

THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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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 12TH FEBRUARY 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: THEY ARE HAPPY WHO FOLLOW GOD'S LAW!

Sat 11th

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Sr de Lourdes

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Kath Daley

Sun 12th Feb

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Psalter week 2)



St. J 8.00 am Mass: Irene Horan RIP

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: People of the Parish

St. J 10.30 am Mass: John Bennialick RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Odette Honey RIP (FM)

Mon 13th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Living & Dec'd Members Hambleton Family

St. A 12 noon Mass: John Martel RIP

Tues 14th

ST CYRIL, Religious & **ST METHODIUS**, Bishop, Patrons of Europe, Feast

St. J 9.30am Mass: Sisters of Mercy

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Wed 15th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Hedley Guillou RIP

NO EVENING MASS TONIGHT

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

Thur 16th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Therese Brehaut RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

NO EVENING MASS TONIGHT

Fri 17th

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Dennis Rutledge RIP

LP 11.00 am Mass: Kenneth & Joan Brennan RIP (FM)

Sat 18th

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Mother Bernadette RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Deceased Members of Moriarty Family

Sun 19th Feb

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Psalter week 3)



St. J 8.00 am Mass: People of the Parish

OLSS 9.15 am Mass: Joan Carr

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

St. J 12 noon Mass: **Baptism:** Abigail Le Page, Ada-Fay Simmons & Roan Cuarte

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: Bodil & Leslie de Cruz RIP (FM)

FM - FOUNDATION MASS

ST. A - ST. APOLLINE CHAPEL

* - FAMILY MASS

The WINGS collection last weekend amounted to £644 and this will be sent to the CAFOD Emergency Appeal for the earthquake Survivors in Turkey and Syria.

CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at <https://cafod.org.uk/give>.

Anyone wishing to add to this collection can do so by sending to the Parish Office, cheques payable to 'CDP Guernsey' and clearly mark reverse of cheque-WINGS Earthquake appeal. Or via BACS: CDP Guernsey 309304 00879070 reference WINGS Earthquake. **Thank you so much for your continued generosity and prayers.**



BASKETS WILL BE PLACED AT THE BACK OF CHURCH FOR THE TURKEY & SYRIA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - PLEASE DONATE ANY SPARE CHANGE YOU MAY HAVE.

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 off island Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th February to attend to family affairs and the Canons' Chapter meeting at Portsmouth Cathedral.

Deacon Mark at Seminary 16-19 February.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Science takes things apart to see how they work. Religion puts things together to see what they mean (Jonathan Sacks).

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Monday 13th February in the Parish Room at St Joseph's. Tea/coffee from 7pm, prayer group starts at 7.30pm.

For more information please contact Frank on 07781 108394

ST APOLLINE MASS

Mass will be celebrated at St Apolline Chapel on **Monday 13th February 12 noon** La Grande Rue, St Saviour, GY8 ODS. Parking in the road.



LAUDATO SI

Next meeting will take place on Monday 13th February 7pm in St Yves Room at St Joseph's. All welcome to attend.

EXCITING LENT CHALLENGE FOR THE WHOLE PARISH COMMUNITY!

Laudato Sí is arranging a Parish Community Walk during Lent, all the way from Guernsey to Bamenda, our twin Diocese, in order to support our brothers and sisters there through sponsored fundraising, prayer and goodwill. The initiative is part of the CAFOD Big Lent Walk, but we are the only ones walking all the way to Africa!

It would be truly wonderful if all the community could be involved, either through walking a target amount each day, sponsoring the Parish community or individuals, or praying for success of the venture.

The aim is for each walker to walk each day of lent, with an ideal target of 5kms (3.1 miles) per day, but less or more would be fine, depending on age and fitness. Each walker would find sponsors for each day, or mile, or a single donation. If you would like to sign up, please email Ann Finnerty (finnertyfive@cwgsy.net) or phone her (01481 726731) to obtain sponsorship forms and more details.

A large map to be displayed in each of the three churches will show the route, and will be updated each week to show progress. We will ask each walker to submit their weekly total distance by email or filling in a small slip to be put in a box under the maps (the slips and pens will be provided).

Further details of sponsorship payments etc will be provided to walkers in due course.

Please join us to help our struggling brothers and sisters!

UCM

Tuesday 14th February 7.30 pm in St. Joseph's Parish Room. Rob Ferbrache will show and talk on his "Bird Photographs". There will be a raffle.

PARISH BEFRIENDERS - date for your diary

The first Parish Befrienders tea party of 2023 for housebound, frail and elderly parishioners will be on **Saturday 4th March**.

This will be held in the Alzheimers Centre 2.45 pm at Delancey, preceded by Benediction in Our Lady Star of the Sea Church at 2.30pm. More details to follow.

If you know of anyone who you think will appreciate an invitation would you please let the Parish Office know in the first instance.

MASS INTENTIONS

We are very blessed to have a very healthy tradition of Mass intentions in our parish.

The origins of such intentions were that a person booking a Mass would look after the welfare and needs of the priest for that day.

This has over time moved to a monetary donation - the original intention has remained the same.

The suggested donation these days is £10.

There are only a finite number of Masses celebrated in the parish each month and Canon Law dictated one intention per Mass. Mass intentions cannot be grouped together unless the original donor is seeking, for example, "for all the deceased of my family".

While it is beautiful to have a monthly/weekly Mass for your loved ones, we need to be sympathetic to the needs of others. It is not fair, for example, to book 50 Masses on a Sunday for the same person. How can others book?

The Mass intention book is now full until the beginning of August.

Many priests in poorer parishes in our Diocese and other Diocese do not have any Mass intentions and really struggle to make ends meet financially. I personally know of many priests in this situation who cannot even afford to buy new shoes

It is good to help Priests on the Missions too. We are linked with the Archdiocese of Bamenda, and they would benefit enormously from Mass Intentions.

So, I need to free some space up in the Intentions Book. Where there are multiple intention for the same family, I will need to send some of those intentions to other Priests who will be able to celebrate those Masses. The Masses will be honoured by the Receiving Priest, who takes on the responsibility to say that Mass. With our Donation for Mass, then know that the Mass will be celebrated. We also have the knowledge that we are helping a priest who have care of poorer parishes.

Thank you for your understanding. Canon Chris

UPCOMING FORMATION EVENT - Dominican Sisters in Sway

if you're looking for a **focus for Lent**, the Dominican Sisters are running 6 online sessions explaining the sacrament of Reconciliation to adults through scripture and art, which will also serve as a Lenten retreat, every Tuesday evening during Lent. The details are here:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/reconciliation-anchoring-you-in-happiness-2023-02-28-19-30>

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. Everyone is welcome.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

: Turkey & Syria in the wake of the terrible earthquakes

: Racial Justice Sunday

: The people of Europe, especially of Eastern Europe

: Those who do not believe in God

: Peace in the World

: All the sick of the Parish

: Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

ANNIVERSARIES Anne Hards and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May she Rest In Peace. +**

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME This week asks prayers for Care homes and nursing homes: their residents and staff.

OFFERTORY 5th February 2023 £3,416 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **Thank you!**

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