

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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**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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**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 29TH JANUARY 2023**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: HOW HAPPY ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT;  
THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**

Sat 28th Jan

**St Thomas Aquinas**, Religious, Doctor of the Church, Memorial  
**St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Franiszek Witt RIP

**FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY**

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Maureen Smith RIP

Sun 29th Jan

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

(Psalter week 4)

**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: João Manuel RIP

**OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Fr Eddie Richer RIP

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

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

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

Mon 30th

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: Auguste Tardivel & Parents & Brothers (FM)

**OLSS** 12 noon Mass: Mary de La Mare

Tues 31st

**St John Bosco**, Founder, Memorial

**St. J** 9.30am Mass: Harold & Sylvia Whitby RIP

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

**OLSS** 11.30 am **Funeral Service:** Joan Perrio

Wed 1st Feb

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Michael Driver RIP (FM)

**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

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**, Feast

**St. J** 10.00 am **Requiem Mass:** Michael Dene MBE RIP

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Tom Moriarty RIP & Kathleen

Fri 3rd

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: James Mullan RIP

**LP** 11.00 am Mass: Holy Souls (FM)

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

**FM** - FOUNDATION MASS **LNP** - LES NICOLLES PRISON

\* - CHILDREN'S MASS

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

"The Lord hears us more readily than we suspect; it is our listening to Him that needs to be improved." **Venerable Fulton Sheen**



**COFFEE MORNING— Every 2nd Wednesday**

The Parish room at St Joseph's will be open for coffee, cake and a chat on every 2nd Wednesday of the month commencing on **WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 8th**. 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.

## FR GASTON

I caught up with Fr Gaston on Tuesday. He is in good health and settling in very well to his new parish in Reading. He was very keen that I sent his very good wishes to all the parish community here in Guernsey which I assured him I would do. **Deacon Mark**

## THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

The Holy Spirit prayer group will be having an evening of 'Adoration' on Monday January 30th from 7.30-8.45 pm 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.

## ROSARY

For the beatification of Edel Quinn (Legion of Mary) will be at 2pm on Sunday 29th January in St Joseph's church.

## 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.**

Supporting a Food Bank is a good way to help the increasing number of people in Guernsey who have been hit by rising prices in all areas from rents, energy costs to food prices in the supermarkets. Families and older people on limited pensions are most affected. There are collection tubs at the back of our three Church's. Another way is to buy an extra item or so when shopping and drop it in the collection tubs as you go out.

## BIG LENT WALK

**Walk 200km in 40 days to help fight Global Poverty.**

Challenge yourself and take on The Big Lent Walk! Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Lent begins this year on 22nd February and attention is turning to Lenten plans, across the country, schools, parishes, groups, and individuals are lacing up their walking shoes to walk in faith and solidarity, with CAFOD's BIG Lent Walk.

Find out more and sign up online at: [The Big Lent Walk – Cafod](#)

## ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH CLEANING ROTA

Church Cleaning Rotas for the period from 27th February to September 11th are now available for collection just inside the Sacristy. Also on the website and displayed in the church porch. **Please wait until the end of Mass before collecting the rota.**

## FOUND - St Joseph's Church

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

## FUNERAL PLANNING

Forms are available at the back of the Church or from the Parish Office, for anyone wishing to plan their own funeral.

## PASTORAL CARE

If you, or any of your relatives or friends, are in hospital, or due to go into hospital, please contact the Parish Office. Similarly, if anyone is moved into a nursing or residential home. This is to enable the provision of Pastoral care.

## SOUP AND CAKE

Forest Methodist Church on **Saturday 4th February between 12 - 2pm : Soup and Cake at a cost of £5** with proceeds being split between two charities : 'Safer' and 'Caring for Ex-Offenders'.

## ST SAVIOUR'S CHURCH CONCERT SERIES 2023

Guernsey Welsh Male Voice Choir on Saturday 11th of February at 2:30 pm. Please note this is an unusual day of the week and time for one of our concerts!

In part this will be a rehearsal for when they will be on the pitch at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff (25th February) when they will be singing alongside the famous Pendyrus Male Voice Choir at the start of the 6 Nations Rugby match, Wales vs England. GWMVC is one of only 4 choirs from outside Wales to be given this privilege! As usual there will be no tickets, tea and cake in the interval and a retiring collection in aid of Guernsey Blind Association, the Choir's chosen charity this year. Contact Diana at [stsaaviourschurch@cwgsy.net](mailto:stsaaviourschurch@cwgsy.net)

## POPE FRANCIS PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

**For educators** - We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

## PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:

- : Peace in Ukraine, Russia, Cameroon, Yemen, Syria, Ethiopia and Nicaragua
- : All the sick of the Parish;
- : Le Platon Home and all in Residential & Nursing Care

## FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**John Ridges** (Norma's husband). **May he Rest In Peace.** +  
We pray for **Joan Perrio** whose Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 31st January 11.30am at Our Lady Star of the Sea. Also for **Michael Dene MBE** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday 2nd February 10.00am at St Joseph's. **The reception of the coffin into St. Joseph's Church will be at 4.30pm on Wednesday 1st February. Anyone unable to attend the Requiem Mass is most welcome at this time.**

## ANNIVERSARIES

Canon Francis Philips 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 Adams Methodist Church/Chaplaincy in Guernsey businesses.

## OFFERTORY

22nd January 2023 £3,210 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button)  
**Cathedral £490. Thank you!**

## RETIRING COLLECTION

**WINGS** collection next weekend, February 4th and 5th. 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](http://Cafod.org.uk) and find World Food Crisis. Thank you for your continued support for WINGS.