

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)

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Rue des Monts, St Sampson

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VESPERS

Sundays 4.30pm at St. Joseph

ROSARY Preceding Mass:

Sunday 5.30pm Notre Dame Church;

Monday 11.30am Our Lady Star of the Sea

ROSARY weekly

Wednesday at St Joseph 7.00pm

Friday at Centre for Peace 7.30pm

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

SUNDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2023

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

THE GOOD MAN IS THE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT.

Sat 4th Feb

St. J 10.00 am Mass: Chris Niles RIP

FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Wilfred & Christopher Cochrane RIP

Sun 5th Feb



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Psalter week 1)

St. J 8.00 am Mass: Mother Bernadette RIP

* **OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Francois & Ruth Le Cocq RIP

St. J 10.30 am Mass: Luigi Tersigni RIP

St. J 4.30 pm Sung Evening Prayer and Benediction

ND 6.00 pm Mass: People of the Parish

Mon 6th

St Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs, Memorial

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Theresa Young

NO NOON MASS TODAY

Tues 7th

St John Bosco, Founder, Memorial

St. J 9.30am Mass: Dennis Rutledge RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

Wed 8th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Cathy Greening

NO EVENING MASS TONIGHT

St. J 7.00pm Exposition, Rosary & Benediction

Thur 9th

St. J 9.30 am Mass: Restituta Tersigni RIP

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after Mass till 10.30am

OLSS 6.00 pm Mass: Mary de Cruz RIP

Fri 10th

St Scholastica, Religious, Memorial

St. J 7.30 am Mass: Ken Finch RIP

LP 11.00 am Mass: Joan Alliss & Cindy G.E. (FM)

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)

FM - FOUNDATION MASS * - CHILDREN'S MASS

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"In an increasingly globalized society, the common good and the effort to obtain it cannot fail to assume the dimensions of the whole human family, that is to say, the community of peoples and nations, in such a way as to shape the earthly city in unity and peace, rendering it to some degree an anticipation and a prefiguration of the undivided city of God." **Pope Benedict XVI, Caritas in Veritate, 7**

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



COFFEE MORNING - Wednesday 8th February

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for coffee, cake and a chat every 2nd Wednesday of the month commencing this coming Wednesday. 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.

OFF ISLAND

Canon Chris will be off island from Monday morning 6th until Wednesday evening 8th February for his priestly support group. Deacon Mark will be on holiday from Sunday 5th– Saturday 11th February.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNICANTS

The First Reconciliations will take place this Saturday 4th February in St Joseph's after the 10.00am Mass.

THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Monday 6th 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

DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday 7th February 7pm at the Centre For Peace.

Wednesday 8th February 10.30am at Notre Dame du Rosaire Church. All welcome - just turn up.

ST APOLLINE FEAST DAY 9 FEBRUARY

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 PARISH CHALLENGE!

Laudato Sí are organising the BIG Lent Walk on behalf of CAFOD, to take place during the whole of Lent. The aim will be that volunteers of all ages from the Parish will obtain sponsorship to collectively walk from Guernsey to Bamenda in support of our brothers and sisters in our twin Diocese. CAFOD are suggesting a target walk of 5kms (3.1m) per person per day, but more or less would be fine. More details in next weeks Messenger!

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.

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.

LE PLATON Results of the January draw

1st **86** 100; 2nd **16** £50; 3rd **99** £25

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

In his 2020 encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti, Pope Francis reminded us of our vocation to "a fraternal openness that allows us to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, regardless of where he or she was born or lives." This appeal assists the work of the Catholic Bishops' Conference in support of Racial Justice. Donations are welcome using the link <https://donate.giveasyoulive.com/campaign/racial-justice-sunday>

FOUND - St Joseph's Church

Blue Top 'Garrison' key on a wooden cross keyring. Please contact the Parish office.

PRAYER BOOK

Would you like to have the prayer book Lord I am Not Worthy on your mobile, laptop or iPad? People have asked me whether this possible. Well yes - now it is. Go to the link to download a copy and then save it to your device

https://mcusercontent.com/04bcc8430c87c5529461e65e6/files/1952c532-944b-6c05-b06c-0509acd1a2d0/Lord_I_am_not_worthy.pdf

Remember too, that if you would like a larger print copy (A5), then email events@portsmouthdiocese.org.uk . Bishop Philip

A GAP YEAR OPPORTUNITY

Are you 18-30, or do you know someone who is? Do you want to develop a wide range of skills including leadership while learning about global justice and inspiring others to use their faith in action? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, believes in equipping and inspiring young adults to contribute to a more just and peaceful world. Step into the Gap is a fully funded year of volunteering, with food, accommodation, stipend and training within a UK placement plus a Rome and Assisi pilgrimage. Visit the CAFOD website for more information: cafod.org.uk/gap-year

UPCOMING FORMATION EVENT - Dominican Sisters in Sway

Communication Course: 'Sending word, sharing the Word': three online sessions to help you communicate with confidence today and every day. From parish newsletters to the pulpit, this course will give you the ability to communicate with confidence. Our communications expert will show you tools and techniques that are easy to learn and practical to use. Here are the details:

<https://www.lightoftruth.uk/event-details/sending-word-sharing-the-word-2023-03-08-19-30>

POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

For parishes - We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- : Racial Sunday
- : Victims of Human Trafficking
- : Benedictine Nuns in the Diocese
- : World Day of Prayer for the Sick
- : Peace in the World
- : All the sick of the Parish
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

ANNIVERSARIES

Brenton Bray, Most Revd Derek Worlock, 5th Bishop of Portsmouth (1996) and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

May they Rest In Peace. +

THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Vazon Elim Church/Guernsey Police and Chaplaincy ministry to the Police.

OFFERTORY

29th January 2023 £3,646 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **Thank you!**

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection this weekend is for WINGS.

This collection will go to the CAFOD World Food Crisis campaign. As you are aware climate change is already affecting drought stricken areas of Africa like Somalia, Kenya and Ethiopia. Your donations help provide immediate food to hungry people as well as sinking new wells, providing drought resistant seeds and medical care. Drought also drives the young of the villages to attempt the dangerous journey to Europe leaving behind the elderly and women and children. For more understanding of the work being done using your support, go to Cafod.org.uk and find World Food Crisis. Thank you for your continued support for WINGS.