

# 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 14TH MAY 2023**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: CRY OUT WITH JOY TO GOD ALL THE EARTH.**

Sat 13th

**St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Mary de Cruz & Fairy Butt RIP

**St. J** 11.30 am **Baptism:** Abigail Lopes De Oliveira

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Pat Cochrane Intentions

Sun 14th May

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Psalter Week 2

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Merrien & Le Tocq Families

**OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Harry Coutanche RIP (FM)

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Miriam Bousfield

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

**ND** 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish

Mon 15th May

**St. J** 7.30am Mass: Robert Dermott Griffith RIP (FM)

Tues 16th

**St. J** 9.30am Mass: Mara Beatriz Goncalves RIP

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

Wed 17th

**St. J** 9.30am Mass: Sr Agnes RIP

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

Thur 18th

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD Holyday of Obligation**

**St. J** 7.00 am Mass: Canon Chris, Fr Inna & Dcn Mark

\***St. J** 9.30am Mass: Restituta Tersigni RIP

\***OLSS** 11.00am Mass: Rev Fr Eugene Le Cocq SDB RIP

\***St. J** 2.30pm Mass: Joaquina Ferreira RIP

(No Mass tonight)

Fri 19th

**DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST JOHN, PORTSMOUTH**

(No St Joseph's Mass today)

**LP** 11.00 am Mass: Sr Dolores

Sat 20th

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

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

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

Sun 21st May

**SIXTH 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

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

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

\* THE 3 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN ATTENDANCE FM - FOUNDATION MASS

**ADOPT SIX HOLY HABITS**

Bishop Philip Egan has asked every member of the Diocese to adopt six holy habits.

1. To keep Sunday special, as a family day, by attending Mass, the 'source and summit' of the Christian life, supporting your parish community.
2. To resolve to spend at least five minutes a day in prayer, at whatever time you find best, using the Scriptures, maybe the Gospel of the day.
3. To keep Friday as a day of penance in honour of the Lord's Passion, intentionally serving the poor and needy.
4. At least once a fortnight, to pay a private visit to church for a short period of prayer before the Tabernacle.
5. To go to Confession once a month or so, like a spiritual check-up when you can personally experience God's love and mercy and
6. To join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship, where you can share with others your own faith-experience and in turn hear what God is doing in the lives of others.

## 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.

## SAVE THE DATE

It hardly seems possible that I will have been ordained 10 years on June 15th and would like to celebrate it with a parish Mass at 7pm that evening followed by light refreshments in the presbytery garden. More details to follow. *Deacon Mark*

## LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Holy Spirit prayer group will be holding a series of Life in the Spirit Seminars, commencing on the 15th May, in the St. Magloire Parish room.

The first meeting will be an introductory discussion about the Seminars and their content.

At our Baptism, we received, through an outpouring of grace, gifts of the Holy Spirit, which were given freely!!

This now, is an opportunity for everyone in our community to have those gifts renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit and to allow that same Spirit to help us be more aware of His presence in our lives.

Tea and coffee will be available from 7.00 pm with the Seminar starting at 7.30 pm and ending at 8.30 pm.

If you would like further information about the Seminars, please contact Frank on: 07781108394.

**All of you will be made most welcome**

## PARISH BEFRIENDERS TEAPARTY

**SATURDAY 20<sup>th</sup> May** at St Mary and St Michael School hall.

**Please if you can assist with lifts or refreshments we would really appreciate some more help.**

Tel Meg 252401 or 07781 403378 for help with lifts and Audrey for help with refreshments on 07781 107393 (home made cakes etc are always so much appreciated by the special guests!)

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th-21st May

**Christian Aid Week** starts this weekend and we are asked to pray for the work of Christian Aid across the world, especially this year in Malawi. For more information on the Malawi project, you can contact Steve Mauger BEM email [stevemauger@cwgsy.net](mailto:stevemauger@cwgsy.net) Any gifts you wish to make this Christian Aid Week could help farmers in Malawi plant better seeds, secure a fairer price for the crops, and build happier futures for their children.

[www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

## COFFEE MORNINGS AT ST JOSEPH'S

The Parish room at St Joseph's is open for coffee, cake and a chat on every 2nd Wednesday of the month. Drop in any time between 9.30-11.30am. Everyone is welcome! This is a chance to enjoy a cup of coffee and meet with others. Any visitors to the island are especially welcome. Next meeting is on Wednesday 14th June.

## EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS ROTA ST JOSEPH'S

For the period 21st May - 9th July are available for collection in the Sacristy **following** Mass or can be viewed on the website.

## MOTHERS' PRAYERS

Friday 19th May with tea/coffee at 10.30am and prayers start at 11.00am. Do take this opportunity to come and pray for your children and grandchildren. month. For details email [christineguernsey2014@gmail.com](mailto:christineguernsey2014@gmail.com) or telephone 259995.



Thank you so much for your generosity! Last weekend was a great success for the **Closer to Christ** Campaign in our parish. I'm delighted to tell you that based on the cards filled out by parishioners at Mass, we can expect to receive an **additional £70,000 towards our goal in addition to the**

**£263,000 already pledged!**

To allow us to draw a line under the campaign we need to make sure that all pledges have been recorded properly. If you completed a small card at Mass recently, you will have received a pledge form for completion in the post or via email. I ask that you return the form at your earliest convenience to either the parish office, to me after Mass or directly through the post. While you may not wish to start your pledge immediately I do ask that you return your form, indicating a start date and method of payment that is convenient to you. Our hope is that parishioners will consider what they can as every pledge counts and all gifts will bring us closer to our shared goal.

I know there are some families out there who are still considering their pledge and I would be delighted to receive your support so that we can be sure to reach our goal of £290,000. Please do fill in a pledge form and return this to me as soon as possible.

We hope to receive the majority of pledges within the next two weeks so that we can see exactly how much has been raised. I will give you a further update in a few weeks' time.

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

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- : Bishop Philip
- : Evangelisation Strategy Teams in the Diocese
- : Diocesan department for Educational Chaplaincies
- : Canons of the Cathedral Chapter
- : Peace in the World
- : The sick of the Parish/ Le Platon Home & Residential & Nursing Care

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Fairy Butt** (Sister of Granville de Cruz);

**Beryl Le Gallez** whose Requiem Mass will be on Monday 22nd May 10.30am at St Joseph's;

**Rosemary Le Messurier** whose Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday 23rd May at 11.00am St Joseph's. **May they Rest In Peace. +**

## ANNIVERSARIES

Michael Schneider, and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they Rest in Peace.+**

## THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Guernsey Counselling Service/ Vale Mission.

## OFFERTORY

7th May 2023 £2,952 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) Thank you for your continued support and generosity.

## LAUDATO SI BIG LENT WALK TO BAMENDA

Please return any outstanding sponsorship money as soon as possible to enable it to be distributed. Thank you!

**RETIRING COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND** will be for the Catholic Communications Network.

## LE PLATON MONTHLY 100 CLUB DRAW

Winners for the April draw.

1st 53 £100      2nd 36 £50      3rd 57 £25