

THE MESSENGER

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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)

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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 26TH FEBRUARY 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: HAVE MERCY ON US, O LORD, FOR WE HAVE SINNED.

Sat 25th

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

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Mary McDermott-Wilson

Sun 26th Feb

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

(Psalter week 1)

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Sheila Plant RIP

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Kevin Upton RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: The Bovey Family

Mon 27th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Christopher Baber RIP

St. A 11.00 am Mass: Fr William Kirk RIP (FM)

Tues 28th

St. J 9.30am Mass: Fr Patrick O'Neill RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Wed 1st March

ST DAVID, Religious, Bishop, Feast

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Rosemary & George Atkinson RIP

LNP 2.00 pm Mass: For all Prisoners and their Families

NO EVENING MASS

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

Thur 2nd

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Connie Morris in Thanksgiving

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Elizabeth Marie Angele Fisher RIP

Fri 3rd

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Paul Savage RIP

LP 11.00 am Mass: Meg White

St. J 6.00pm **Stations of the Cross:** led by the Legion of Mary

Sat 4th

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

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 5th March

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

(Psalter week 2)

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Dennis Rutledge RIP

* **OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

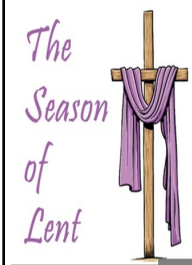
St. J 10.30 am Mass: Francesco Tersigni RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Mara Beatriz Goncalves RIP

FM - FOUNDATION MASS **St. A** - ST APOLLINE CHAPEL

LNP - LES NICOLLES PRISON * - FAMILY MASS



EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

will take place for 15 minutes before all the weekday Masses of Lent

MASS AT ST APOLLINE CHAPEL

Mass will be held at 11am each Monday during Lent at
St Apolline Chapel.

First Mass will be celebrated this Monday 27th February and each
Monday thereafter. This will be in place of the 12 noon Mass at
Our Lady Star of the Sea for the Lent Season.

COFFEE MORNING – Every 2nd Wednesday

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for coffee, cake and a chat on **WEDNESDAY MARCH 8th** and 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, meet with others, and keep warm in this cold weather!

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.

BISHOP PHILIP WRITES

During Lent, I invite you to join me for three online Lent Reflections! I will broadcast the Lent Reflections as a webinar on Thursdays 2nd, 9th and 16th March at 7.30 pm, each lasting about 40 minutes. In each Reflection, I will share some personal thoughts on one of the three theological virtues, in order (1) Faith, (2) Hope and then (3) Charity. Each Reflection will begin with a short period of prayer. The Lenten Reflections are open to all and everyone can register: see below. Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church 1812 -1845, I will explore each virtue as a gift of God that stirs us towards personal happiness and animates our moral lives. Whilst drawing on my own experiences as a priest and bishop, I will also explore the role of religion in life and the future of the Church in our Diocese and our ten-year plan You Will be My Witnesses. Numbers are limited so sign up now.

(Please note that you have to register for each webinar separately – so why not do it all now in one go?!). You can register for the first webinar (2nd March at 1930h) <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/33290866-35ca-43ca-b6c0-da7699e13f49@0f107169-67e0-4eaf-8428-9e9f05e974ab>

THE PARISH SCHOLA

We are recruiting. Do you have an interest in Sacred Music and how it enhances the Liturgy? Whilst the ability to sing is appreciated, a good sense of humour is essential! The Parish Schola is a small group (hoping to grow) of friendly people singing a variety of music from the tradition of Catholicism, right up to the modern day. We desperately need to increase our number. We don't sing every Sunday, only monthly and on Solemn Feasts, and we start rehearsing for Holy Week on Tuesday 7th March at 7.00 p.m. in St Joseph's. Our rehearsals only last 1 hour. Why not come along (even just for Holy Week)? Message / call me on 07781 122199 or e-mail lodonnell@cwgsy.net.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

An evening of 'Adoration' on Monday February 27th from 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 month it will take place in the Parish Room at St Joseph's. Tea and coffee will be available from 7pm. Anyone is invited to join us for these 'Adoration' evenings, even if you do not normally come to the prayer group.

BEFRIENDERS TEA PARTY WITH BENEDICTION

This will be on **Saturday 4th March** at Delancey starting with Benediction in the church at 2.30 moving into the Alzheimer's Centre at 2.45 pm for the tea party with musical entertainment. Parishioners who are housebound or other reasons are particularly invited. Also anyone yearning for a chance to meet up with these cherished old friends will be very welcome. For catering purposes it is essential that you let us know if you would like to come. Please phone Angela 07781 112221 or Meg 252401 as soon as possible.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT : 27 February - 12 March 2023

"Since 2005, Fairtrade Guernsey has called on our local community to help bring about positive change for millions of farmers and workers in developing countries, asking shoppers and businesses to choose products that change lives and reminding everyone of the dramatic difference Fairtrade makes. The more we choose Fairtrade, the more farmers and workers will be empowered to improve their lives through the better terms of trade it offers. Choose Fairtrade when you shop!" *The above statement is from the Guernsey Fairtrade Steering Group.*

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The World Day of Prayer (Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer) is on **Friday March 3rd** and this year the service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. There are two opportunities to attend this ecumenical service – an afternoon service at Shiloh church at 2pm and an evening service at St Andrew's parish church at 7pm. Refreshments will be available. All very welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- : Candidates for the Sacraments
- : Priests no longer in active ministry
- : Adoremus Centre, Alderney
- : The needy & hungry of the world
- : (Women's) World Day of Prayer
- : Catholic Women's Association, National Board of Catholic Women, Catholic Women's Network
- : Turkey & Syria in the wake of the terrible earthquakes
- : Peace in the World
- : All the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Carmen Palmeri, Cathleen Ann Wilson, Michael Bewey.

May they Rest In Peace. +

ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Hoolahan, Abilio Soares Rebelo, Dorothy Campbell and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May they Rest In Peace. +

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Les Bourgs Hospice & Princess Elizabeth Hospital: staff, patients & chaplaincy (Prayer for the unemployed)

OFFERTORY

19th February 2023 £3,201 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **Guild of St Joseph** £743. **Thank you!**

RETIRING COLLECTION

Next weekends retiring collection is for CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 3rd March. This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. To donate please go to cafod.org.uk/give Join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

We have been humbled by the generous response of the Catholic community in offering prayers and donations. You can read more about how donations are helping in the worst affected areas of Syria and Turkey - go to the link <https://cafod.org.uk/news/emergencies-news/turkey-syria-earthquake-how-your-support-is-helping>



BIG WALK TO BAMENDA

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has so far signed up to join the parish community BIG WALK to Bamenda! And it's still not too late to join in; just pick up a sponsorship form from under the map in any of our three churches, and follow the instructions to submit your weekly mileage /kilometre totals, so the map can be updated each week.

If you would like to make a Lenten offering by sponsoring the walk, but have no individual to sponsor, you can just sponsor the parish community as a whole. Please contact Ann Finnerty at: finnertyfive@cwgsy.net and she will add your name to the parish sponsors list.

The walk will finish at Easter; immediately after that please collect your sponsorship money, and pay it to the parish account by cheque (details in The Messenger), referenced 'Bamenda Walk'. It is essential to make this reference, which could be written on the back of the cheque.