

# THE MESSENGER

Serving the Parish of Our Lady and The Saints of Guernsey

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**Diocese of Portsmouth**

**Bishop Philip Egan**

Eighth Bishop of Portsmouth

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Canon Christopher Rutledge KHS (Day off Tuesday)

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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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## 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 15TH JANUARY 2023

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: HERE I AM, LORD! I COME TO DO YOUR WILL

Sat 14th Jan

**St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Ian MacFirbhisigh RIP

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Living Members Hewlett & Brierley Families

Sun 15th Jan

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PEACE SUNDAY

(Psalter week 2)



**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Alice Virginia de Abreu RIP

**OLSS** 9.15 am Mass: Alan Randle RIP

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Graham & Margaret Brazier RIP

**St. J** 12 noon **Baptism:** Theo Jose Catanho

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

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

Mon 16th

**St. J** 7.30 am Mass: Maria Gomes Serrão RIP

**OLSS** 12 noon Mass: Yves Davy, Roger & Beulah West RIP

Tues 17th

**St Anthony of Egypt**, Abbot, Memorial

**St. J** 9.30am Mass: Fr Nishan

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

**St. J** 1.00 pm **Funeral Service:** Eileen English

Wed 18th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Jan Kuttelwascher RIP

**St. J** 6.00 pm Mass: Pippa Dunn RIP

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

Thur 19th

**St. J** 9.30 am Mass: Margarida Silva RIP

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

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Joan Quilter RIP

Fri 20th

### NO MORNING MASS TODAY

**St. J** 11.00am **Requiem Mass:** Stephen Rebstein

### NO MASS AT LE PLATON TODAY

Sat 21st Jan

### St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial

**St. J** 10.00 am Mass: Gilberto Ferreira, Parents, Brothers,  
Sisters RIP

### FIRST MASS OF SUNDAY

**OLSS** 6.00 pm Mass: Giuseppe Molinari RIP

Sun 22nd Jan

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

(Psalter week 3)



**St. J** 8.00 am Mass: Jim Young RIP

**OLSS** 9.15 am **Eucharistic Service**

**St. J** 10.30 am Mass: Terry Carter RIP

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

**ND** 6.00 pm Mass: Ronald R Roberts RIP

### FM - FOUNDATION MASS

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Church is not old and static. No, she is young. And when we look at the young people who flocked to the great Polish pope's funeral and finally to Christ, for whom he stood, then it was a comfort to see: young people don't think mainly about consumption and pleasure. The opposite is true. Young people want great things. They want to put an end to inequality. They want inequality to be overcome and everyone to be given a share of this world's goods. They want the oppressed to be set free. They want great things. They want good things and therefore young people - you - are open again to Christ. Christ did not promise us a comfortable life. Anyone just seeking comfort and ease has come to the wrong address"

**Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.**

## 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.

## THE HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Monday 16th January 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 JOSEPH'S CHURCH

Wanting a New Year resolution? What about helping to clean St. Joseph's Church? Two hours every two months, sweeping, hoovering, dusting. Anyone can do it and everyone is welcome. Contact the office or Claire 264585.

## LAUDATO SI

### Wasteful Christmas

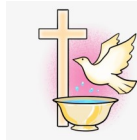
According to the BBC last week every Christmas in the UK 114,000 tons of plastic packaging is binned not recycled, 227,000 miles of wrapping paper at the expense of 50,000 trees and 270,000 tons of food. Christmas is a time of extreme consumerism and extraordinary waste.

Of course Guernsey is much smaller but can we claim to have not indulged in that same wastefulness?

## THE SAYINGS OF JESUS

There are some saying of Our Lord's which carry a double meaning: as well as pointing forward to eternity, they are a comment on how life is. For example, at the end of the parable of the talents is the remark 'For to those who have much, more will be given; from those who have not, even what they have will be taken away.' There is of course a profound spiritual meaning to this: but it is also an observable fact about the world as it is. Those who start with capital of whatever kind (financial, emotional, spiritual, mental) will find it easier to obtain resources than those who are less well endowed. This perhaps offers a critique of the search for equity; we have no mandate to seek equality of outcome, and Our Lord has said explicitly 'the poor you have always with you.' Obviously, injustice and unfairness should be opposed, and charity demands that we assist those struggling with bad circumstances: but communist ideology is radically opposed to the Christian profession, and in the parable of the talents Our Lord has drily pointed out that capital of whatever kind breeds capital, so that the goal of absolute equality is not only unrealistic but contrary to the Divine mandate.

Similarly, Our Lord tells us 'the measure you give out is the measure you will receive, pressed down and shaken together.' This has profound spiritual meaning: but is also a reflection on the way things are. The timid and ungenerous usually have duller and more restricted lives than those who give generously of their time, their love and their energy to others. The effect is moreover geometric and self-replicating: the less generous we are, the less generous we are able to be. The more we close ourselves off, the less able we are to receive and give love. St. Therese's older sister comforted her when she was troubled about this inequality by filling a thimble and a large jug with water and asking her which was fuller. Of course, both were equally full: but the large jug represented those who give themselves generously to love of God and neighbour, and so have more capacity to enjoy the life shared with God in eternity. Our task in this life is to grow in love, to be aware of our lack of generosity to ourselves as well as to others, so that we may be more open to, and imitative of the appalling generosity of God, which the great feast of Christmas celebrates. **Jennifer Geach** (reflections of the sayings of Jesus written for the E-news)



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome in baptism at St. Joseph's **Theo Jose Catanho**. Please remember him, his parents and Godparents in your prayers.

## PEACE SUNDAY 15TH JANUARY

The Holy Father's 2023 Message for World Peace Day is: **"No one can be saved alone. Combatting Covid-19 together, embarking together on paths of peace."**

To read the full text please go to [www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html](http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/peace/documents/20221208-messaggio-56giornatamondiale-pace2023.html)

If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: [tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x](https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x) Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to: Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY. Tel: 0208 203 4884

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18th - 25th January 2023

## 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](#)

## 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:

- : World Peace
- : Catenian Association
- : Churches Together
- : Diocesan Team for Christian Unity
- : 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

Norah Lewry. **May she Rest in Peace.+**

We pray for **Eileen English** whose Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 17th January 1pm at St Joseph's.

Also for **Stephen Rebstain** whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday 20th January 11am at St Joseph's.

## ANNIVERSARIES

Terence Eborall RIP and for all those whose anniversaries occur around this time. **May they Rest In Peace. +**

## THE ISLAND PRAYER SCHEME

This week asks prayers for Green Lanes Gospel Hall/ The Society of Friends (Quakers).

## OFFERTORY

8th January 2023 £3,107 (incl. standing orders, BACS & Donate Button) **Thank you!**

## RETIRING COLLECTION

Next weekend we take the annual second collection in support of your Cathedral in Portsmouth. This collection is the only support our Cathedral receives from the wider Diocesan family.