy Le Marquand RIP

Sun 28th May

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**, Solemnity

Office Proper

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Living & Deceased Sisters of the Parish

**OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Deceased Members Luff & Young Families

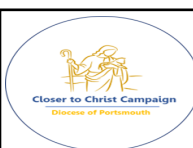
**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Francesco Tersigni RIP

**St. J** 12 Noon **Baptism:** Emilia & Julia Hainsworth, Poppy Troalic & Beatriz Rodrigues

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

**ND** 6.00 pm Mass: Henri & Hélène Guilamoto & Family RIP (FM)

**FM - FOUNDATION MASS**



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

We are delighted to announce that we have now secured £291,650 in pledges for the Closer to Christ Campaign, surpassing our goal of £290,000. My heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you.

I know there are some families out there who are still considering their pledge and I would be delighted to have your support. While we are guaranteed to receive one third of the initial £290,000 raised, the parish will receive 50% of everything raised over this and so we have much to benefit from.

Thank you for your support and please pray for the continued success of the Closer to Christ Campaign in our parish. Canon Chris

## PRIESTS HOLIDAYS

Fr Inna will be visiting his homeland 10th/11th June to 8th/9th July.

I have been unable to find a supply to cover for this period, so that leaves me to cover the needs of the parish on my own with the help of Deacon Mark.

I must make best provision for weekend Masses. A priest is only allowed by Canon Law to celebrate 3 Sunday Masses including the Vigil Mass. So, we need an emergency Mass program.

I have received many emails about Mass times and there are as many views as there are parishioners.

The Church teaches that we should gather as the community ideally at one Mass on the Lord's Day. Therefore, it makes absolute sense to use the largest Church building for this period. So, we will gather in our Parish Church of St Joseph

6.00pm. Vigil Mass. St Joseph

8.00am. Sunday Mass. St Joseph

10.30am. Sunday Mass. St Joseph

Please remember this is an Emergency Mass time schedule. We as Catholics are bound by Canon Law to assist at Mass every Sunday and by helping each other and offering lifts we still able to fulfil our obligation to attend Mass.

(A Communion Service does not fulfil that obligation)

We live in challenging times and the lack of priests to serve in our parishes is being felt now. I am sorry if this is a cause of upset for you, but whatever combination of times or venues is not going to suit everyone.

So may I ask you to take this opportunity during this period to be generous and to remember it is the Lord who we seek. He calls us to gather on His day and it is He who nourishes us.

Please be assured of my prayer for you all. May I humbly ask you to pray for me especially for good health during time.

Canon Chris

## WELCOME

**A warm welcome** to all visitors who join us this week.

Tea & Coffee are available after **8.00am and 10.30am Masses** in St Joseph's and after **9.15am Mass** in Our Lady Star of the Sea.

## OFF ISLAND

Canon Chris will be on holiday from 15th to 27th May. Please note the Mass times overleaf.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"...Jesus' final apparition ends with the irreversible entry of his humanity into divine glory, symbolized by the cloud and by heaven, where he is seated from that time forward at God's right hand..." (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 659)

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

This is a series of 7 weekly sessions aimed at giving us a greater awareness of the Holy Spirit and His gifts. The second seminar will take place on Monday May 22nd in the parish room at St Joseph's. If you missed the first week it's not too late to join - Just turn up! Everyone is welcome. There will be tea and coffee from 7pm with the seminar starting at 7.30pm. For more Cv information please contact Frank on 07781 108394

## ST PADRE PIO & ST PHILOMENA PRAYER GROUP

Thursday 25th May 7.30pm at the home of Bill & Jenny Trubuil. Please call 07781 425779 if lifts are needed.

## ACCOMODATION WANTED

A Hungarian Catholic Family with two primary aged children are seeking accommodation in the Island for one year from late August. Please contact the Parish office if you can help.



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St. Joseph's **Lilah Rose Higgs** and at Our Lady Star of the Sea **Clara Cutts-Watson & Melissa Rodrigues-Le Poidevin** Please remember them, their parents and Godparents in your prayers.

## MAY IS THE MONTH OF MARY

"Give me an army saying the rosary and I will conquer the world"

**Pope Blessed Pius IX**

## CAFOD

Did you know that Church teaching says that we should not only support those in poverty but also tackle the root causes of poverty? Pope Benedict XVI said that "Love — caritas — is an extraordinary force which leads people to opt for courageous and generous engagement in the field of justice and peace." For decades CAFOD has spoken out against injustice. To find out more about our seeds campaign and get involved in tackling the root causes of poverty, please go to [cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns](https://cafod.org.uk/latestcampaigns)

## LAUDATO SI

Laudato Si' Week is from May 21-28, when we will celebrate as a global movement the 8 years since the launch of the encyclical Laudato Si'. "Hope for the Earth. Hope for humanity", is the theme that will guide us this year.

The film "The Letter," which tells the story of four "social poets" affected first-hand by the climate crisis who travel to Rome to meet Pope Francis, will be the main resource guiding the week's events. You can watch the film via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rps9bs85BII>

If parishioners would like to watch it as a group, please email [finnertyfive@cwgsy.net](mailto:finnertyfive@cwgsy.net) and a screening of the film can be organised over the next few months for the parish.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- : Canon Hetherington who celebrates his anniversary of priesthood 23rd May (1964)
- : The Diocesan Communications Office
- : Right Rev Monsignor John Vertue, 1st Bishop of Portsmouth (1900)
- : In thanksgiving for the Christian heritage of this country
- : Peace in the World
- : The sick of the Parish/ Le Platon Home & Residential & Nursing Care

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Beryl Le Gallez** Requiem Mass Monday 22nd May 10.30am St Joseph's  
**Rosemary Le Messurier** Requiem Mass Tuesday 23rd May 11.00am St Joseph's.

**Brigid Fitch** Requiem Mass Wednesday 24th May 10.45 St Joseph's.

**Francis 'Ged' Duffy** Funeral Service Thursday 25th May 10.45am St Joseph's. **May they Rest In Peace. +**

## ANNIVERSARIES

Jeanette Guille, Brian Bougourd, Hélène Guilmoto and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they Rest in Peace.+**

## THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for the parish church of St Sampson and St Mary's Church L'Islet

## OFFERTORY

14th May 2023 £3,444 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

Will be for the Catholic Communications Network. Today's appeal assists the Church to cultivate this attitude of attentiveness and to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with people throughout the world. The Pope's theme for this year is: "Speak with the heart: Veritatem facientes in caritate" (Speaking the truth in love).

Parishioners may give to this collection online at <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/world-communications-day-2023>. This collection will close on 30th May.